

“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 4, 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, __ (---) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Williams

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:02 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** -- None
- V. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- VI. **Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve the Minutes with Scrivener’s Errors amended by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Presentations

- West Nassau Historical Society – Smithsonian Exhibit – Emily Baumgartner
 - The event will be held from October 27th – December 8th
 - The Callahan official Presentation will take place on November 30th in accordance with the Tree Lighting.
 - All Public Officials are encouraged to attend.

VIII. Business

- Alcohol Venders License – BJ’s Seafood & Sports Bar – Maxine Simmons – 450188 Old Dixie
 - Ms. Simmons along with CEO, Bernard Jones, would like the Council to consider allowing them to serve Beer & Wine along with their food.
 - Mr. Branham asked if at least 51% of their sales was expected to be food. Ms. Simmons stated that it would be.
 - Motion to Approve BJ’s Seafood & Sports Bar to sell beer & wine by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion:
 - Mrs. Shaw asked size of building. Ms. Simmons stated it is 1100 Sq. Ft.
 - Mr. Bass asked if there was any comment from the Audience. There was none.
 - Motion Carried
- Community Event with Paul Schwend – Booth Street
 - Shared condolences with Coach Sims who lost his wife this past week.
 - Stated Coach Sims will be the Voice of the Warrior games live on Radio Channel 102.3 sponsored by the Schwend Agency.
 - Wants to clear up any confusion & answer any questions about the Community Fireworks project:
 - Would like this to be a Town sponsored Event where business leaders can donate to the Town to help cover the cost of \$10,000-\$13,000 for the Fireworks.
 - West Nassau is on board to host on their fields, ROTC will handle the parking, and the Clubs can have booths with food to help with their fundraising efforts.
 - There needs to be more events in the Community to keep people local and help the local businesses.
 - Motion to have the Town be the Lead Agency for Community Fireworks on December 30th by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion:
 - Mayor Rau stated that Paul has been a great asset for our Community and the Town is very grateful.
 - Motion Carried

- FRDAP Grant
 - Mr. Williams stated that the new Grant cycle is starting, and if we want in on it we need to apply.
 - Mrs. Smith stated that we could use another \$50,000 for Playground Equipment.
 - Mrs. Knagge stated that the Basketball Courts could really use revamping.
 - Mr. Fontes stated maybe a Bandstand.
 - Mrs. Smith said like a theatre area.
 - Mr. Schwend said maybe a stage area at the Depot.
 - Mr. Williams stated the Comp Plan would need to be updated, but he could have the Planning & Zoning Board work on that next meeting.
 - Motion to move forward with a FRDAP grant for \$50,000 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Wastewater Equipment
 - Mr. Williams stated that the Centrifuge is broken, and the parts, which are Sole Sourced, are \$15,250.
 - Motion to approve the Sole Source of fixing the Centrifuge by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- 1st Budget Hearing
 - Resolution 2018-R13 – Proposed Millage Rate
 - Mr. Branham read by Title.
 - Mr. Williams stated he thinks the taxes need to go up to 3.0338 to cover:
 - Street Improvements within the Town
 - The \$35,000 deficient the new tax break for homeowners will make
 - Downside for increase is that the County has done a substantial increase this year.
 - Mr. Fontes stated he didn't feel we need to hit our people like the County is doing.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:40 PM
 - No Public Comment
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM
 - Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R13 to set tentative rate at 2.6685 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Mr. Branham stated that the motion would need to state 'amend' not 'adopt'
 - Motion Withdrawn.
 - Motion to Amend Resolution 2018-R13 to set tentative rate at Rollback rate of 2.6685 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

- Resolution 2018-R14 – Proposed Budget
 - Mr. Branham read by Title.
 - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:45 PM
 - Deacon Moore asked for Title to be re-read.
 - Mr. Branham re-read the Title.
 - No further Public Comment.
 - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:47 PM
 - Motion to accept Resolution 2018-R14 with the Amendment for Proposed Budget to reflect the Rollback rate. \$1,866,875 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$8,358.18**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$18,589.45**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
 - Royal Inn had a water leak of over 39,000 gallons that was repaired by a Plumber.
 - Motion to adjust Royal Inn’s water bill for \$195 for the Sewer part of the bill by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Mellecker wanted to know if there were receipts from the Plummer. Mr. Fontes stated that there was.
 - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements –
 - \$533.36 to Water & Sewer + \$258.95 to Active Customers = \$792.31 Disbursements
 - Motion to Disburse \$792.95 from the Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

IX. Around the Council Table

➤ Mayor

- There is a lot of stuff going on in Tallahassee. Please participate & contact your Representatives about HomeRule.

- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
 - Heard back from DOT about the curve at Lem Turner & US1 being so bad? They stated it would take 6-8 weeks to get back with me, but it's a start.

- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
 - Asked Mrs. Shaw about the Christmas Party, because if we are going to do like last year we need to make Reservations. Mrs. Shaw stated that we wouldn't be going that route again.

- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**
 - Stated that the Sign has been redone with the Insurance money collected.
 - Mr. Mellecker asked if she had decided on doing something different with the Christmas Lights, and she stated she was looking into other options.
 - Mr. Bass asked if we need lower lights at red light. Mrs. Shaw stated that the Sheriff's Office has asked DOT about a Red Light there at Mickler & 301. Mrs. Shaw & Mr. Bass have a meeting with the Sheriff's Office on the 25th.

- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing

- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
 - Stated we need to have an enforced fee process for Code Violations.
 - Mr. Branham stated that we do in Chapter 25 of the Code Book.
 - Lengthy discussion on making sure citations are followed through on every 30 days, and then on the 3rd one being handled by Mr. Branham.
 - Mrs. Shaw stated she has been trying to get the same furniture picked up for 6 weeks. Mr. Williams stated the contract is up in September 2019 unless we would like to send a letter stating how they are not performing.


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

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
 - We really need to follow through on Businesses being dirty. Mrs. Shaw stated that all comes back to the Code Enforcer.
 - Mrs. West stated there is a waste, tire, and hazardous dump at the Fairgrounds on Saturday from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM or until the dumpster is full. Tires are from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

- **Mr. Bass opened to Audience.** No Public Comment.

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:12 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.