



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 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, Mr. Williams, five (5) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:01 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**
 - Pastor Clowers – Backpack Drive Update
 - Served 893 people – 225 Fernandina & 600 Callahan & 68 Sports Physicals
 - Sponsors: Live Oak Baptist, Anchor Church, True Believers, Greater Mt. Pleasant, Evangel Temple, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist, Town of Callahan, Paul Schwend, Vystar, St. Vincent’s, Wal-Mart, & countless Volunteers.
 - Leftovers from the Convoy of Hope that came through Callahan were also passed out to residents.
 - Next year’s event will be on July 20th

V. Minutes

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

VI. Business

- Resolution 2018-R12 -- Girl Scout Troop 660 – Thanksgiving Baskets
 - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
 - Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-R12 for \$300 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated that we have done \$500 before, but that was for baskets and sending to the Military. Before that we did \$250 for the Baskets.
 - Lengthy discussion between Council
 - Motion Carried
- Hilliard Fireworks Agreement
 - Smith in Favor of doing something together at Fairgrounds.
 - Fontes would like to do a show in Town to help our local businesses.
 - Motion to table until more details can be gotten from Hilliard by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by _____.
 - Motion dies for lack of 2nd.
 - Motion to have a Meeting with Hilliard for more details by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion:
 - Mellecker – What will happen to the 4th of July Fireworks if we don't partner.
 - Bass – If we had a sit down we could have all of our questions answered.
 - Motion withdrawn
 - Further discussion with full Council.
 - Motion to have a Meeting with Hilliard for more details on Partnership by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by _____.
 - Motion fails due to lack of 2nd.
 - Fontes & Shaw said they would rather do Mr. Schwend's plan and maybe talk with Hilliard about the Partnership next year.

- Community Event with Paul Schwend
 - Mrs. Knagge stated she had already been contacted by people wanting to donate. She said she told them until the Council decides if the Town is participating we couldn't take any donations.
 - Fontes stated we didn't ever say we would handle the money.
 - Knagge said maybe it was so the businesses could get a tax write off.
 - Mr. Branham stated that if the Town does decide to take Sponsorship than we don't state the donations are tax deductible. It is up to the individual to decide if its tax deductible on their own.
- Tabled until more details can be discussed with Paul Schwend.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund – Bookkeeper out sick.
- Water & Sewer Fund -- Bookkeeper out sick.
 - Water & Sewer Adjustments -- Bookkeeper out sick.

VII. Around the Council Table

➤ **Mayor**

- Attended FLC Conference and the biggest concern discussed for us is Home Rule. The State Legislators are trying to take all power from the Municipalities. We live here and we know what our people need. Please contact your Representatives and tell them we want to keep Home Rule.

➤ **Mrs. Smith – Parks**

- Graffiti was all cleaned this week.
- Please call me if you see anymore, because I don't have small kids that play on the equipment.

➤ **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer** -- None

➤ **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – None

➤ **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**

- Attempted to contact FHP about more coverage, but have not received a call back.

➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning**

- Apartment Complex has been tabled by the Planning & Zoning Board for changes in the plans.

➤ **Mr. Branham – Attorney**

- Tax Deed transfer with School Board has some discrepancies', so I will bring back after some adjustments.
- There was a letter drafted for supporters of the Centennial Celebration that we can use if we partner with Mr. Schwend.

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Smith, Shaw, Kirk, and Knagge all qualified without opposition. Rau & Fontes qualified and will be running against each other for Mayor in the November Election.

➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager**

- Spoke with Mr. Fox and a new Grant Cycle is coming up and needs to be added to the next Agenda for further discussion.
- Current CDBG Grant is almost complete. Just some cleanup & restoration to be done.

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

- Really need to do some cleanup at the area businesses.
- Graham stated there is a dump planned at the Fairgrounds on the 8th for paint, electronics, and other hazardous waste.
- We also need to look into doing more enforcement of Code Violations.
- Gas Tax – Fernandina is using their part for a new Public Works Director.
 - Mr. Williams – we should receive about \$14,000 a year.

- Mr. Fontes asked since Mrs. Graham will take his seat in November is she allowed to talk to other Council people about items on Agenda or that could be on the Agenda when she takes office.
- Mr. Banham said it's a grey area.
 - Mrs. Graham stated that she would just not talk to them about any Town Business.

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8: 06 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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