"The Crossroads to the Future"

# Town Council Meeting Minutes

**August 3, 2015**
**7:00 P.M.**

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

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I. ***Call to Order*** – Mayor Rau at 7:03 PM.

II. ***Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation*** – Mayor Rau

III. ***Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded*** – Mayor Rau

IV. ***Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit*** – Mayor Rau

V. ***Minutes***

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated the items on the first page needed to be changed to Mayor Rau not Mr. Bass.
  - Motion Carried.

VI. ***Treasurer's Report***

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

## VII. ***Business***

- Resolution 2015-R13 – FRDAP Phase 5 Ewing Park
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to Approve Resolution 2015-R13 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
  - Discussion:
    - Mrs. Smith stated that the Recreation Committee had met and recommended that the Council move forward with this Grant.
    - Mr. Branham stated that there was a scrivener's error in the last whereas paragraph that needed to change to fiscal year 2015-2016.
  - Motion Carried.
  - Mr. Williams stated to move forward with the Grant the Council needed to update the Capitol Improvement Plan. The only change in it needed to be the amount of $50,000 in the column 2016-2017.
    - Motion to accept the Capital Improvement plan with recommended changes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: Mr. Fontes asked why the amounts were so high and Mr. Williams reminded the Council that these are just goals not actual amounts that will be spent.
  - Motion Carried.

- FDOT Traffic Light Agreement – Review & Approval – Tabled

- Clerk's Salary
  - The Clerk passed a list of her responsibilities and what she thinks the Salary should be increased to.
  - Mr. Fontes recommended tabling this matter until Mr. Bass can return from his illness.
  - Mrs. Smith stated her concerns about if the current Clerk were to leave could her position be replaced by someone willing to do as much for the Town to warrant the increase in pay. Mr. Fontes stated that if that time arouse than what goes up can always come back down.
  - Council consensus was to table the matter until Mr. Bass can return.

- Planning & Zoning Board
  - Mr. Mellecker stated that there has been a problem with attendance & communication of absences with the Board. He stated that at the next meeting he planned to find out if anyone wanted off the Board or if the Board needed to change the meeting time from 6:00 to 7:00, so that people can arrive on time.
  - Mr. Fontes stated that being this is a paid position, and that the P & Z Board should be held to the same standards of attendance as the Council.
  - Mr. Mellecker will report back at the next Council Meeting his findings.

## VIII. ***Recurring Business***

- Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

## IX. *Review & Approval of Town Expenditures*

- General Fund **$28,645.87**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$9,984.45**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **$822.43**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

## X. *Around the Council Table*

### ➢ Mayor

- Received a nice Thank You letter with pictures from the Callahan Middle School Beta Club for the Town's support.

### ➢ Mrs. Smith – Parks

- Park Bathrooms tore up again.
  - Mr. Fontes asked if it be worth the Town investing in more expensive, but less destructive fixtures.
  - Mr. Mellecker asked what exactly are they doing. Mr. Williams stated that this time the busted the toilets, took out the sink, tried to flush the sink parts in the commode, and left the water running all weekend.
  - Mayor asked Mr. Williams to look into the cost of the more Industrial fixtures.

### ➢ Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer

- Asked the Clerk to be sure the NCEDB Resolution was on the next Agenda.
- Stated that he and Mr. Williams had attended a very informative & productive meeting with Ms. Diabella, and things are looking good on some growth for our town and the county.

### ➢ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing

### ➢ Mrs. Shaw – Streets

- Stated that residents and she were very happy with the improvement of the ditches on 3rd Street.

### ➢ Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing

- **Mr. Branham – Attorney**
  - Stated that he had a conflict with changing the meeting to the 8th of September due to the Labor Day Holiday.
  - After a lengthy discussion Mr. Branham said he would see if Baldwin could change their meeting time, so that he could attend both. He will report back at the next meeting.

- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - Reminded the Council of the Investiture for Judge Fahlgren on August 20th. Attending will be The Knagge's, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Bass, Mr. Williams, and Mayor & his wife.

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

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire** -- Absent

## XI. *Adjourn*

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:44PM**

**John Kenneth Bass, Council President**

**Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk**

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