

“The Crossroads to the Future”

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

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, Three (3) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** None

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- 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. **Minutes**
  - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- VI. **Treasurer’s Report**
  - Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## **Addition by Mayor**

- Mayoral Proclamation – St. John’s River Management
  - Mr. Jeff Samples accepted the Proclamation
  - Mayor proclaimed the Month of April as “Water Conservation Month”
  - Mr. Samples stated that our area is about 10 inches behind in rain where we should be for the year, and it’s only projected to get worse.

## **VII. Business**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - Ordinance 2017-003 – Business Tax Receipts
    - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
    - Motion to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2017-003 by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes.
    - Lengthy Discussion
    - Motion to Resend Motion by Mr. Mellecker and to Resend 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes.
    - Council Consensus for Ms. Knagge and the Office Staff to work on and present a more streamlined plan at the first meeting in May.
    - Item Tabled until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Volunteer Firefighters Equipment
  - Item Tabled until response on Grants come back.
  - Responses have been delayed due to Wildfires.

## **VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures**

- General Fund **\$10,947.10**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$16,533.71**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
  - Mary Ann Salis – Booth Street -- Pipes leaked an overage of 9,000 gallons.
  - Motion to adjust Ms. Salis’ bill by \$26.95 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Disbursements
  - March
    - \$483.06 Water & Sewer + \$250.47 Active Customers = \$733.53
  - Motion to disburse a total of \$733.53 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## IX. *Around the Council Table*

- Mayor – Nothing
- Mrs. Smith – Parks
  - New Park Equipment is installed, the chips are down, and the kids have been playing on it.
- Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer
  - Asked Mr. Branham if we should look into a Variance on all alcohol sales because if the State approves the new legislation being presented to them we would be in trouble. Mr. Branham stated that we should not have any issues, but he would look into it to be sure.
  - Stated that while he really isn't for it we probably need to look at revising our Alcohol sales restrictions for the growth of our Town.
  - Stated that the State of Florida is looking at killing the Enterprise Florida program which would be detrimental to the Economic Development Board and what all they have been working on.
- Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing
- Mrs. Shaw – Streets
  - Clemmons Road is interested into being annexed into the Town Limits.
- Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing
- Mrs. Knagge – Clerk –
  - Chamber Teacher Breakfast is fast approaching.
    - Council Consensus to let the Mayor handle the amount with Town Promotions.
      - Mayor Rau -- \$500 Big Kahuna Sponsorship Package
  - Emergency Fire Ban by County
    - Council Consensus to have the Mayor do a State of Emergency Fire Ban, it to be posted on Website, and in front of Fire Station.
  - Parliamentary Procedure cheat sheets provided to entire Council.

➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager**

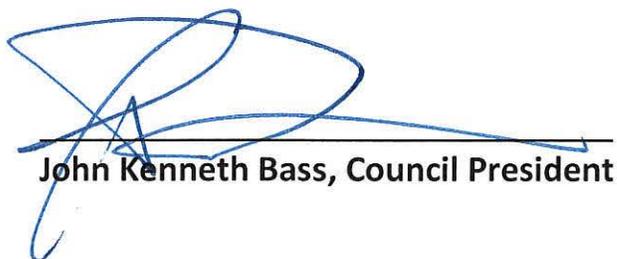
- Auditors are in today & tomorrow. If anyone wants to talk to them they are in the back training room.
- Water Conservation Poster Contest for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders at CIS in honor of April being Water Conservation Month?
  - Council Consensus was to do it with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize given.

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

- Chamber Meeting at the Pig in Callahan on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.
- Fire Ban sign ordered and will be placed in front of fire station.
- Special thanks to all the Volunteers, Forestry, and Nassau County Firefighters for their excellent work so far this wildfire season.
- Special thanks to the Bryceville Baseball Association for cooking all of their concession food and feeding everyone who was fighting the Bryceville Fires.

X. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:57 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk