

“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, ten (10) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:02 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**
 - Caleb Williams – 431004 Keen Cemetery Road – Boy Scouts, Troop 351
 - Troop visiting meeting tonight to earn their Merit & Community Service Badge.
 - Ryan Clifton – Assistant Scout Master – Stated the Troop is working hard to build up its membership and asked the Council to consider helping with a donation. The monies would go to Troop Expenses and to help the kids go to Summer Camp.
 - Mr. Bass stated to add to the next Agenda for discussion on donation amount.

V. Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

VII. Presentations

- Mayoral Proclamation – Mayor Rau
 - Safe Cities Safe Florida
 - Stated the Town would team up with the Florida League of Cities and its resources to keep the City Safe.
 - This partnership would provide Knowledge and Learning for all Citizens.

VIII. Business

- Public Hearing – 1st Reading
 - Ordinance 2016-O06 – Water & Sewer Tap Fees
 - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
 - Closed Regular Meeting 7:12 PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:12 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing 7:13 PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:13 PM
 - Motion to accept 1st Reading of Ordinance 2016-O06 with changes to section B distinguishing between Waterline and Water Meter by Mr. Fontes, and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: Importance of Distinguishing between Waterline and Water Meter, so the Town doesn't lose monies and so the citizens are clear on the Law.
 - Motion Carried.
- Public Hearing – 1st Reading
 - Ordinance 2016-O07 – Park Impact Fees
 - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
 - Closed Regular Meeting 7:15 PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:15 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing 7:16 PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:16 PM
 - Motion to accept 1st Reading of Ordinance 2016-O07 by Mrs. Smith, and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.

- Discussion:
 - Mr. Mellecker asked if there would be a line item for Impact Fees, and Mr. Williams stated there will be one in General Fund to show what is going in and out of the Parks Impact Fees Account.
 - Mr. Branham stated that the new fee schedule will go into effect 90 days after the passing of the Ordinance.
 - Motion Carried.

- Resolution 2016-R28 – Callahan Middle School AVID Program
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-R28 for the amount of \$300 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated this is an outstanding program.
 - Motion Carried.

- Land Acquisition
 - Mr. Williams stated that the soil samples have been submitted and it will be 2-3 weeks before the results are back.
 - Council decision to remove from Agenda until kinks are worked out.

- Approval of Park Equipment
 - Mrs. Smith presented 2 sets of park equipment for approval:
 - \$24,178 for the front play area which would include removing the old red, white, and blue set. The new set would be for ages 2-12 years of age.
 - \$23,882.16 for the back of the park near Rockwall set. This would be in addition and for ages 5-12 years of age.
 - Lengthy Discussion.
 - Motion to move forward with the purchase of equipment as long as the equipment is Okayed by FRDAP for Sole Source and it meets the obligations of the Grants by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.

IX. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$22,551.29**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$5,714.89**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **\$708.50**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
 - Mr. Fontes
 - Customer was turned off for non-payment. When guys went to turn it on no one was home and the meter was spinning, so policy states they turn it back off.
 - Guy called and got ugly with Susan stating he would not pay the \$25 reconnect fee, and demanded a refund. Policy states that is not allowed.
 - Council Consensus to uphold the Policy.

X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Nothing
- Mrs. Smith – Parks – Nothing
- Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer
 - Asked if Christmas Lights were on a long term Contract and stated we needed to look at the cost analysis of purchasing our own versus using current company, because the lights look horrible.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated she would look into it.
- Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing
- Mrs. Shaw – Streets
 - Stated that 17 years ago when the Town repaved Mickler she allowed the company to store their equipment on her piece of property and while trying to build realized it was left a mess.
 - Stated that the drain box is in the Center of the same piece of property and should have been on the side.
 - Asked who's responsible for the mess and re-doing the drain box. Stated she felt the added expense should not be her responsibility.
 - Lengthy Discussion
 - Mr. Branham stated that Mrs. Shaw would need to call the Company who left the mess, and that with no signed contract with the Town the Town is not responsible.
- Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Christmas Parade was fantastic with more people in attendance than ever and we kept the tradition with winning “The Best Themed Float”
- Reminder the Meeting on December 17th has been canceled, and that both meetings in January will be moved until Tuesday due to the Holiday’s.
- Town Christmas Party is this Friday night at 7:00. If you haven’t already signed up get with Lorna.
- **US Census Bureau will be in the Fire Department Meeting room on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** to conducting employment testing and individual interviews to recruit and select the most qualified candidates from our area.

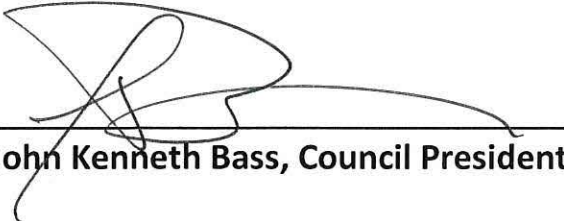
➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** – Nothing

➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- Has been pleased to see more police presence on this side of the County and he hopes it continues, so people will slow down.

XI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:54 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk