

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mrs. Knagge

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Bass at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Bass & Pastor Sue Corley.

Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded -- Mr. Bass

Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda -- None

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion – Page 3, 5th line from bottom, change Mrs. Fontes to Mr. Fontes.
 - Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Code Enforcement Officer – Tabled until next Meeting.
- Planning & Zoning Board Appointment
 - Motion to appoint Mr. John "Randy" Knagge by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.
- Nassau County Economic Development Board Appointment
 - Motion to appoint Mr. John "Randy" Knagge by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.

- Updating of Council Chambers Recording Equipment & Technology – Tabled

New Business

- Ordinance 2015-001 – First Reading -- Holiday Schedule Updates
- Read by Title by Mr. Branham. Add Good Friday to the paid employee Holiday's to be in line with the County.
- Closed Regular Meeting 7:12 PM
- Opened Public Hearing 7:13 PM
- No Discussion

- Closed Public Hearing 7:14 PM
- Opened Regular Meeting 7:15 PM
- No Discussion
 - Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-RO01 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments –

1. Motion to approve a water adjustment for Cypress Court Motel in the amount of \$138.04 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - a. No Discussion.
 - b. Motion Carried.
2. Motion to approve a water adjustment for Church of God by Faith in the amount of \$147.89 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - a. No Discussion.
 - b. Motion Carried.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$7,581.80**
 - Motion to Approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$3,337.09**
 - Motion to Approve by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **\$464.44**
 - Motion to Approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

- **Mayor** - None

➤ **Mr. Mellecker** - None

➤ **Mr. Fontes**

- Mr. Williams and he have been researching how to save the Water & Sewer Department and the possibility of refinancing. Over the course of the years the Town of Callahan hasn't been paying for Water and when we have needed extra workers to help clean up the Town the Water & Sewer Department has paid for it.
- Would like to ask the Town to forgive the \$900,000 that it appears the W&S Department owes. It would simply be a line item change in the books.
- If the \$900,000 isn't forgiven than the Water & Sewer rates for the Customers will have to increase.

➤ **Mrs. Kirk** - None

➤ **Mrs. Shaw** - None

➤ **Mrs. Smith** - None

➤ **Mr. Branham** - None

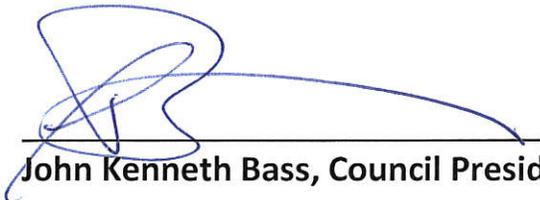
➤ **Mrs. Knagge** – Absent

➤ **Mr. Bass**

- Fire Contract was supposed to have been signed by the County, but at this time we haven't received a copy.
- Discussed Fire Trucks, Fire Departments, and the Toning of our Volunteers.

➤ **Mr. Williams** - None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:35PM



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.