

# Town of Callahan

*'A Florida Municipality'*

## Town Council Minutes

September 2, 2014

7:00 P.M.

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Knagge

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**Meeting Called to Order** – Mr. Rau at 7:04 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation** – Pledge by Mr. Rau and Invocation by Pastor Holbrooks of the Anchor Church

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

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

1. Mr. John Ruis of 19910 Jaguar Dr. Hilliard, FL 32046 – Church of God Property & Alleyway

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

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

### **Old Business**

- Interlocal Agreement Callahan Volunteer Fire Station & Nassau County Fire Department
  - Tabled
- Planning & Zoning
  - Mrs. Carrie Harrison addressed the Council on the Insurance Issue.
  - Due to the things that have conspired Mrs. Harrison felt it best to resign her position a Planning & Zoning Director effective immediately.
  - Mayor Graham addressed the Issue and stated that Mr. Larsen has agreed to step into the position for the same salary as Mrs. Harrison was receiving until he can train Ms. April Waters to take over as Planning & Zoning Director, in addition to her current position as Town Bookkeeper.

## **New Business**

- The Church of God (Mickler St.) – Alleyway
  - Conditional Use Application for the Church Alleyway will go through Planning & Zoning Board.
  - Land Development has been requested.
  - Mr. Ruis present as School Board Representative.
  - Motion for Conditional Use & Land Development to be approved by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.

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

- None

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

### ➤ **General Fund – \$32,788.04**

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

### ➤ **Water & Sewer Fund – \$15,233.03**

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

### ➤ **Water & Sewer Deposit Disbursements -- \$599.80**

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

## **Around the Council Table**

### ➤ **Mayor**

- There was an issue this week where one of the Council had a problem with the Staff and it upset them. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer and if anyone has a problem with the Staff than they should come to the Mayor with those issues and the Mayor will handle them as she/he sees fit.
- Mr. Rau stated that he agreed with that statement.

### ➤ **Mr. Fontes**

- Food for thought:
  - Can the next meeting with the new Council seated can the Mayor to conduct the Meeting?
  - If the Mayor running the Meetings can we have a 5<sup>th</sup> assignment as a Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement Commissioner?

- Mr. Branham the Charter states that the Council will elect annually one of their Members to be the Presiding Officer.
- Mr. Mellecker asked why the Council President can't have an office, as well. Mr. Branham said that there is nothing that the President can't have an additional position. However, it is an added responsibility.
- Mr. Rau stated that this is the way we have done things and if it isn't broke why fix it?

➤ **Mr. Bass** -- None

➤ **Mrs. Smith**

- Insurance Issue – to Mr. Williams – When Employees of the Town of Callahan receive insurance does someone sit down with them to tell them what their premium will be?
- Mr. Williams states that typically the Insurance Agent sits down with each employee and tells them every July with any changes and premiums. There is a monthly statement that comes out every month to the Town office, but the Employees do not receive that.
- Mr. Branham stated that the Town pays all of the Employees health insurance. Mrs. Harrison was the only employee with the family plan.
- Mr. Williams stated that the family insurance premiums are high for Employees to add their families because we are a small town and the other Employees just simply can't afford to add their families.
- Mrs. Smith asked again did Mrs. Harrison receive a statement every July notifying her of the premium.
- Mr. Williams stated that if she read it than yes.

➤ **Mrs. Shaw** -- None

➤ **Mr. Mellecker** -- None

➤ **Mr. Branham** -- None

➤ **Mrs. Knagge** -- Absent

➤ **Mr. Williams** -- None

➤ **Mr. Rau**-- None

**Adjourn** -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:50 PM



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**Robert Rau, Council President**



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**Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk**

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