Town of Callahan

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Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, seven (7) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: Mrs. Shaw

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Bass at 7:02PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Bass

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 Mrs. Smith.
  - Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

New Business

- Resolution 2015-R05 – Callahan Warriors Spring Football League – Misty Roth
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Mrs. Roth stated that this is 8 on 8 Spring Football through the ESYFL program. She stated this is their third year playing. She asked the Council to consider sponsoring the Team, so they could have proper uniforms.
  - Motion to Approve the Resolution 2015-R05 in the amount of $250.00 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Discussion:
    - Mr. Fontes asked if this is a registered Charity. Mrs. Roth stated that it is not yet registered, because they are still getting things rolling.

- Mr. Branham stated that he questions whether or not this request meets the requirements of meeting a Public Purpose. Mrs. Smith stated that she feels it does considering it is for the kids of Callahan.
- Mr. Branham also stated that making a check to an individual is not appropriate.
- Mr. Mellecker made a Motion to amend his previous motion to instead make the check payable to Baker's Sporting Goodson behalf of Walter Brown. Mr. Branham stated that is not allowed because now it would be like making a purchase instead of a donation.
- Mr. Mellecker resented his Motion.

- Motion to Approve the Resolution 2015-R05 in the amount of $250.00 to Walter Brown on behalf of Callahan Warriors Spring Football League by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
- Discussion:
  - Mr. Branham stated that while the Town can do the donation legally he asks the Council to reconsider whether or not it serves a Public Purpose. Mrs. Smith & Mr. Fontes stated that it does because it benefits the children.
  - Mr. Fontes told Mrs. Roth to look into forming a 501-3C, so that donations can be made without question of being legal.
  - Mr. Branham instructed Mrs. Roth that if the Callahan Warriors Spring Football League would form an entity than the IRS would grant them a 501-3C rather easily.
  - Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments

- Pumpkin Court
  - Mr. Fontes stated that with further research it was found that it wasn't our guys who did the work. It was in fact the properties Maintenance crew who fixed the pipe that was broken by a tree root.
  - Motion to adjust Mrs. Caizar's Sewer bill by $92.40 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **$9,998.76**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$7,518.29**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **$784.62**
  - Motion to Pay the Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

- ***Mayor*** -- Nothing

- ***Mr. Mellecker – Zoning*** -- Nothing

- ***Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer***
  - Went by Mr. McKnight's house on Page Street and he was working on tearing it down. He assured me that no one has been living in the old house. He is removing it, slowly but surely.

- ***Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer*** -- Nothing

- ***Mrs. Shaw – Streets*** -- Absent

- ***Mrs. Smith – Parks***
  - A special thank you to Mrs. Jaboo and the students from the Beta Club & ROTC for helping clean up the Town this past Saturday at 8:30 in the morning. They worked and were able to rid the town of 200lbs. of garbage.

- ***Mr. Branham – Attorney***
  - Asked that as to not get in a situation like tonight that from now on any group asking for a donation come before the Council with their request, but the Resolution be placed on the following meeting if the Council deems appropriate.
  - Mr. Fontes asked what about the groups that we regularly give too. Mr. Branham said they should technically have to follow the same procedures.
  - Mrs. Smith stated that she thinks everyone should have to come and request monies every year instead of us just giving it to them because they are 'regulars'.

- ***Mrs. Knagge – Clerk***
  - Informed Council to take their devices by Mr. Clifton's house or by Town Hall for email to be added since he doesn't work at night.
  - Reminded the Council that the required Ethics Training will be at the Town of Orange Park Town Hall on April 9th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
  - Asked Council to turn in Recommendations for the CATF Board.

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

- ***Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire***
  - Reminded the Council about the Ethics Training on the 9th and asked Ms. Knagge about the time of the training. She stated it was from 8:00 AM – 12 noon.
  - Stated that the Fire Chiefs stated they were receiving some tone outs, but not a lot.
  - Stated there had been no tone outs with the Mutual Aid Agreement between Hilliard & Callahan.
    - ✓ Mr. Williams stated that he had spoken with Mr. Selby and he said there would not be a tone out until Hilliard has an Interlocal Agreement signed with the County.
    - ✓ Mr. Fontes asked if we can find out what's going on by sending a letter to Mr. Mullen. Mr. Branham stated he would give Mr. Mullen a call this week.
  - Mr. Bass stated that he plans to meet with the Sheriff this next week to make sure the Tone Out procedure is up to date.
  - Reminded the Council that the Chamber luncheon is Thursday, March 12th at 12 noon in Callahan at Plantation Oaks Farms.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried. Time: **7:39PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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