

# Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

## Town Council Minutes

March 17, 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, Pastor Crook, two (2) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation** – Pledge by Mr. Rau and Invocation by Pastor Crook.

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

### **Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda**

1. Shirley James of 45102 Evelyn Street.
  - To Mr. Branham – Does not appreciate the nasty letter about her water meter.
    - Mr. Branham responded that the letter was not intended to be nasty but that he stands by it and that it reflects the Town's stance.
  - To Mayor Graham – Does not appreciate that things they had agreed upon were not fixed and that the Mayor has not been available in the office or by phone.
  - To Mike – Had new meters put in and the neighbor took the lock off - not herself. She also stated that she had pictures to prove it.

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

### **Presentations**

- Spotswood (Spots) B. Watkins, President of Vocational Scholarships, Inc.
  - Passed out a brochure of his 5013C Non-Profit Company.
  - Scholarships to non-college bound students for all kinds of Vocational Careers.
  - They reach out to all of Nassau County and 2 students have already applied this year from West Nassau.
  - Mr. Rau thanked him for what they do and what a great program it is.

- Mr. Fontes stated that we donated \$250 last year and the Mayor said that it is such a great program that we should double that amount.
- Motion to donate \$500 by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

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

- None

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

#### **➤ General Fund – \$10,761.96**

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

#### **➤ Water & Sewer Fund – \$22,861.04**

- Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

#### **➤ Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- None**

### **Around the Council Table**

#### **➤ Mayor:**

- Distributed schedule for Railroad Days.
- Updated Council on the Sheriff's Office new 'Citizen Advisory Team' that had its first Callahan meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and will have monthly meetings that will be advertised to the public to share any concerns.
- Take Stock in Children reception to honor new President will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM at the SunTrust Office building on South Fletcher in Fernandina.
- Requested donation for Barnabas that now meets at the Episcopal Pre-School on Wednesday's. Mr. Fontes stated how great of a program and requested that the Council consider a donation of \$500 to them.
- Relay-4-Life will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds and will be combined with Hilliard again. Requesting that the Town donate \$500 to this worthy event.
- Friends of the Library requested a donation. However, Mr. Fontes reminded the Council that we donated for 2013 & 2014 fiscal year to them in October. Therefore, it is not time to donate to them yet.

- Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is having a Celebration to welcome their new Pastor from March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If any member of the Council would like to attend please feel free to check that schedule.
- Elections for the Charter Changes will need to be moved to the Primary Election in August due to unforeseen charges.
  - Mr. Branham stated that there will need to be another Ordinance passed with 'Ballot Titles' for each Referendum change.
  - Clerk to inquire with Ms. Cannon if the qualifying period for the General Election can be after the Primary Election or will it need to be before.

➤ **Mr. Fontes:**

- Update on Tree for Ms. Horne at the Railroad Days
  - Will be at 1:15 on March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Will have a metal marker and possibly a stone marker later

➤ **Mr. Bass:**

- Fire Department Rental Agreement was accepted by the County.
- All of our Volunteers are now qualified & certified.
- The County has not yet resumed toning out our fireman though. They continue to use Jacksonville Fireman for outside of the Town Limits.
- Mayor recommended that the Council call the County Commissioners and voice their opinions.

➤ **Mrs. Smith:** None

➤ **Mrs. Shaw:**

- Stated she has been seeing a lot of debris all over town and asked if Prisoners could be utilized.
- Mr. Williams stated that they are scheduled for 2 days before railroad days.
- Mr. Williams also stated that there is supposed to be some Community Service workers, but they have not shown up yet.
- Mrs. Shaw would like to look into having the Prisoners come out more often.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker:** None

➤ **Mr. Branham:** None

➤ **Mrs. Knagge:** None

➤ **Mr. Williams:** None

➤ **Mr. Rau:** None

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

Time: 7:37 PM

  
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Robert Rau, Council President

  
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Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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