

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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, twenty-six (26) members of the Community, two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge by Mr. Rau and Invocation by Mr. Rau's Pastor from Faith Baptist 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. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Current Mayor's Address to Council
 - Thanked everyone for her Retirement Party on Friday night.
 - Thanked everyone for supporting her through the good & bad of the Past 12 years.
 - Thanked the Staff for helping the Town to run so smoothly.
 - Thanked Mr. Branham for his diligent effort to fix the Town and then to keep it running well.
 - Biggest disappointment of the past 12 years was that Bobbie Boone wasn't prosecuted for her crimes against the Town.
 - Proudest moment of the past 12 years was the joint effort of the Council & Town Employees to help the Town come so far after such a travesty of the Bobbie Boone error.
 - Would like to Challenge the current Town Officials to accomplish what she couldn't by obtaining a New Town Hall that is so desperately needed.
 - Wish for:
 - Mayor – Success
 - Council President – Sturdy Grip

- Street Commissioner – No pot holes or speed bumps
- Water & Sewer Commissioner – Happy Customers & Clean Water
- Park Commissioner – No park damage & no Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving.
- Clerk – Short Meetings & no Public Records Requests.
- Treasurer – Balanced Books.
- Jeb – No Lawsuits.
- Mike – New Water & Sewer building and accounts.
- Gift for the Town is 2 albums on the Centennial Celebration.
- Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials
 - Mayor Graham swore in Mayor Rau
 - Mayor Rau swore in the following:
 - Stephanie Knagge – Town Clerk
 - Donna Kirk – Town Treasurer
 - Janet Shaw – Councilwoman
 - Kathy Smith – Councilwoman
- Election of Council President
 - Motion to Add a 5th Council Seat of Planning & Zoning by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Fontes stated that it is a necessary and lacking position.
 - Mrs. Shaw asked to Review why it is necessary.
 - Mr. Fontes stated that there is no one to coordinate between Planning & Zoning, Code Enforcement, April, Gary Larsen, & the Council like there is for every other area of the Town.
 - Mrs. Shaw – Would that person be required to attend the Planning & Zoning Meetings?
 - Mr. Fontes stated that they wouldn't have to, but it would be nice.
 - Mrs. Smith asked who is over the Planning & Zoning Board now. Mr. Fontes stated that right now it is April & Mr. Kirk. Mrs. Smith stated that one of them should come and report to the Council.
 - Mrs. Smith asked if Mr. Branham attended those meeting and could report to the Council. Mr. Branham stated that he only attends meetings that there will be a vote taken.
 - Motion Carried with Mrs. Shaw & Mrs. Smith voting No.
 - Motion to Elect Mrs. Shaw Council President by Mrs. Smith and 2nd _____.
 - Motion failed due to a lack of a 2nd.
 - Motion to Elect Mr. Bass Council President by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion:
 - Does Mr. Bass accept the nomination? Yes.
 - Motion Carried.

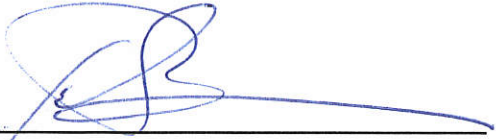
- Appointment of Council Departments
 - Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire Department
 - Mrs. Shaw – Street Department
 - Mr. Mellecker – Building & Zoning Department
 - Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer Department
 - Mrs. Smith – Parks & Recreation Department
- Resolution 2014-R28 – Employee Holiday Party
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-R28 in the amount of up to \$1000 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Around the Council Table

- **Mayor Rau**
 - Thank the Town & the Council for allowing him to serve at least 4 more years.
 - We have run smoothly for the past 12 years and I look forward to building on that.
- **Mr. Bass** -- None
- **Mr. Fontes** – None
- **Mrs. Smith** – None
- **Mrs. Shaw**
 - Thank Mr. Rau for becoming our new Mayor and welcome to all the new people who are ready to work together to make Callahan even better.
- **Mr. Mellecker** – None
- **Mr. Branham** – None
- **Mrs. Knagge**
 - Thank the Town for allowing her to serve them for 4 more years.
- **Mr. Williams** -- None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:35 PM

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John Kenneth Bass, Council President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Stephanie Knagge' in a cursive script.

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.