

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Minutes

October 20, 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, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Schwend, and one (1) member of the Media.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:02 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

1. John "Randy" Knagge of 45080 Robinwood Circle addressed the Council on the need to update its greatest asset, Ewing Park. He suggested that it needs possibly a trail for families to train for 5K races, additional Pavilions, updated Playground Equipment, and possibly additional Pavilions. He stated that with these updates and anymore that could be provided more families could take advantage of the Park which in turn could possibly cut down on the Vandalism.

Minutes

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

Old Business

- 2nd Public Hearing -- Land Development Regulations –
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that it was not in paper even though it was sent over to them therefore it would need to be tabled until the next meeting.
 - Mr. Williams stated that it needed a lot of updating and cleaning up. Recommended sending back to Planning Board.
 - Mr. Branham stated that it could not go back to Planning Board and needed that the Council needed to move forward with this.
 - Public Meeting will be on November 3, 2014.

- Mutual Aid Agreement between Nassau County Fire Rescue & Town of Callahan Volunteer Firefighters
 - Mr. Branham passed out the updated Agreement.
 - Group Discussion line by line.
 - Council Consensus for Mayor to sign and send over once updated.
- Code Enforcement
 - Tabled until Next Meeting when interviews could be done.
- Employee Insurance Update
 - Mr. Branham stated that Mrs. Harrison retained an Attorney.
 - At this time it is unclear what they intend to do.
 - She has not paid the additional funds the Council requested.
 - Mr. Branham will report to the Council at the next meeting what he learns, if anything.

New Business

- Resolution 2014-R23 – Emmitt G. Coakley
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Mayor stated that this had been in discussions for several months. The Town doesn't own the roads in question, but the State does need the Town's Agreement to move forward.
 - Mr. Paul Schwend addressed the Council and thanked them for even considering honoring such a great man.
 - The Council all had nice things to say about Mr. Coakley.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R23 for Mr. Coakley by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2014-R24 – Ewing Park Phase III, FRDAP Grant
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated that this was an option we had for resubmittal of the \$200,000 we asked for last year and were denied. This year we are asking for \$50,000 for lighting and updating Park Equipment.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R24 for FRDAP Grant by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2014-R25 – Ewing Park Phase IV, FRDAP Grant
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated that this was an option we had for resubmittal of the \$200,000 we asked for last year and were denied. This year we are asking for \$50,000 for lighting and updating Park Equipment.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R25 for FRDAP Grant by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

➤ General Fund – \$10,448.13

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

➤ Water & Sewer Fund – \$4,360.88

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

➤ Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- None

Around the Council Table

➤ Mayor

- Received a request from the American Cancer Society for the Relay-4-Life.
 - ✓ Mr. Fontes stated that in the past we have donated \$500 to them.
 - ✓ Council Consensus to add to next Agenda.
- Received a request from Doctors without Borders.
 - ✓ Mr. Fontes stated that we replaced them with the Wounded Warrior Project.
 - ✓ Council Consensus to not donate.
- Volunteer Fire Agreement between Hilliard and Callahan has not been approved by Chief Graves because the Towns would have to travel on County roads to assist the other.
 - ✓ Mr. Branham stated that this should not be an issue.
- Reserves Issue
 - ✓ Met with Sheriff Leeper and he stated that Reserves cannot write tickets. He stated that these officers work other jobs and would not be available. He also stated that the Sheriff's office has been responding and writing tickets.
 - ✓ Mr. Rau stated that while we don't just want them writing a bunch of tickets they should be addressing our issues.
 - ✓ Mayor stated that the FHP has been concentrating on tickets throughout the County and Mr. Rau stated that they are limited to County Roads which doesn't help us.
 - ✓ Mr. Rivera stated that Reserves who are sworn into our area can write tickets. Mr. Rau told Mr. Rivera that we can only go by what the Sheriff has stated.

➤ Mr. Fontes

- Stated that he had spoken with Mr. McKnight and he had run into some financial problems, but he now has permits to tear down his home on Page St.

➤ Mr. Bass -- None

➤ Mrs. Smith -- None

- Mrs. Shaw -- None
- Mr. Mellecker -- None

- Mr. Branham -- None

- Mrs. Knagge
 - Thanked the Council and the Town for allowing her to continue her education at the Florida Association of City Clerk's Conference this past week.
 - Also, stated that the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's Conference would be in Jacksonville this January 13-17, 2015. All Northeast Clerks have been asked to help host event and represent their Municipality's. The Consensus of the Council was that this was a great opportunity and that Ms. Knagge could represent the Town there.
 - Alerted the Council that starting in January ALL Elected Officials will be required to have 4 hours of Ethics training every year. This can be set up through the Florida League of Cities. The Council agreed for Ms. Knagge to set this up with the League.

- Mr. Williams -- None

- Mr. Rau -- None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried. Time: 7:31 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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