



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Minutes

January 16, 2024 ** 7:00 PM

Present at the Meeting: Mayor Knagge, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Bishop-Vargas, Ms. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Gugliuzza Members of the 1 Community and 2 Members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Mellecker

- 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** – None
- V. **Presentation-** Sherri Mitchell from the Nassau County Economic and Development Board 76346 William Burgess Road Yulee, FL. 32097. Provided a presentation to the council of the Mission & Vision of the Nassau County Economic and Development Board and a county overview of the Business Retention & Expansion and the impacts county wide.
- VI. **Minutes**
 - Motion to approve the Minutes by Ms. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming
 - Discussion: None
 - **Motion Carried**
 - Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

VII. Business:

➤ **Approval for Grant Agreement for \$3.371 M Crawford Diamond Grant**

A motion to approve the mayor to sign off on the grant agreement for Crawford Diamond in the amount of \$3.371 million dollars by Ms. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

o Discussion: None

o **Motion Carried**

o Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

➤ **Water Adjustment for All Around Pool Supplies 542220 US HWY 1**

Motion to approve an adjustment on the sewer side only to the minimal bill amount of \$20.52 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

o Discussion: None

o **Motion Carried**

o Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures:

General Fund the week of January 04, 2024, in the amount of \$4,577.16

Motion to approve General Fund week of January 4th \$4,577.16 totaling \$4,577.16 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

o Discussion: None

o **Motion Carried**

o Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

Water & Sewer Fund week of January 04, 2024, in the amount of \$7,463.81

Motion to approve Water & Sewer Fund week of January 4th \$7,463.81 totaling \$7,463.81 by Ms. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- o Discussion: None
- o **Motion Carried**
- o Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

IX. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Had the opportunity to go to the Martin Luther King Day ceremony and parade. The ceremony was held at Bethal AME on Page Street, it was a very nice service. Lorna Piipke turned in her resignation on the 12th of January and is no longer with the Town. We wish her the best in her endeavors. Eileen Bianco has been shadowing Lorna and has stepped into the role of Bookkeeper and Planning and Zoning administrator. Upcoming events are the 2024 Rural Counties Day and the Westside business leader’s prayer breakfast.
- Mrs. Bishop Vargas- None
- Mrs. Fleming – I am looking forward to attending the 2024 Rural Counties Day
- Mrs. Kirk- None
- Ms. Shaw- Do we have an update on the funds from the county? Mr. Williams stated the funds are in house.
- Mr. Mellecker- Absent
- Mrs. Pearce- None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza- None
- Mr. Williams- Update, I talked about the fire department generator that was needing to be worked on, I did get a preliminary bid from Ring Power on the generator pack itself it would cost approximately \$27,000.00. We could probably purchase a brand-new generator for approximately \$35,000.00. I will be looking for a brand-new generator. The Crawford Diamond Project is coming along very well hopefully it will still be done by April 2024 weather permitting. We are still working on the fairgrounds project to get the lift station and the sewer lines out to the fairgrounds. We also asked for \$800,000.00 dollars so those going to Rural Counties Day can maybe talk that up a little bit. We need water at the fairgrounds also.
- Mr. Bass- None


X. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd Ms. Shaw

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Time 7:33 pm



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Shawna Gugliuzza, 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