

Town of Callahan

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Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2014

7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Mrs. Shaw

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge by Mr. Rau and Invocation by Pastor Crook

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

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. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business

- Ordinance 2014-O02 – 2nd Public Hearing -- Charter Amendment of Scrivener's Error of Ordinance 2014-O01
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Mr. Rau closed Regular Meeting and opened Public Hearing at 7:04 PM.
 - No one to speak on Ordinance.
 - Mr. Rau closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 PM.
 - Motion to Approve Ordinance 2014-O02 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Resolution 2014-R02 – Memorial Donation for Railroad Days in honor of Mrs. Cleo Horne to the West Nassau Historical Society

- Motion to approve the donation not to exceed \$500 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
- Mayor passed the authorization and purchase of plaque/tree to Mr. Fontes along with the President of the West Nassau Historical Society. Council was in agreement.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments

- Mary Fontini of Brown Street in Pine Terrace Apartments:
 - Usage was 23,000 gallons and is usually 4,000-7,000 gallons. The amount of the bill is \$174.02.
 - Mr. Fontes spoke with Apartment manager and there was a running commode and leak in bathroom which have both been fixed.
 - The water went down the drain therefore it doesn't meet the criteria for an adjustment.
 - Since these items were problems before Ms. Fontini moved in it should be the Apartments responsibility.

- Mary Bickley of Cato Way:
 - Usage was 17,000 gallons and is usually about 5,000. The amount of the bill is \$141.
 - Ms. Bickley said that her neighbor hooked a water hose from her house to theirs without her permission. She made them remove it and they reattached for a second time.
 - Mr. Williams verified that said neighbors do not have a water & sewer account.
 - Mr. Branham said if you live within the City Limits you are required by law to have an active water & sewer account.
 - Since the water was used it doesn't meet the requirements for reimbursement. Ms. Bickley should contact the police to file a complaint against her neighbor.
 - Mr. Williams said that the Code Enforcement Officer will be delivering a letter to neighbor.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- **General Fund – \$9,397.23**
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- **Water & Sewer Fund – \$11,172.79**
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

- **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- \$738.58**
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Reminded everyone about Railroad Days on March 28-29, 2014 and ask that all that can attend to be there on Friday at 1:00 PM to attend the Memorial for Ms. Horne.
- Mr. Fontes – Wanted to remind people that donations are down and if the groups don't ask than the Town doesn't donate.
- Mr. Bass – Wanted an update on unpaid BTR's. Mrs. Knagge stated that all but a handful are not up to date and the others will be receiving letters from Mr. Branham.
- Mrs. Smith – None
- Mrs. Shaw – Absent
- Mr. Mellecker -- None
- Mr. Branham – Updated the Council on a current lawsuit by a man claiming he tripped on the path at Ewing Park and is seeking paid Medical Expenses.
- Mrs. Knagge-- None
- Mr. Williams – Reminded everyone to wear green to the next meeting for St. Patrick's Day.
- Mr. Rau – Read a letter from the Historical Society thanking the Town for the \$1,000 donation to the Railroad Days and also the \$500 in honor of Mrs. Horne. Mr. Rau stated that it was very nice of them to send a thank you letter because most groups don't.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:30 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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