

“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, three (3) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Mellecker

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:05 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**
 - Dan Thomas – 45090 Airstream Avenue
 - Stated he had received a citation for living in a Camper.
 - Asked for more time until something he can make something else happen.
 - Mr. Williams – He’s been cited before by Mr. Garver, but whatever his plans were before didn’t happen. Mrs. Murdock cited him again. He has been asking to move the doctors house that was given to him.
 - Mrs. Shaw recommended he be given an additional 60 days – Approved by consensus of the Council.
 - Mr. Williams – He needs to have property surveyed before moving house. He may need to pay water & sewer tap, if not already in place, and meet the setbacks according to our code.

V. Minutes

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

VI. Business

VII. Mayoral Proclamation

- Take Stock in Children
 - Coach Green & Mrs. Dottie Williams present to accept Proclamation.
 - Mayor Fontes declared the Month of March as 'Take Stock in Children Month'.

VIII. Business

- Friends of the Callahan Library --Beth McKibben-Nee, M.L.I.S. – Callahan Librarian
 - Reviewed Libraries amount of participates, and what's available at the Library for free for the residents.
 - Gave invitation Council an invitation to meet author and calendar.
 - Nancy Bethea & Alice Pelky – Friends of the Callahan Library
 - Friends groups purpose is to provide advocacy and fundraising for all things to benefit the Library
 - How we raise our money:
 - Book Sales
 - Art Classes
 - Dues
 - Donations
 - Need to expand our Audio Books for the those who can't read, blind, and students to read along when learning to read.
 - Mrs. Pelky asked the Town to donate \$500 for the needed Audio Books.
 - Mr. Bass stated it would need to be on the next Agenda for consideration of the Council.
 - The Friends of the Callahan Library Meeting on April 2nd 4:00 PM at the Library.

- Public Hearing for Parcels: 51-2N-25-0000-0019-0000 & 51-2N-25-0000-0020-0000
 - Ordinance 2019-O02 – Annexation
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Mr. Bass closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:23 PM
 - Walter Cooper – Where it's located at? Mr. Williams – just south of Just for the Love of Jesus.
 - Town Limits go that far? Mayor it is adjoining Town Limits

- Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:25 PM
- Motion to accept first Public Hearing of Ordinance 2019-002 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.

- Ordinance 2019-003 - Land Use Change
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:26 PM.
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:27 PM.
 - No Public Comment
 - Motion to accept first reading of Ordinance 2019-003 by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Graham.
 - Discussion:
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that it should actually be a total acreage of .85.
 - Mr. Branham said it should actually say .95.
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that the total acreage shall be changed from 3.86 to .95.

- Resolution 2019-R06 - Acceptance of Department of Economic Opportunity Grant
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Mayor – This is needed according to Exhibit E of the Contract.
 - Motion to accept Resolution 2019-R06 by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: Mrs. Graham dissented.
 - Motion Carried

- Department of Economic Opportunity Grant Update
 - Mayor stated that himself, Mr. Branham, and Mr. Williams have reviewed everything numerous times, and we all are good.
 - Checking with FPL and then everything should be good to go.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- No Bills available this Meeting.

IX. Around the Council Table

➤ Mayor

- Teacher appreciation luncheon
 - \$100 donation
 - Knagge – gifts again?
 - Smith – still donate
 - Motion to donate \$100 for the Teacher breakfast by Mrs. Graham 2nd Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion:
 - Branham- Is this May 29th? Yes

- If it is not being done as Town Promotions than we will need a Resolution for next meeting.
- Mr. Bass & Fire Station – gutters around Station \$4280. Looks good.
- More Annexation coming – by Waste Water Plant. Have enough neighbors to make it go through in probably May & June.
- Everything set with Ameris Bank – Checks only require one signature – requiring initial next to 2nd copy.
 - Mrs. Knagge stated she thinks the copy should be signed since an initial could be copied easier and the Council voted all checks need 2 signatures – Mayor doesn't agree.
- Community Event Committee has met and agreed on the following dates:
 - May 7th - backpack giveaway at West Nassau
 - December 7th Christmas Parade – Which be a group effort by the community. So far: Band will run the parade. Warrior Nation will handle the Craft Area. The Town will help where needed.
- December 14th - Christmas in Callahan at West Nassau – Vendors want to know if they do both events, they can get a reduced rate. The Committee will decide at the next meeting.
- December 29th – Out with a Boom Fireworks at West Nassau. Sponsored by area Businesses and Families.
- Opinion – Code Enforcement Officer was supposed to be certified within a year. Closest is Gainesville would be \$3000. If we choose to keep this stipulation should she have to pay or would it be the Town.
 - Mr. Branham - No State Requirement, but it is a benefit knowing what's going on
 - Mrs. Graham – How's she doing? Mayor: Great. Investigating. Promised a raise?
 - Mrs. Shaw – She should be here at least 6-9 months before talking about getting her certified.
 - Mrs. Smith – I feel it should be a year before certifying her.
 - Mr. Bass – isn't she a Paralegal? Mayor: Yes, and this has helped her be able to dive in and understand our code.

➤ **Mrs. Smith – Parks** – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Graham – Water & Sewer**

- ACH – Pay water bill every month with an automatic withdrawal from the Customer's account on the 15th. Mrs. Graham asked what if the bill changes how does the Customer know. Mayor: They will still receive there bill each month at the regular time which lets them know the amount or gives them time to dispute it.

➤ **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Shaw – Streets** – Nothing

➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Absent

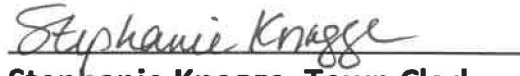
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing
- Mrs. Knagge – Clerk – Nothing
- Mr. Williams – Town Manager -- Nothing
- Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire
 - GPS all installed and working well. Back up cameras are next.

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Graham and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.
- Time: 7:51 PM



John Kenneth Bass, 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.