



"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mr. Mellecker, Ms. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Graham, Ms. Smith, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, Mrs. King, (7) Members of the Community and two (2) members of the Media.

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:00pm
- 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**
 - Linda Bell – Keep Nassau Beautiful
 - New program – planting Nassau's future – funded through grants and donations 300 trees
 - Callahan event – February 8th - residents take home 1-2 trees to plant at their houses
 - Looking for legacy trees for donations and space for these trees
 - Walter Cooper – Patricia b. Williams Nassau County Chapter of Concerned Citizens
 - MLK event on the 20th at 10:00 am at 2nd Baptist with dinner after parade at Ewing Park

V. Minutes

- Motion to approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Shaw
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Ms. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Graham
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Presentations

- Western Nassau Heritage
 - Adrienne Burke & Valerie Feinberg
 - Officially adopted by the County Commissioners in December
 - 9th fast growing County in the State of Florida in 2018
 - Vision for next 20-25 years
 - Start looking at a holistic plan around Crawford Diamond
- Ferst Readers – Michelle Maddox
 - Provide a book a month for children from birth to five years old
 - 20,000 books in 5 years. 213 of 813 are Callahan kids
 - Asking the Council to consider sponsoring 10 kids again this year at the amount of \$360
 - Mayor would like Council to consider doing more than 10 children

VIII. Business

- First Reading Ordinance 2020-001 – Unsafe Structures
 - Mayor – What has been distributed does not have everything the P & Z wants in the Ordinance
 - Mellecker – Major changes or just wording changing. Mayor – mainly wording changes
 - Mayor Clean copy at next meeting. Please let know what changes you would like to see by the end of this week
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
- Motion to table tell next meeting
 - Discussion: See above
 - Motion Carried

- Nassau County Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity - Remove
- Department of Economic Opportunity Grant Update
 - Meeting with engineers on Wednesday for RFP and should be advertised this month. First meeting in March we should have a recommendation on the contract. Everything completed and done by end of the year
- Discussion on Charter Changes
 - Just stating the and what would need to change to make it not elected
 - Mr. Branham – Change Town Manager doesn't need to be done
 - Mayor – Yes, because fiscally we wouldn't need a Mayor anymore. The Council could Elect who they wanted as acting Mayor
 - Mrs. Graham – Need a workshop on this for the public to attend
 - Mr. Bass – Constituents that have come to me that want to elect their own Mayor
 - Mrs. Knagge – Make mayor not CEO
 - Ms. Smith – 2 separate items on the agenda
 - Mrs. Graham – Let the public know that we aren't going backwards if we make the changes, we are going forward to handle all of the growth
 - Motion to have a workshop Mrs. Graham and no 2nd
 - Mayor – Mr. President can call for it
 - Mr. Bass – Add it an hour before meeting on the 3rd of February
 - Mrs. Knagge – Run twice the 2 weeks before

IX. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund
 - Week of December 5th - \$12,214.44
 - Motion to approve \$12,214.44 for General Fund by Ms. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of December 12th - \$5,871.37
 - Motion to approve \$5,871.37 for General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of December 19th - \$13,854.26
 - Motion to approve \$13,845.26 for General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Week of December 26th - \$27,227.03
- Motion to approve \$27,227.03 for General Fund by Mrs. Graham and 2nd by Ms. Shaw
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carried

- Week of January 2nd - \$4,098.48
- Motion to approve \$4,098.48 for General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
- Discussion: None
- Motion Carried

- **Water & Sewer Fund**
 - Week of December 5th - \$16,610.37
 - Motion to approve \$16,610.37 for Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Graham and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of December 12th - \$19,331.49
 - Motion to approve \$19,331.49 for Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of December 19th - \$25,484.21
 - Motion to approve \$25,484.21 for Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Shaw
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of December 26th - \$9,522.61
 - Motion to approve \$9,522.61 for Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

 - Week of January 2nd - \$7,110.92
 - Motion to approve \$7,110.92 for Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Adjustments –
 - Roland’s Tanning – Ms. Smith
 - No invoice for supplies and repair so tabled until next
- Water & Sewer Disbursements
 - Active \$62.86 + Closed \$146.88
 - Motion to approve \$62.86 + \$146.88= \$209.74 by Mrs. Graham and 2nd by Ms. Shaw
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor –
 - Looking for dump truck – We got one for 15, 000 instead of the approved 30,000 132,000 miles 2000 model diesels run forever
 - Christmas lights were up and looked great. We are fine with FPL and we have a contract for going forward. There will be a couple boxes that are old
 - Thank everyone who provided for the Christmas parade and the Christmas party
 - Sponsors for the parade please make sure you participate White & Johnson
 - It’s going to be a busy year so tighten your seatbelts
- Ms. Smith – Parks –
 - Ms. Shaw and I attended the out with a boom and it seemed people were everywhere watching and have heard nothing but good things
- Mrs. Graham – Water & Sewer – Nothing
- Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing
- Ms. Shaw – Streets - Nothing
- Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing
- Mrs. Knagge – Clerk
 - Joint School Board Meeting sometime in February
 - Mayor would like to see Agenda first because they never do anything we discuss, so don’t want to waste time
 - Ethics – January 25th from 8-12
- Mr. Williams – Town Manager- Nothing

➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- Letter from Ms. Caps regarding Howie Kendrick monument
Mayor – school having alumni game with resolution and key to town
Banners at each end on game day
Friday night in February
- County commissioners meeting about the gaming rooms
 - There was a lot of people there for and against it
 - Graham – Any idea of what this is like or different from what Jacksonville did. It's a combo of different ordinances

XI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Ms. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:06 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, 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.