

Town of Callahan

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Town Council Minutes

September 15, 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, four (4) Girl Scout Representatives, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Rau at 7:00 PM

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

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

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. Bass. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Resolution 2014-R10 – Nassau County Girl Scouts
 - Three (3) Girl Scouts & their adult sponsor addressed the Council:
 - Thanked the Council for generous donation last year and said it went to meat for the Fire Stations of Nassau County & the remainder to make JSO Soldier bags for Christmas.
 - This is their 7th year of doing the baskets and bags.
 - Asked the Council to consider raising the amount from \$250 to \$500, so that they can do an additional amount of Soldier bags during another time of year when the soldiers are forgotten.
 - It was the Consensus of the Council to raise the amount to \$500 to be added to the Agenda for the October 6th meeting.
- Land Development Regulations
 - Ordinance 2014-004 – Land Use Districts & Regulations
 - Mr. Branham read by title & stated this was the 1st Reading.
 - Mr. Branham advised the Council that the regulations needed to be updated to follow along with the Comprehensive Plan.

- Discussion:
 - Mr. Fontes asked if this could be tabled.
 - Mr. Branham stated that it could not because it has already gone through the Planning & Board.
 - Mr. Fontes asked if we could have some control over what happens at the schools, so we know what's going on. He stated that they just do what they want to and we have no clue even though it's within the Town Limits.
 - Mr. Branham stated that he will look into it.
 - Motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2014-004 by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- 1st Public Budget Hearing
 - Resolution 2014-R11 – Proposed Millage Rate
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Mr. Rau closed the Regular Meeting & opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM.
 - No one was present to speak on the issue.
 - Mr. Rau closed the Public Hearing & re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:22 PM.
 - Mr. Williams recommended to the Council a Tentative Millage Rate of 3.4296 with a roll back rate of 3.3756. He also stated that the Gross Taxable Value Certified by the Property Appraiser is \$68,915,321.00.
 - Motion to set a Tentative Millage Rate of 3.3756 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Bass. Motion Carried.
 - Resolution 2014-R12 – Proposed Budget
 - Mr. Rau closed the Regular Meeting & opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 PM.
 - No one was present to speak on the issue.
 - Mr. Rau closed the Public Hearing & re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:25 PM.
 - Mr. Williams recommended to the Council a Tentative Millage Rate of 3.4296 with a roll back rate of 3.3756. He also stated that the Gross Taxable Value Certified by the Property Appraiser is \$68,915,321.00.
 - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
 - Motion to set a Proposed Budget of \$1,431,910.00 by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Rental Agreement – Nassau County Fire & Rescue Department – Agreement good until September 30, 2015
 - Mr. Bass stated that this was placed on Agenda by mistake the current Rental Agreement is good until September 30, 2015.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments

- Mr. Fontes stated that one of our Customers asked if they could do a payment plan to cover the \$200 bill that came from children running the water.
 - The Council consensus was that a payment plan could be set up and that the Customer would need to stick to it or pay applicable late charges.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

➤ General Fund – \$14,140.78

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

➤ Water & Sewer Fund – \$8,132.58

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

➤ Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- None

Around the Council Table

➤ Mayor -- None

- Mr. Fontes – Wanted to apologize to Mr. Rau for mentioning about chairing the meeting without consulting him, but due to Sunshine Laws he couldn't ask prior. Mr. Rau stated that he would do whatever the Consensus of the Council was and if they wanted him to continue chairing the meetings after he takes over as Mayor.

➤ Mr. Bass -- None

➤ Mrs. Smith -- None

➤ Mrs. Shaw -- None

➤ Mr. Mellecker -- None

➤ Mr. Branham -- None

- Mrs. Knagge – Mrs. Knagge brought up a solution to the high cost of scanning all of the required documents into the computers by utilizing volunteers and scanning into our new copier. The larger items would still need to be done by an outside company, but this process could drastically reduce the cost of making our documents available online to the Public. The Council consensus was to look into getting this process started.

➤ Mr. Williams -- None

- Mr. Rau – Wanted to make the Council aware that he would be out of the Country for a week starting on November 17th. Council was reminded by the Clerk that the Swearing in of new Council will be on November 10th.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:36 PM



Robert Rau, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.