Town of Callahan

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Town Council Meeting Notes

May 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Mrs. Shaw, four (4) from Partner Disposal Services, Fred Fox (Fox & Associates), Tim Norman (Midtower & Associates), and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: Mr. Fontes

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

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

1. Dave Shepler – Partner Disposal – Residential & Commercial Garbage – 463095 SR 200, Yulee, FL 32097
    - Would like the opportunity to Bid for the Town of Callahan Residential & commercial Accounts.
        - Offer Competitive Rates with no add on Fees
        - Customer Service
        - Locally owned & operated

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

New Business

- Mayoral Proclamation – Lupus Awareness Month
    - Mayor read a Proclamation Claiming the Month of May as Lupus Awareness Month in honor of the over 5 million people worldwide who suffer with this disease.

- Advanced Disposal Update

- They were unavailable for an update.

- Fair Housing Workshop – CDBG Grant – Mr. Fred Fox from Fox & Associates.
  - 2014 Grant Season Opens Friday, May 8th.
  - Grant has a $650,000 max.
  - Last grant the Town of Callahan received covered the Water Towers.

- Public Hearing – CDBG Grant
  - Mr. Bass closed the Regular Meeting & Opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 PM.
  - Mr. Tim Norman from Mid Tower & Associates explained that Town would be applying for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant in order to Loop all the Waterlines together.
    - He stated this would improve water preasure & fire flow.
    - He stated that the fees the Town would be responsible for is about $10,000 for the plans.
    - The Grant would be for $586,000 for Construction & $52,000 in Fees.
    - The Town's first move would be a letter to the DEO about the concept.

  - Mr. Fox stated that the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination at the State, County, & Federal levels.
  - There was no Public Comment.
  - Mr. Bass closed the Public Hearing & Re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:22 PM.
  - Motion to <u>proceed with CDBG Grant for waterline looping in the Neighborhood Revitalization Category</u> by <u>Mrs. Shaw</u> and 2nd by <u>Mrs. Smith</u>.
    Motion Carried.

- Annexation
  - Mr. Bass stated he would like to discuss cost & moving forward with the Annexation before the Town misses its chance. He said the NCEDB has a lot of businesses in the pipeline & we need to get on board.
  - Mayor Rau stated that hurdles to jump with Annexation and do we really want to jump now.
  - Mr. Branham explained the differences between Voluntary & Involuntary Annexation.
    - We would need to make a plan & submit it to the County for approval or denial.
    - There would then need to be 2 Public Hearings that require Advertising.
    - Then a Resolution for the Town's people to vote & it must pass by a majority.
    - If more than ½ of the land is owned by a company than the owner of the companies would vote and at least 51% would need to agree.
  - Mayor asked if no one votes than it doesn't pass even after all of that work.
  - Mr. Williams recommended that the Council wave fees for to tie into the water.
    - He stated the benefits of Annexing are: Mosquito control, City water & sewer, and road maintenance.
    - He also stated that annexing the other side of Amhurst Oaks makes the most sense so the Waste Water Treatment Plant can be in Town Limits.
- Mr. Bass stated that the NCEDB needs to come talk to us about what's going to happen so we don't miss out.
- Mrs. Smith asked where do we begin.
- Mayor stated that the Council could designate an area to focus on that is going to be the most beneficial to the Town.

- Mrs. Smith stated she agrees the Town Limits should be expanded if it is going to benefit the people.
- Mr. Mellecker stated that we can make a report, but getting the County to appove it is a different story.
- Mr. Williams recommended sending it to the Planning & Zoning Board for them to make the plan.
- Mr. Mellecker asked what direction the Planning & Zoning Board should look at East or West.
- The Council agreed they should look at both and bring their findings back.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **$4,155.86**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$25,949.26**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **None**

Around the Council Table

- ***Mayor***
  - Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the West Nassau Historical Society for the Town Supporting Railroad Days.

- ***Mrs. Smith – Parks*** – Nothing
  - Mr. Bass stated that the Methodist Men said they were going to clean the trail in the coming weeks.

- ***Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer*** -- Absent

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

- ***Mrs. Shaw – Streets*** -- Nothing

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

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

- ***Mrs. Knagge – Clerk***
  - National Day of Pray – May 7th
  - No Council Meeting July 20th due to Mayor, Council President, & Attorney being out of Town.
  - Barnabas Listening Session – May 7th 1:30-2:20 Old Church of God on Mickler St.

- ***Mr. Williams – Town Manager***
  - Reminded everyone that the Courthouse dedication was on May 7th at 4:00 PM.

- ***Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire***
  - Advanced Disposal Update? Mr. Williams stated that he had spoken with them and they are dealing with Re-Organization and equipment issues. They apologized and stated they would be fixing all issues.
  - Mrs. Shaw had inquired about the retention pond. Mr. Williams stated it had been mowed & cleaned. Mrs. Shaw stated that the Neighbors were very thankful.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried. Time: **7:51 PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge

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