

“The Crossroads to the Future”

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, six (6) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** Mrs. Kirk

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- 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** -- None
- V. **Minutes**
  - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- VI. **Business**
  - Mr. Ken Greene – Branch Creek
    - Mr. Greene and his Son, Lee Greene approached the Council about Land that was given to the Town 8 years ago, and the Town never officially accepted the property.
      - Lengthy Discussion.

- Mr. Branham will draft a paper stating that the Town never accepted the property and therefore, the whole transaction should be null and void.
  - Letter should be emailed to Mr. Ken Greene at: [kenny502kg@yahoo.com](mailto:kenny502kg@yahoo.com)
- The Greene's can then start from scratch, and the land will be back in their name.
- CSX Railroad
  - Tabled

## VII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$12,331.01**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$16,371.10**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
  - Water & Sewer Adjustments
    - Jean Scott – Dragonfly Rental
      - Leak fixed by Billy
      - 8,000 gallons of overage due to leak.
      - Adjustment would be \$52.52
    - Motion to Adjust Mrs. Scott's Bill \$52.52 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
      - Discussion:
        - Mr. Mellecker asked where the leak was.
        - Mr. Fontes stated he didn't know that it just says that Billy fixed the leak.
        - Mr. Mellecker stated the Council really needs more information to determine if it's within the required criteria.
    - Mr. Fontes Resends his motion to gather further information.

## VIII. Around the Council Table

- Mayor
  - Hired summer help – one for inside and one for outside. They both seem to be doing well.
- Mrs. Smith – Parks – Nothing
- Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer
  - Stated we need to look into redoing our Ordinance for clarity on the distance for Alcohol licensing. He stated the way it reads now can be interpreted in several different ways.

- Mr. Branham stated this was visited in 2008 and it was decided then not to do property line to property line.
- Mr. Mellecker stated maybe do circumference instead of door to door.
- Mr. Branham stated the way its written has only caused one problem in 7 years, so changing doesn't make much sense.
- Council Consensus:
  - Have Mr. Branham and Mr. Williams look at the way other towns have it written before we start the process of changing anything.

➤ **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Absent

➤ **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**

- Asked Mr. Williams and Mr. Branham about our Code on abandoned or non-working vehicles.
  - Mr. Williams will send the Code Enforcer around to take a look.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing

➤ **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk** – Absent

- Joint School Board Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Fire Station Meeting Room.
- No meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>


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


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

- \$40,000 Grant from the State was rejected, so we will need to look at the Surplus in the Fire Budget to get required equipment.

**IX. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:41 PM**

  
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 John Kenneth Bass, Council President

  
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 Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk