

# Town of Callahan

*'A Florida Municipality'*

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2014 -- 7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting** -- Mr. Rau, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mayor Graham, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, two (2) members of the Media, and fourteen (14) members of the community.

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**Meeting Called to Order** – Mr. Rau at 7:03 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation** -- Pledge/Invocation - Mr. Rau

**Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded** -- Mr. Rau

**Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda** -- Mr. Rau

- Ms. Joann Sorrels of 45234 Iris Blvd concerning the condition of the roads.
  - Mr. Rau stated that the roads in question are actually the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and that we would pass her concerns on to them.

**Minutes** – Motion to approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.

Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

### **Presentation**

- Historical Society – Mr. John Hendrix, West Nassau Historical Society President
  - Updated the Council on what the WNHS has been up to this year.
  - Updated the Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Railroad Days that will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Depot.
  - Asked Council to consider sponsoring the Kid Zone at Railroad Days with a donation of \$1000.
- Mr. Aaron Berry – Skateboard Park
  - Mr. Berry had 10 people with him in support of a Skate Park in Callahan.

- Read research paper he had written stating why Callahan needs a Skate Park and where would be a good location.
- Recommended the Council to duplicate Fernandina Beach's Skate Park with sustainable products and minimum upkeep.

### **New Business**

- Proclamation by Mayor Graham to West Nassau High School in honor of Career & Technical Education Month.
  - Principal Gaus was on hand to accept the Proclamation and updated the Council on all the things the school has been doing to make Callahan the best it can be. West Nassau leads the County with a Graduation Rate of 93 % and the County is leading the entire State of Florida.
  
- Fire Rescue Rent Agreement
  - Mr. Bass informed the Council that the County has not paid rent on the Fire Station since September 1, 2013.
  - Mr. Branham stated that the law is clear that the County should have continued to pay even without the Contract being renewed.
  - Mayor Graham recommended that we raise the rent to \$1300 and the Utilities to \$850 for a monthly total of \$2,150.
  - Mrs. Shaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the Agreement with the rent being raised to \$1300 and the Utilities to \$850 for a monthly total of \$2,150 with a Prospective starting date of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bass.
  - Lengthy Discussion on Motion.
  - Vote 4 to 1 with Mr. Fontes dissenting.
  - Motion Carried.

### **Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments**

- Sera Lewis – 45177 Green Ave. -- renting from First Baptist Church. Pipe Break of over 35,000 gallons. Motion by Mr. Fontes to adjust the bill by \$134.75 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
  
- Raymundo Herrera – 45038 Vera Ave. #13. Water leak of 5,000 gallons. Motion by Mr. Fontes to adjust the bill by \$11.55 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.

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

- **General Fund – \$7,687.69**
  - Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
- **Water & Sewer Fund – \$10,183.32**
  - Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- \$497.15**
  - Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

## **Around the Council Table**

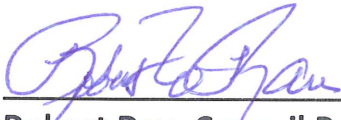
- **Mayor** - None
- **Mr. Fontes** – Presented letter he prepared for the Voters on the proposed 8 Agenda Referendums to Council.
  - It was the Consensus of the Council to go ahead with mailing the letter to the Voters 2 weeks prior to the Mail Ballots going out.
  - Mr. Branham will provide a written response for the Staff to give is questioned on the letter or the Ballot.
- **Mr. Bass** – None
- **Mrs. Smith** - None
- **Mrs. Shaw** – Explanation to Mr. Berry on the Skate Park:
  - Parks only has a \$25,000 budget for the entire year and vandalism takes the majority of that. Unless funds can be found somewhere else she just doesn't see how this can feasibly happen.
  - Mr. Fontes recommended for Mr. Berry to discuss with the man putting in a racetrack across from the Fairgrounds about that be a possible location.
  - The Mayor stated her concern about the possibility of using one of the tennis courts because it is too close to the Kiddie Park.
- **Mr. Mellecker** - None
- **Mr. Branham** - None

➤ **Mrs. Knagge**- Requested to move the next Council Meeting from February 17<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day Holiday. It was a unanimous Council consensus to move the meeting.

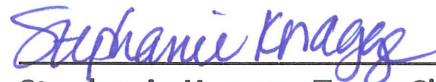
➤ **Mr. Rau**- None

**Adjourn** -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

Time: 8:25 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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