



"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Minutes

November 04, 2024 ** 7:00 PM

Present at the Meeting: Mayor Knagge, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Bishop-Vargas, Ms. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Gugliuzza Members of the 8 Community and 2 Members of the Media.

Absent:

- 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** Elizabeth Backe 96161 Nassau Place Yulee, FL. 32011 – Planning Director presented Vision 2050.
- VI. **Minutes**
 - Motion to approve the Minutes by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas
 - Discussion: None
 - **Motion Carried**
 - Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

VII. Business:

- **Carol Saviak- North Florida External Affairs Manager for Florida Power & Light Company – 56905 Griffin Road Callahan, Florida 32011**

Ms. Saviak thanked the council for the partnership and continued partnership to promote the holiday festivities in the Town of Callahan. FPL and The Town of Callahan have partnered together on many things such as infrastructure, economic development, to reinvesting into our community by supporting community resources such as the NE FL Fairgrounds and History Museum as well as others special events in the community. We have enjoyed working with Town staff and elected officials that benefitted the citizens we both serve. As all are aware of the last few years FPL has undertaken substantial infrastructure projects within the town's limits these investments were made to enhance the reliability of our power service to both harden and smarten our electrical grid and to continue to keep our customers bills as low as possible. As part of the statewide hardening effort a number of poles and receptacles that were previously used for holiday decorations were removed and disconnected from service as new primary service lines were moved onto stronger concrete and steel poles. FPL has also installed smart devices that has allowed our grid to self-heal, and we've implemented several under grounding projects as well. These enhancements were designed to reduce the volume and duration of outages that are affecting our customers. The hardening investment reduced the restoration timeframes and thousands of outages have been saved as a result of the installation of smart devices. Before the hardening projects were implemented several years ago FPL and Towns staff discussed secondary impacts of these changes including the potential impacts to holiday lighting when poles were replaced.

- **Bunker Gear**

Consensus from the council to move forward with the purchase with 4 sets of the bunker gear and to rent the additional gear at the time of training.

➤ **Resolution 2024-R15 AFJROTC**

Ms. Pearce read the Resolution 2024-R15 AFJROTC.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-R15 AFJROTC a donation in the amount of \$1000.00 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Ms. Shaw

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

➤ **Ordinance No. 2024-O03 Voluntary Annexation of 6.81 acres**

Ms. Pearce read the Ordinance No. 2024-O03 out loud. Council President Mr. Bass closed the regular council meeting at 7:53 pm and opened to the public. No public questions, comments, or concerns. Mr. Bass closed to the public and re-opened the regular council meeting at 7:54 pm.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-O03 Voluntary Annexation of 6.81 acres by Ms. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Davis

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

VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures:

General Fund the week of October 24th \$47,136.50 & 31st \$12,864.24 totaling \$60,000.74

Motion to approve General Fund week of October 24th \$47,136.50 & 31st \$12,864.24 totaling \$60,000.74 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Ms. Shaw

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

Water & Sewer Fund week of October 24th \$13,647.75 & \$20,044.26 totaling \$33,692.01

Motion to approve Water & Sewer Fund week of October 24th \$13,647.75 & \$20,044.26 totaling \$33,692.01 by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

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

IX. Disbursements:

A motion to refund \$124.33 to the proper recipients by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

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

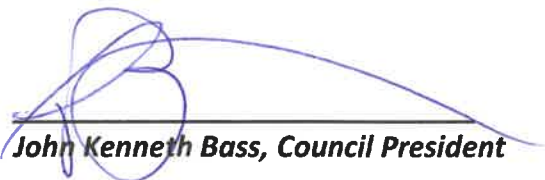
X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Went to the NCEDB investor event very good event. I had the opportunity to speak to the community first credit union very good feedback. Also, lets get the lines repainted in front of the Fire Station.
- Mrs. Bishop Vargas- None
- Mrs. Fleming – None
- Mrs. Kirk- None
- Ms. Shaw- I want it on the record that I am against amending chapter 66 for the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- Mr. Davis – None
- Mrs. Pearce- None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza- Updated the council on joint dates with the Nassau County School Board, Discussed the update for the Safe Routes to School, Reminded the council ethics training is coming up, the 1st meeting in December will be the swear ins for new elected officials, the Christmas party has been canceled we will do a lunch instead, Ms. Bianco has resigned her last day is the 15th, Florida Fish and Wildlife will start doing the training next door.
- Mr. Williams- None
- Mr. Bass- None

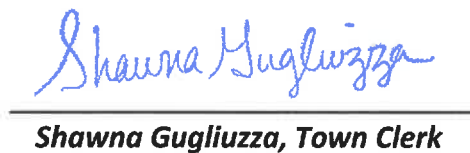
Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd Mr. Davis

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Time 8:11 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