

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Minutes

May 5, 2014

7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge by Mr. Rau
Invocation by Mr. Smith
Representative of the Methodist Church

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. Bass. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Presentation

- Billy Estep – New Emergency Management Director
 - Just wanted to introduce himself to the Council and let us know that he is available whenever needed.
 - The Emergency Management Department's Role is to represent the Community in time of Disaster.
 - Nassau County Emergency Management will follow all State Hurricane exercises. The response time should be short and the most important time is the recovery time.

New Business

- Contract with Supervisor of Elections
 - Tabled until next meeting

- Municipal Service Tax Unit (MSTU)
 - Mr. Bass read a letter from County Manager, Mr. Selby.
 - The letter stated that: The County would like to meet with the Town of Callahan and Hilliard to explore 3 options: (1) Towns consent by ordinance to joining the MSTU or an MSBU for fire protection services to be created by the County; (2) Towns and County enter into an Interlocal agreement for services whereby the Towns pay for services; or (3) Towns begin providing their own fire protection services.
 - Mr. Bass: The County is still refusing to allow our Volunteer Fire Fighters to be Toned out even though they have all received the required training & certification.
 - It was stated that: Instead the County will pay extra for Jacksonville Fire Rescue and/or St. George Fire Rescue to respond outside of the City Limits.
 - Mr. Branham's legal opinion is that the County doesn't have a legal right to require the Town to pay anything extra.
 - The Consensus of the Council was that Mr. Williams will present a new Interlocal Agreement saying that since we are certified and can legally be toned outside of the City Limits. That the Town would like the County to utilize our Volunteers.
 - The Consensus of the Council was that Mrs. Knagge will contact Mrs. Purvis to arrange a meeting with both Town Councils and the County Commissioners.

Old Business

- Economic Development Board Member Appointment (Advertised in Paper 5/1 & 5/8)
 - The Mayor stated she still had no response.

- 3rd & Final Public Hearing -- Ordinance No. 2014-03 – Charter Amendments with Titles & Summaries
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Mr. Rau closed regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 8:01 PM.
 - With no one present to speak on the matter Mr. Rau closed the Public Hearing & re-opened the Regular Meeting at 8:02 PM.
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments

- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

➤ **General Fund – \$14,730.77**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Fund – \$14,974.01**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- \$758.49**

- Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

➤ **Mayor** –

- Thanked Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Bass, and Mr. Williams for attending the National Day of Prayer at the Fire Station.
- Received a Thank You letter from the Barnabas Center for The Town's Donation.
- Chamber Teacher Breakfast on May 28th at WNHS at 8:00 AM for ALL Westside Teachers. The Council Consensus was for the Mayor to Sponsor a Table out of Town Promotions.
- Nassau County Economic Development Board requesting a donation. Mr. Fontes reminded the Council that we had already given \$500 in October and therefore they would have to wait until at least October to request again.

➤ **Mr. Fontes** – None

➤ **Mr. Bass** – None

➤ **Mrs. Smith** – None

- **Mrs. Shaw** – None
- **Mr. Mellecker** – None
- **Mr. Branham** – None
- **Mrs. Knagge** – None
- **Mr. Williams** – None
- **Mr. Rau** – None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Time: 8:10 PM



Robert Rau, 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.