

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mr. Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mayor Graham, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, Chief O'Steen, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Rau

Meeting Called to Order – Mrs. Shaw at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge by Mrs. Shaw and Invocation by Mrs. Smith.

Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded -- Mrs. Shaw

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 Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Interlocal Agreement Callahan Volunteer Fire Station & Nassau County Fire Department
 - Mr. Branham reminded the Council that there will be a joint meeting on August 13th at 6:00 PM between The County Commissioners, The Town of Hilliard, & The Town of Callahan.
 - Mr. Branham also reminded the Council that both Towns had approved this agreement over a year ago and the County Commissioners did not respond. He also stated that he felt it would be a good idea to refresh the Council on this Agreement.
 - Mr. Bass had the following questions about the Agreement:
 - #5 -- Funding by County? Mr. Branham reminded the Council that this is the agreement that the County Fire Chief agreed to, but the County choose not to respond.
 - #6 -- If we are the ones maintaining the equipment why do we have to get approval from the County?
 - #7 – We maintain all of our vehicles & equipment.
 - #8 – Why do they need a Roster of our Firefighters?
 - #9 – Physical Screenings? Months later Chief Graves said this was not required. Mr. Branham reminded the Council that this Agreement isn't written in stone, but was approved by both Councils.

- #10 – What is the need for an Annual Budget if they aren't paying us anything?
 - #11 – Quarterly Reports... Again why do they need this if they aren't paying anything?
 - #14 – Why would the Agreement just be reviewed by the Chief it should be reviewed by everyone.
 - #15 – Funding suspended? How can you suspend something we don't get?
 - #16 – Funds for wages? Are guys are volunteers and don't get paid.
- Mr. Branham stated that the ball is in the County's court and has been for over a year. The Commissioner's need to respond and let us know why they have not responded.
 - Mr. Williams stated that he asked for this to be put back on the Agenda and asked the Council if they want to draft an Interlocal Agreement to re-submit to the County?
 - Mr. Fontes stated that the 13th is a workshop where everyone involved should be able to state what they want and present it to all parties involved. He also stated that it would be a waste of our time to make another agreement for them to sit on yet again. He also stated that we don't need to go in with preconceived expectations, but that we should all go in with open minds.
 - Mayor Graham stated that after speaking with the County three different times the consensus was, "How can we get these Volunteers back to work?" She stated that money isn't what's most important right now. What is most important is to be able to get the citizens the protection they need and deserve. In order to do that we have to get the Volunteers back to work! She also stated that we aren't going into this meeting to criticize anyone, but to fix the issue at hand which is to get our Volunteer's utilized again!
 - *The Consensus of the Council was to wait to make any decisions until after the Workshop.*

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

➤ **General Fund – \$18,893.80**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Fund – \$10,590.94**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

➤ **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- \$1,341.89**

- Motion to approve by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.

Around the Council Table

- Mayor –
 - Received an email from someone who resides outside of the Town Limits that is interested in serving on the Nassau County Economic Development Board.
 - Mr. Fontes stated that we should look into him and check with the NCEDB to see if that it is allowed.
 - The Council agreed.

- Mr. Fontes – None

- Mr. Bass –
 - Asked everyone to please encourage as many people as possible to attend the Workshop on the 13th in Hilliard.

- Mrs. Smith – Was the Workshop Advertised with the papers? Yes, it would be.

- Mrs. Shaw – None

- Mr. Mellecker – None

- Mr. Branham – None

- Mrs. Knagge – None

- Mr. Williams – None

- Mr. Rau – None

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:31 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk