



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Fifteen (15) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mrs. Kirk & Mr. Fontes

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:07 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Mr. Bass
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Mr. Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit**
 - Ryan Clifton, Scout Master, Boy Scout Troop 351
 - Mayor Rau presented them with a check from the Town for \$250
- V. **Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurers Report by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Presentations

- West Nassau Historical Society – John Hendrix, President
 - Updated the Council on what the Historical Society has been up to the past year.
 - Stated the 12th Annual Railroad Days Festival will be Saturday, April 27, 2017.
 - This year's theme is The Hobo's who ride the rails and celebrating 150th Anniversary of Earth Day.
 - There will be a parade if any of the Town would like to be involved.
 - Asked the Town to consider sponsoring the Kiddie area again in the Amount of \$1000.
 - Council Consensus to add a Resolution to the next meeting.
- Mayoral Proclamation – Black History Month
 - Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of March Black History Month.
 - Presented to Pastors of our local churches.
- Mayoral Proclamation – Minister Joe Leonard
 - Mayor read Proclamation proclaiming February 11th as Minister Joe Leonard day for his dedicated service to the Community.
- Mayoral Proclamation – Allen & Beatrice Ricks
 - Mayor read Proclamation proclaiming February 6th as Allen & Beatrice Ricks day in honor of them being married 81 years and being recognized as the longest married couple in the Nation.
- Mayoral Proclamation – Ophelia Morgan Judson
 - Mayor read Proclamation proclaiming February 8th as Ophelia Morgan Judson day in honor of her 103rd Birthday, and living her entire life in Callahan.
 - Her son, Eddie Morgan, her Pastor, and 2 Deacons from her church accepted on her behalf.

VIII. Business

- Lease Agreement – Nassau County School Board
 - Mr. Branham stated he had discussed everything with the School Board's Attorney.
 - Their Attorney is now taking it through their procedures for approval.
 - Mr. Branham asked Mrs. Knagge to pull from Agenda until we hear back from their Attorney.

- Public Hearing -- 1st Reading/Discussion
 - Ordinance 2017-001 Water & Sewer Rates
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Item tabled until Mr. Fontes returns and all numbers are verified.

IX. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$3,781.81**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$6,190.62**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments – None
- Water & Sewer Disbursements
 - Motion to Disburse to Water & Sewer \$452.09 and to Customers \$75.61 for a Total of \$527.70 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor
 - Received an email from the Florida League of Cities on some proposed Legislation that would take away local governments ability to set our own standards and laws. Encouraged residents and Council to let their Legislators that we want to keep our Home Rules.
- Mrs. Smith – Parks
 - Awaiting playground equipment which should arrive in 2-3 weeks. Ground is already prepped and ready to go.
- Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer -- Absent
- Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Absent
- Mrs. Shaw – Streets -- Nothing
- Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Able to represent the Town at Governor Scott’s Inauguration Ball in Washington DC.
- Thank You from the CMS AVID program.
- Change the next Meeting to Tuesday, February 21st due to the President’s Day Holiday.

➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager**

- Stated the current rates are correct in proposed Ordinance.
- Mr. Mellecker stated Mr. Fontes recommended not raising School Board rates and changing it to just a “per student” rate instead of including the teachers and staff.
- Council Consensus was to change the School Board section and continue with Ordinance’s 1st Reading at the next Meeting.

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

- More Traffic Complaints, and we need to look at options to work on making it better.
- Wholesale company from Yulee is looking to come to Callahan.

XI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:42 PM**


John Kenneth Bass, Council President


Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk