"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, County Commissioner Boatright, County Commissioner-Elect Justin Taylor, Shirley Graham, Twelve (12) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: Mrs. Kirk

I. ***Call to Order*** – Mr. Bass at 7:00 PM

II. ***Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation*** – Mr. Bass

III. ***Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded*** – Mr. Bass

IV. ***Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit*** – None

V. ***Minutes***

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried

VI. ***Presentations***

- Commissioner-Elect Justin Taylor -- Nassau County Board of County Commissioner, District 5
  - Introduced himself to the Council, and stated he looks forward to working together for the Citizens of Callahan.

- Mayoral Proclamation – Callahan Garden Club's 75th Anniversary
  - Mayor Rau presented 10 members of the Callahan Garden Club a Proclamation as September 19th as, "Callahan Garden Club Day" in honor of their 75th Anniversary.
  - The Garden Club Members invited everyone to their Open House Celebration on October 8th from 2PM-4PM.

VII. ***Business***

- Final Budget Hearing
  - Resolution 2016-R19 – Final Millage Rate
    - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
    - Closed Regular Meeting 7:09PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:10PM
      - No Public Comment
    - Closed Public Hearing 7:10PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:10PM
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R19 final Millage Rate of 3.1561 mills which is equal to the Rollback Rate by Mr. Fontes, and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried

  - Resolution 2016-R20 – Final Budget
    - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
    - Closed Regular Meeting 7:11PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:12PM
      - No Public Comment
    - Closed Public Hearing 7:12PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:12PM
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R20 final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 of $2,290,008.00 by Mrs. Shaw, and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried

- 1st Public Hearing -- Tabled
  - Ordinance 2016-O4 – Annexation Section 49
  - Ordinance 2016-O5 – Annexation Sections 51 & 20
- 1st Public Hearing -- Tabled
  - Ordinance 2016-O6 – Zoning Re-Classification
- Land Acquisition
  - Lengthy discussion on different options for the Future Town Hall/Government Complex.
  - Council Consensus for Mr. Branham to pursue the CSX property, and for the rest of the Council to do some more research.
  - All report findings at next meeting.

VIII. *Review & Approval of Town Expenditures*

- General Fund **$9, 905.82**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
    - No Discussion
    - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund **$9,234.67**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
    - No Discussion
    - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Disbursements -- **None**

- Water & Sewer Adjustments – **None**

IX. *Around the Council Table*

➢ Mayor

- Read letter from Nassau County Economic Development Board asking for the Town's Appointment for the next 2 years. Mayor Rau recommended Randy Knagge to continue.
- Mr. Branham stated that since it was a time sensitive matter the Council could vote on it tonight.
- Motion to appoint Randy Knagge to continue representing the Town at the NCEDB for the next 2 years by Mr. Fontes, and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - No Discussion
  - Motion Carried

➢ Mrs. Smith – Parks

- Roofs to Pavilions have been replaced.
- Still working on new Playground equipment.
- Waiting on more Dirt & Stumps to be ground up, but renovations are coming along nicely.

➢ Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer

- Stated the Council should consider doing away with Business Tax Receipts since it's a lot of work, and the Town doesn't make any money on it.
- Asked Mrs. Smith to consider boxing in the rafters of the Pavilions at the Park to reduce the vandalism.
- Stated there will possibly be a rate increase for Water & Sewer rates. It hasn't been done in years, but looks like it might be time.

➢ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer -- Absent

➢ Mrs. Shaw – Streets

- Has been monitoring the school traffic pattern for the Elementary School, and the people turning left seems to be dwindling.

- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning**
  - Stated there is a possibility that we will be getting a Taco Bell in the old Wendy's building, and a Popeyes in front of Thompson's mall.

- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - Read a Thank You note from the NCEDB for the Town's support.
  - Stated for a correction that she was misunderstood last meeting, and that Susan is not retiring in the next 2 years. There is just a possibility for Mike & Susan's retirement, and the Clerk's position to be lost in an Election, and the Town needs to prepare by possibly training a Deputy Clerk to learn all 3 positions correctly.

- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** – Nothing

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Stated County Rental Contract for Fire Station is coming up soon, and we need to take a look at it.
  - The new windows have been installed at Fire Station, and they look great!
  - The Volunteers collected $10,847 last weekend for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with the "Fill the Boot Campaign'.
  - Would like to get a price for a new roof on the Fire Department – Metal vs. Shingles.

X. *Adjourn*

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:40 PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge

Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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