Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Meeting Notes

May 18, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, two (2) from Partner Disposal Services, 5 NCSO Explorers, two (2) from North Florida TPO, Mayor Graham, Laura from NCEDB, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: Mrs. Shaw

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 Group –
    a. Wanted to let the Town that their company will be open for Business on June 1st for Commercial Customers and July 1st for Residential Customers.
    b. Rates will be 50% cheaper than all competitiors.
    c. Asks that the Town consider excepting Bids from other companies instead of staying in a contract with the current providers until its 2019 at a much higher rate.

Minutes

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

New Business

- Nassau County Sheriff's Office Exploring Unit – Deputy Lisa McCumber
    - The Explorer Program offers for students from 14-21 years old to become leaders in the community.
    - The students go through the same training as Officers.
    - The program is run under the Sheriff's 501-3C, and is run completely on donations & fundraising.
    - Asking the Town to consider sponsoring the Program in the amount of $500.
    - Councilman asked how many are in the program. Answer: 14. He then asked how many actually live within the Town limits. Answer: Unknown.

- Councilwoman Smith how long the program has been running. Answer: 10 years
- Officer McCumber stated she has recently taken over the programs and plans to be in the schools more.
- Councilwoman Smith asked where the money from the program has been coming from. Answer: Donations & Fundraising
- Officer McCumber stated that the program runs under the Special Operations Division under Officer Braddock.
- Consensus of the Council was to add a Resolution to the next Council Meeting in the Amount of $500.

- Reagan Day BBQ – Table Sponsorship
  - Mr. Fontes stated that by Charter we can't donate to because the Event is sponsored by a Political Party.
  - He encouraged the Officials and Town's People to attend this event.

- American Cancer Society
  - Mr. Fontes stated that a Donation was made in October. Therefore, they can't receive another donation until the next Fiscal year.

- North Florida TPO – Milton Locklear -- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2015/2016 through 2019/2020
  - Mr. Locklear was joined by Mrs. Karen Colby from Florida Department of Transportation.
  - Mr. Locklear stated that they would be attending approximately 20 Municipalities seeking Public Input on upcoming projects.
  - Mr. Locklear updated the Council on all local road construction projects that will affect our residents.
  - Mr. Locklear invited all officials and the public to attend the North Florida TPO Meeting on May 27th at 6;00 PM in Jacksonville.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments – None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **$40,110.93**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$7,135.38**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **None**

Around the Council Table

- EMERGENCY Late Addition – CDBG Interlocal Agreement Between Town of Callahan & Nassau County
  - Mr. Branham stated that the Agreement just states what is necessary to move forward. It obligates the Town to maintain the roads and easements where the waterlines are being improved.
  - Mr. Fontes made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement between the County & the Town and it was 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.

➢ ***Mayor*** – Nothing

➢ ***Mrs. Smith – Parks***
- Stated there was an article in the paper from a citizen concerned about the disarray of the playground equipment.
- Stated that Mr. Williams had the steps fixed and that the Methodist Men had worked on cleaning the walking paths and they looked great.
- Asked Mr. Williams why the bathroom doors have been being locked. He stated that the kids have been locking them thinking it's funny. He also stated he is looking into a solution to the problem.
- Thanked Mr. Williams for having the front parking lot paving re-done.
- Mr. Fontes stated that maybe we need to stop waiting on Grants and move funds from somewhere else to replace the failing equipment.
- Mr. Williams & Mrs. Smith will look into what exactly it will cost to replace the equipment.

➢ ***Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer***
- Stated that while the CDBG Grant is going to cost the Town money in the beginning it will be well worth it and greatly improve the Town.
- Stated that there is a lot of building going on and lots of permits being pulled; which is a sign that there is a light at the end of the tunnel of the recession.

➢ ***Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer*** – Nothing

➢ ***Mrs. Shaw – Streets*** -- Absent

➢ ***Mr. Mellecker – Zoning***
- Stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had decided to do a poll of the people to what they think of the Annexation. When the findings are available he will report back to the Council.

➢ ***Mr. Branham – Attorney*** – Nothing

➢ ***Mrs. Knagge – Clerk***
- No Council Meeting July 20th due to Mayor, Council President, & Attorney being out of Town.
- Out of Town from May 20th through May 30th. Available through email or text.
- Mr. Fontes recommended that the Council consider making it where we only have one meeting a month during the summer months due to family vacations.

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

- ***Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire***
  - Stated that the Volunteer Fire Department is still trying to aquire a tanker truck from Grey Gables Volunteers.
  - Stated he would like the Nassau County Economic Development Board to give an update of what is going on with them on the Westside of the County.
  - Stated he had spoken with the Dollar Tree Manager and that they were looking to possibly opening a store in Callahan soon.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:45 **PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge

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