

# Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

## Town Council Meeting Notes

May 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, two (2) from Partner Disposal Services, 5 NCSO Explorers, two (2) from North Florida TPO, Mayor Graham, Laura from NCEDB, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** Mrs. Shaw

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**Meeting Called to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:01 PM.

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

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

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

1. Dave Shepler – Partner Disposal Group –
  - a. Wanted to let the Town that their company will be open for Business on June 1<sup>st</sup> for Commercial Customers and July 1<sup>st</sup> for Residential Customers.
  - b. Rates will be 50% cheaper than all competitors.
  - c. Asks that the Town consider excepting Bids from other companies instead of staying in a contract with the current providers until its 2019 at a much higher rate.

### **Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
  - Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

- Nassau County Sheriff's Office Exploring Unit – Deputy Lisa McCumber
  - The Explorer Program offers for students from 14-21 years old to become leaders in the community.
  - The students go through the same training as Officers.
  - The program is run under the Sheriff's 501-3C, and is run completely on donations & fundraising.
  - Asking the Town to consider sponsoring the Program in the amount of \$500.
  - Councilman asked how many are in the program. Answer: 14. He then asked how many actually live within the Town limits. Answer: Unknown.

- Councilwoman Smith how long the program has been running. Answer: 10 years
  - Officer McCumber stated she has recently taken over the programs and plans to be in the schools more.
  - Councilwoman Smith asked where the money from the program has been coming from. Answer: Donations & Fundraising
  - Officer McCumber stated that the program runs under the Special Operations Division under Officer Braddock.
  - Consensus of the Council was to add a Resolution to the next Council Meeting in the Amount of \$500.
- Reagan Day BBQ – Table Sponsorship
    - Mr. Fontes stated that by Charter we can't donate to because the Event is sponsored by a Political Party.
    - He encouraged the Officials and Town's People to attend this event.
  - American Cancer Society
    - Mr. Fontes stated that a Donation was made in October. Therefore, they can't receive another donation until the next Fiscal year.
  - North Florida TPO – Milton Locklear -- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2015/2016 through 2019/2020
    - Mr. Locklear was joined by Mrs. Karen Colby from Florida Department of Transportation.
    - Mr. Locklear stated that they would be attending approximately 20 Municipalities seeking Public Input on upcoming projects.
    - Mr. Locklear updated the Council on all local road construction projects that will affect our residents.
    - Mr. Locklear invited all officials and the public to attend the North Florida TPO Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Jacksonville.

**Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments** – None

**Review & Approval of Town Expenditures**

- General Fund **\$40,110.93**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$7,135.38**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **None**

## **Around the Council Table**

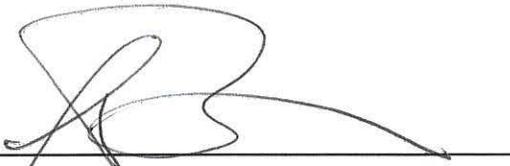
- EMERGENCY Late Addition – CDBG Interlocal Agreement Between Town of Callahan & Nassau County
  - Mr. Branham stated that the Agreement just states what is necessary to move forward. It obligates the Town to maintain the roads and easements where the waterlines are being improved.
  - Mr. Fontes made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement between the County & the Town and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
  
- **Mayor** – Nothing
  
- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
  - Stated there was an article in the paper from a citizen concerned about the disarray of the playground equipment.
  - Stated that Mr. Williams had the steps fixed and that the Methodist Men had worked on cleaning the walking paths and they looked great.
  - Asked Mr. Williams why the bathroom doors have been being locked. He stated that the kids have been locking them thinking it's funny. He also stated he is looking into a solution to the problem.
  - Thanked Mr. Williams for having the front parking lot paving re-done.
  - Mr. Fontes stated that maybe we need to stop waiting on Grants and move funds from somewhere else to replace the failing equipment.
  - Mr. Williams & Mrs. Smith will look into what exactly it will cost to replace the equipment.
  
- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
  - Stated that while the CDBG Grant is going to cost the Town money in the beginning it will be well worth it and greatly improve the Town.
  - Stated that there is a lot of building going on and lots of permits being pulled; which is a sign that there is a light at the end of the tunnel of the recession.
  
- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing
  
- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets** -- Absent
  
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning**
  - Stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had decided to do a poll of the people to what they think of the Annexation. When the findings are available he will report back to the Council.
  
- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing
  
- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - No Council Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> due to Mayor, Council President, & Attorney being out of Town.
  - Out of Town from May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. Available through email or text.
  - Mr. Fontes recommended that the Council consider making it where we only have one meeting a month during the summer months due to family vacations.

➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** – Nothing

➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- Stated that the Volunteer Fire Department is still trying to acquire a tanker truck from Grey Gables Volunteers.
- Stated he would like the Nassau County Economic Development Board to give an update of what is going on with them on the Westside of the County.
- Stated he had spoken with the Dollar Tree Manager and that they were looking to possibly opening a store in Callahan soon.

**Adjourn** -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:45 PM



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John Kenneth Bass, Council President



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Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk