

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Minutes

November 3, 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, Mr. Knagge, eight (8) members from Callahan Athletic Association, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Rau

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.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
 - Discussion – Mrs. Smith thanked the Town of Callahan for allowing her to be the Treasurer from 2006-2014. She also stated that while looking back over reports from when she first started, she was able to see just how far Callahan has come in the past 8 years. She also wanted to thank all of the Council and Employees at working so hard to keep cost down, and making Callahan the great Town that it is.

Old Business

- 2nd Public Hearing -- Land Development Regulations
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Mr. Rau closed the Regular Meeting and Opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM.
 - No one present to speak on Ordinance.
 - Mr. Rau closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:07 PM.
 - Mr. Williams stated that he had made several changes to the Ordinance to match the Code.

- Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2014-004 with Mr. Williams suggested changes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass.
 - Lengthy Discussion by Council, Mr. Williams, & Mr. Branham.
 - Previous Motion withdrawn by Mr. Fontes.
 - Motion to add 'B. 7,500 square feet' to Section 195-39 on page 4 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
 - Motion to delete the word 'Crematories' from page 9, section H by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
 - Motion to amend Section 195-67 on page 12 from thirty-five (35) feet to twenty-five (25) feet in A. and from ten (10) feet to fifteen (15) feet in C. by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
 - Motion to amend Section 195-106 on page 14 from fifteen (15) feet to ten (10) feet in B. by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
 - Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2014-004 with suggested changes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- Code Enforcement – Tabled until Interviews can be conducted.

New Business

- Resolution 2014-R26 – American Cancer Society Relay-4-Life -- \$500
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Motion to Adopt Resolution 2014-R26 by Mr. Bass and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2014-R27 – Callahan Athletic Association Pop Warner Cheerleaders
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Mrs. Sherrie Griffin, Funds Coordinator for the Callahan Athletic Association, asked the Council to consider sponsoring the two teams of Cheerleaders who are advancing to the State Competition in Orlando to represent the Town of Callahan.
 - Motion to Adopt Resolution 2014-R27 in the amount of \$500 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion
 - Mr. Fontes stated that the Town has a very limited budget for donations and if we keep giving every group that comes in \$500, which is the max donation given, than the donation budget will run out quickly which will leave nothing for other groups. He also stated that he didn't see where sponsoring a group that is outside of the Town Limits is any benefit to the Town considering maybe 10 -12% of the team even resides within the Town limits.
 - Mrs. Smith stated that she strongly disagrees since they are representing Callahan, and the signs on both ends of the Town are proof that the investment pays off with State Titles.
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that investing in children will always bring a return to our Town in one way or another.
 - Motion Carried with Mr. Fontes voting 'No'.

- Ms. Ruthie Mae Brown – Mrs. Brown called in the AM stating she would NOT be attending.
 - Ditch problem on Page Street by the Bethel AME Church.
 - The trash problem in back of the Callahan Barbecue Restaurant that is attracting buzzards.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

➤ **General Fund – \$9,897.99**

- Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Fund – \$5,127.69**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements \$664.44**

- Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

➤ **Mayor**

- Thank You letters received from Barnabas and the Wounded Warriors.
- West Nassau Historical Society will be holding its 2nd Annual Art Exhibit on January 24, 2015 from 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. It was a lot of success last year and she encourages everyone to attend.
- Spoke with the New Director for the Nassau County Economic Development Board and they are anxious to come to the Westside of the County with some new ideas.
- Stated that if the Council decided to continue the Employee Christmas Party that the date needs to be decided. By consensus of the Council it will be added to the next Agenda.

➤ **Mr. Fontes** – None

➤ **Mr. Bass**

- Informed the Council that the County Commissioners should be voting on the Interlocal Agreement at their meeting on November 10th at 6:00 PM.

➤ **Mrs. Smith**

- Stated that tonight is her last night as Town Treasurer. She also stated that she has enjoyed being the Treasurer and is thankful for the opportunity.

- Mr. Rau stated that it has been a joy having her as a part of the team, and she is appreciated.

➤ **Mrs. Shaw**

- Asked if anyone knew what had happened to the Frank Brookins sign. Mr. Williams stated that it had fallen down, someone brought it to the office today, and it would be hung back up ASAP.
- Informed every one of the passing of Ms. Caulkins who recently turned 100. The funeral will be Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Methodist Church.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker** – None

➤ **Mr. Branham** – None

➤ **Mrs. Knagge**

- Possibility of a Free Webinar for the Required Ethics training --- When dates are available I will let you know.
- Regional Leadership Awards Ceremony for Elected Officials and Regional Leaders on Thursday, December 4th.
- AIFBY Chamber Elected Officials Reception on November 24th Amelia Island Plantation.

➤ **Mr. Williams** -- None

➤ **Mr. Rau** -- None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:51 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk