



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, thirty (30) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Williams

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:00 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Mr. Bass & Dan Search
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Mr. Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit**
 - Billy Caulkins – 45135 Ewing Park Road
 - Stated he felt the proposed Apartment Complex at the end of Ewing Park Road will have a negative effect on the already bad drainage.
 - He also stated that them making it a one way street will not work.
 - He stated they have swept the roads, but just put it all in the driveway.
 - Mr. Fontes stated that the P & Z Board will be reviewing the plans at their meeting on Monday night at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in seeing the plans or asking any questions.

V. Minutes

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

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Presentations

- West Nassau Heritage Initiative – Taco Pope, Adrienne Burke, & Linda Morris
 - Mrs. Morris, Director of County Planning & Zoning Board stated that the County's goal is to approach the inevitable future growth of Nassau County correctly.
 - Taco Pope, Nassau County Planning Director reviewed the findings of the ULI and presented the Council with a packet of all the findings. He stated we are growing by leaps & bounds, and the Municipalities & County to work together in the planning.
 - Adrienne Burke, Assistant Director, presented the County with a Community Driven Plan to help with Policy Planning.
 - Mr. Bass asked why their board turned down a big company that is now doing great in Jacksonville. Mr. Pope stated that planning for the future growth means not just letting any business come in wherever they find a cheap piece of dirt. There are certain areas for businesses to help control the growth.
- Hilliard Fireworks – Commissioner John Beasley
 - Thanked Mr. Williams for stepping in and helping Hilliard while they are without a Public Works Director.
 - Asked the Council to consider sharing the Fireworks with the Town of Hilliard starting next 4th of July.
 - Hilliard has been looking into the possibility of having them at the Fairgrounds.
 - The approximate cost is \$21,000 per year and each Town's half would be \$10,500.
 - Mr. Bass stated we would add it to the next Agenda for discussion.
 - The makeup day for the rained out 4th of July Fireworks is the Saturday before Veterans Day, November 10th. Festivities will start at the American Legion at 3:00 PM with Fireworks at dark.
- Girl Scout Troop 660 – Thanksgiving Baskets – Macy Bugocoitis , Senior Scout
 - Asked the Council to once again support the Troops effort to give Thanksgiving Baskets to all the First Responders in Nassau County.
 - The Town's donation will cover the cost of the Turkey's & Hams
 - Mr. Bass stated we would add it to the next Agenda for discussion.

- Community Event - Paul Schwend
 - Stated he and the Business Leaders Breakfast group are looking do an event much like the Callahan Centennial with a Festival and ending with Fireworks.
 - The event would be the night before New Year's Eve at the school or the Fairgrounds.
 - The approximate cost would be \$15,000 and would be split ½ from the Town, and ½ from private business men.
 - Mr. Bass stated that maybe the Celtic Thunder could come do a show.
 - Mr. Bass stated we would add it to the next Agenda for discussion.

- Nassau County Economic Development Board – Laura DiBella
 - Ms. DiBella stated that it has been a re-tooling year for the Board between the Town and the County.
 - She stated that there are about 15 projects in the works for all around the County with the largest coming to Crawford Diamond with FPL, and a Solar Farm.
 - Mrs. Smith asked What FPL is planning to use all of that land for? Ms. DiBella stated for large Manufacturing Companies.
 - Mr. Bass stated it would be added to the October meeting, and would be discussed during the Budget hearings.

VIII. Business

- Dutton Way Homeowner Request – No Show

- Resolution 2018-R11 – Northeast Florida Regional Council
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-R11 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Sanitation
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that there have been a lot of issues with missed trash pickups, and the girls in the office have been spending a lot of their day taking angry calls from customers and then on the phone with Advanced who stated they just don't have enough workers.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated that another issue is Landlords putting whole houses worth of furniture to the curb, people digging through it, and the mess being everywhere. If someone calls the Town than we can call for a Bulk Pickup, but sometimes that takes a while.
 - The office staff will be instructed to keep a log, the code enforcer will visit the Landlords, and if need be Mr. Branham stated we can charge a nuisance fine of \$150 a day.
 - Once the above mentioned is addressed the Council will revisit the issue.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$3,790.91**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund **\$8,351.30**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Adjustments
 - BP Gas Station had a major leak of 387,000 gallons in July from an underground pipe that broke, and the water was thought to be from all the rain.
 - Issue was fixed by Ryan.
 - Motion to adjust the Sewer bill by \$1,935.00 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Disbursements
 - \$724.20 to water & sewer fund + \$462.72 to active customers = \$1,186.92 to be dispersed.
 - Motion to Disperse \$1,186.92 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith .
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

IX. Around the Council Table

- **Mayor** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
 - Should sign that keeps getting ran over be replaced? Council Consensus is yes.
 - Has anyone talked to the State about putting signs on the Viaducts yet? Mrs. Shaw will look into it.

- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
 - In Scotland they have donation boxes that the people contribute to cover the cost of the Fireworks.
 - Sunshine Law – Since Mrs. Graham has been appointed to fill the seat in November does the Sunshine now apply to her, as well? Mr. Branham said it's a grey area. Mrs. Graham stated she would solve the issue and just refrain from talking to the Council members, so there is no doubts.

- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets** – Stop Signs on Booth seem to be helping a little.
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing
- **Mr. Branham – Attorney**
 - Reminded the Council that when there is a possible big development the Council needs to remember not to talk to anyone about it, and to stay neutral.
- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
 - Election Qualifying will be August 1st – 15th.
- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager -- Absent**
- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
 - Fire Department has been being toned out, and working very well with the County.
 - School is about to start and traffic will be thick. Hopefully, the Sheriff's Office will step up their appearance.

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:34 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.