



"The Crossroads to the Future"

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, County Commissioner Boatright, County Commissioner-Elect Justin Taylor, Shirley Graham, Twelve (12) 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 7:00 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 Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## VI. **Presentations**

- Commissioner-Elect Justin Taylor -- Nassau County Board of County Commissioner, District 5
  - Introduced himself to the Council, and stated he looks forward to working together for the Citizens of Callahan.
- Mayoral Proclamation – Callahan Garden Club’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Mayor Rau presented 10 members of the Callahan Garden Club a Proclamation as September 19<sup>th</sup> as, “Callahan Garden Club Day” in honor of their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  - The Garden Club Members invited everyone to their Open House Celebration on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-4PM.

## VII. **Business**

- Final Budget Hearing
  - Resolution 2016-R19 – Final Millage Rate
    - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
    - Closed Regular Meeting 7:09PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:10PM
      - No Public Comment
    - Closed Public Hearing 7:10PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:10PM
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R19 final Millage Rate of 3.1561 mills which is equal to the Rollback Rate by Mr. Fontes, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried
  - Resolution 2016-R20 – Final Budget
    - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
    - Closed Regular Meeting 7:11PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:12PM
      - No Public Comment
    - Closed Public Hearing 7:12PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:12PM
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R20 final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 of \$2,290,008.00 by Mrs. Shaw, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried
- 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing -- Tabled
  - Ordinance 2016-O4 – Annexation Section 49
  - Ordinance 2016-O5 – Annexation Sections 51 & 20
- 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing -- Tabled
  - Ordinance 2016-O6 – Zoning Re-Classification
- Land Acquisition
  - Lengthy discussion on different options for the Future Town Hall/Government Complex.
  - Council Consensus for Mr. Branham to pursue the CSX property, and for the rest of the Council to do some more research.
  - All report findings at next meeting.

## VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund \$9,905.82
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - No Discussion
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund \$9,234.67
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - No Discussion
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Disbursements -- None
  - Water & Sewer Adjustments – None

## IX. Around the Council Table

### ➤ Mayor

- Read letter from Nassau County Economic Development Board asking for the Town's Appointment for the next 2 years. Mayor Rau recommended Randy Knagge to continue.
- Mr. Branham stated that since it was a time sensitive matter the Council could vote on it tonight.
- Motion to appoint Randy Knagge to continue representing the Town at the NCEDB for the next 2 years by Mr. Fontes, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
  - No Discussion
  - Motion Carried

### ➤ Mrs. Smith – Parks

- Roofs to Pavilions have been replaced.
- Still working on new Playground equipment.
- Waiting on more Dirt & Stumps to be ground up, but renovations are coming along nicely.

### ➤ Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer

- Stated the Council should consider doing away with Business Tax Receipts since it's a lot of work, and the Town doesn't make any money on it.
- Asked Mrs. Smith to consider boxing in the rafters of the Pavilions at the Park to reduce the vandalism.
- Stated there will possibly be a rate increase for Water & Sewer rates. It hasn't been done in years, but looks like it might be time.

### ➤ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer -- Absent

### ➤ Mrs. Shaw – Streets

- Has been monitoring the school traffic pattern for the Elementary School, and the people turning left seems to be dwindling.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning**

- Stated there is a possibility that we will be getting a Taco Bell in the old Wendy's building, and a Popeyes in front of Thompson's mall.

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

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Read a Thank You note from the NCEDB for the Town's support.
- Stated for a correction that she was misunderstood last meeting, and that Susan is not retiring in the next 2 years. There is just a possibility for Mike & Susan's retirement, and the Clerk's position to be lost in an Election, and the Town needs to prepare by possibly training a Deputy Clerk to learn all 3 positions correctly.

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

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

- Stated County Rental Contract for Fire Station is coming up soon, and we need to take a look at it.
- The new windows have been installed at Fire Station, and they look great!
- The Volunteers collected \$10,847 last weekend for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with the "Fill the Boot Campaign".
- Would like to get a price for a new roof on the Fire Department – Metal vs. Shingles.

X. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:40 PM**

  
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John Kenneth Bass, Council President

  
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Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk