

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Mr. Williams (arrived at 7:15 PM)

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Bass at 7:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Bass.

Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded -- Mr. Bass

Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda -- None

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Super-Test
 - Mr. Branham stated he has spoken to Mr. Williams, and the work is in Compliance.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated that April said that it wasn't in compliance and not permitted.
 - Mr. Williams came in and said they are in compliance.
 - Item to be removed from Agenda.
- Employee Insurance Issue Update
 - Mr. Branham stated that he has spoken with Mrs. Harrison's attorney. The attorney stated that Mrs. Harrison doesn't intend to pay the remaining \$2500.
 - Mrs. Shaw asked what the \$2500 cover. Mr. Branham reminded her that it covered the Attorney & Audit Fees the town incurred through the investigation.

- Mr. Fontes stated that Mrs. Harrison had already paid extra and never cashed any checks from the Town throughout the process. He stated that the \$2500 decision was made before all of this and he feels like this should be considered a wash.
- **Mr. Fontes made a motion to resend the Council's \$2500 decision, and Mrs. Shaw 2nd the motion.**
- Discussion:
 - Mrs. Smith stated that it would cost the Town more money to pursue the \$2500 than to let it go.
 - **Motion Carried.**

New Business

- Resolution 2015-R03 – Greater Nassau County Chamber Annual Dinner
 - Mr. Branham read by Title.
 - Mrs. Knagge recommended that the Town consider purchasing a table for 8 at the price of \$240. She stated that supporting an event like this is vital to supporting the Chamber and making sure everyone knows those of us who represent the Town.
 - Motion to purchase a table to the Chamber Dinner by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: It was decided that people from the Town would receive first dibs on the 8 seats, and spouses tickets would need to be purchased by that individual.
 - Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments – None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$5,020.35**
 - Motion to approve the payment from General Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$16,167.83**
 - Motion to approve the payment from the Water & Sewer Account by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **\$653.65**
 - Motion to Approve the Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

➤ **Mayor**

- Annual Fair Board Meeting on February 6th at 7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.
- Cancer Society thank you note for supporting the Relay-4-Life
- Asked Mrs. Smith to look into Florida Inlet Grants to see if the Town qualifies.

- **Mr. Mellecker**
 - Had a question about SuperTest being in Compliance and Mike assured him that they were permitted.
- **Mr. Fontes**
 - Nothing to say considering he was still hearing about last meetings comments.
- **Mrs. Kirk** - None
- **Mrs. Shaw** - None
- **Mrs. Smith** – None
 - Mr. Bass asked Mrs. Smith about the Parks condition. She stated that the Beta Club from Callahan Intermediate School had come over to help clean up, mulch, and scrub the rock wall. She stated that she was very thankful for their help, and hoped that other groups would consider doing the same.
- **Mr. Branham** - None
- **Mrs. Knagge**
 - Read a letter from a citizen complaining about dog's pooping in their yards and the owner's not cleaning it up. Mr. Mellecker stated that we have adopted the County ordinances on animals. The person would need to call and make a police report or call animal control.
 - Alerted the Council of dates available for free Ethics Training being provided by the Florida League of Cities. The council consensus was to attend the one on April 9th at Orange Park Town Hall from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Mrs. Knagge will make the reservations.
- **Mr. Williams** - None
- **Mr. Bass**
 - Stated that since signing the Contract with the County the Volunteers have only been toned out 1 time last week. He said he is trying to find out why that is.
 - Asked all of the other Council Members to update the Council and the Public about their perspective areas at each meeting during Around the Table time. That way we all know what is going on.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried. Time: 7:28 PM


 John Kenneth Bass, Council President


 Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk