



*"The Crossroads to the Future"*

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2019

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, five (5) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

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- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:00 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Mr. Bass
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Mr. Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit**
  - Jeanne Scott – 45065 Dragonfly Way
    - Water turned on end of June – Mike waved due to no time
    - July – zero usage – water not turned on, but meter was on. Then said it had 100 gallons. Asking Council to wave the bill due to no usage.
    - Mr. Williams – we verified that the valve at the house was off. Our guys didn't know that until Billy knew to turn on the valve at the house. It had been on for a month, so according to our policy to come before the Council.
    - Mrs. Graham recommend waving it this time.
- V. **Minutes**
  - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mrs. Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Shaw
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## VI. **Presentations**

- Florida Power & Light (FPL) – Jim Bush 303 Hastings Road St. Augustine
  - Value our relationship with the Town.
  - Pleased to present 2 checks – one for \$1000 for the Callahan Christmas Parade, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$10,000 for the new Depot Park
  - Mrs. Smith accepted both checks on behalf of the Town

## VII. **Business**

- Final Budget Hearing
  - Resolution 2019-R19 – Millage Rate FFY 2019-2020
    - Mr. Branham read by Title
    - Mr. Bass Closed the regular meeting at 7:08 PM
    - No Public Comment
    - Mr. Bass Re-Opened the regular meeting at 7:09 PM
    - Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-R19 by Mellecker and 2nd by Shaw
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  - Resolution 2019-R20 – Budget FFY 2019-2020
    - Mr. Branham read by Title
    - Mr. Bass Closed the regular meeting at 7:10 PM
    - No Public Comment
    - Mr. Bass Re-Opened the regular meeting at 7:11 PM
    - Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-R19 by Smith and 2nd by Mellecker
  - Discussion:
    - Graham – Took the Clerk’s suggestion she made last meeting regarding salaries. If the Clerk is an Elected Official the normal is about 40-60%. In all these situations the Clerk never made any more than the Mayor. To raise it to \$15,500, and to be evaluated each time. Mayor rejects this because it’s a Public Service. Mr. Branham stated this must be done at another time.
  - Motion Carried with Mrs. Graham dissenting
- Auditors
  - Auditors is expiring and the Auditors would like to extend for 2 years. I had Mr. Branham add for a 60 day cancel by either term.

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- Mrs. Graham is concerned about the number of vehicles and the number of bays.
    - Mr. Bass – our equipment is priority.
    - Branham – as landlord, we are required to only give them space for 2 bays.
  - Mrs. Graham motion to table this for further questions answered.
  - Mrs. Shaw would rather amend it now.
  - Mrs. Smith thinks the contract is fine like it is.
  - Mayor – they don't want to clean their stuff up or move.
  - Mrs. Graham – the more specific you are with the County
  - Mrs. Smith Leave motion the way it is.
  - Motion Carried – Graham & Bass dissenting
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- Department of Economic Opportunity Grant Update
    - Covered with design criteria package.

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

- General Fund
  - Motion to Approve \$16, 834.11 for Sept. 19 by Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  
  - Motion to Approve \$31, 409.85 for Sept. 26th by Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  
  - Motion to Approve \$8,157.66 for Sept. 30th by Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund
  - Motion to Approve \$7,938.67 for Sept. 19, 2019 by Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shaw
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  
- Water & Sewer Fund
  - Motion to Approve \$ 6,595.12 for Sept. 26, 2019 by Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shaw
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
  - Gregory Brown - Leak under trailer
  - Motion to Adjust \$36.16 by Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  - 474.58 = 217.37 = \$ 691.95
  - Motion to Approve by Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shaw
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried

## IX. Around the Council Table

- Mayor
  - Asked building code administrator and code enforcement officer to start looking at unsafe buildings. There is no longer a state of Florida doesn't have a policy any longer. Would like a council consensus to write an Ordinance. Mellecker – bring to P & Z first?
  - Get with Mr. Clifton with your email ASAP.
  - Bring Code Book to Krista for revision updates.
  - Bring a list of salaries for approval for next Council Meeting.
  - November 6-8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church Invite
  - Starting Point Behavioral Services invite
  - Barnanbas & Girl Scouts for donations
- Ms. Smith –
  - Thanks again to FP&L
- Mrs. Graham – Nothing
- Mrs. Kirk- Nothing
- Ms. Shaw- Nothing
- Mr. Mellecker

- Trash pickup - impressed
- Pumpkin Court cleaned up.
- Mr. Branham - Nothing
- Mrs. Knagge
  - New website
- Mr. Williams- Nothing
- Mr. Bass

FDOT will start on Old Dixie and Ratliff this year.

Asked them to leave the lights to the right place

State of Florida is changing all school zones to be the same state wide, so there is no confusion

Adding four lanes to Lem Turner? Nothing on the books

## X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Graham
- Motion Carried
- Time: **8:02 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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## XI.