



“The Crossroads to the Future”

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, one (1) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** None

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- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:00 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. **Minutes**
  - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- VI. **Treasurer’s Report**
  - Motion to Approve the Treasurer’s Report by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## VII. Business

- 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing
  - Resolution 2017-R05 – Proposed Millage Rate
    - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
      - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:05 PM
        - No Public Comment
      - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:07 PM
    - Motion to accept the Rollback Rate on Resolution 2017-R05 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion:
      - Mr. Fontes stated he was for the Rollback Rate to show business' and incentive to come inside the Town Limits. Besides the fact the Tax Increase would only add about \$9,000 in Revenue.
      - Mrs. Shaw stated she was good with the Rollback Rate.
    - Motion Carried
  - Resolution 2017-R06 – Proposed Budget
    - Mr. Branham Read by Title.
      - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:10 PM
        - No Public Comment
      - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:12 PM
    - Motion to accept Resolution 2017-R06 by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion:
      - Mr. Mellecker asked if this would be at the Rollback Rate, as well. Mrs. Knagge stated that it would because they had to match.
    - Motion Carried
- Property Appraiser's Agreement
  - Mr. Branham gave an overview of the Agreement the Property Appraiser's Office would like to enter into with an outside company to recoup unfound/paid property taxes.
  - Motion to accept the agreement by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes.
    - Discussion:
      - Mrs. Smith asked how this could affect the Town. Mr. Branham stated us recouping our % of the 70% the Property Appraiser's Office would obtain could only help not hurt.
    - Motion Carried
- Affidavit of Non-Acceptance
  - Mr. Branham stated that after much research on the Mr. Greene Property he has drafted an Affidavit of Non-Acceptance to be submitted to the County and then it will no longer look like the Property was ever the Town's.
  - Motion to proceed with the Affidavit of Non-Acceptance to be signed by the Mayor by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None

- Motion Carried
- Fire Station Roof
  - Mr. Williams stated that the Roof over the Fire Station off the Ridge vents and over the bays to the bunkhouse is in dire need of fixing due to some water damage.
  - He stated that due to the urgency of the situation who is asking for Sole Source.
  - Mr. Fontes asked if it would be more beneficial to go ahead and repair the roof instead of to keep applying “Band-Aids” to something that has been needing to be replaced.
  - Mr. Williams stated that for a shingle roof would be about \$30,000 and a tin roof about \$52,000 with the difference being the length and durability.
  - Mr. Mellecker stated he would like to see Bids for both options instead of pouring money into patches.
  - General Consensus of the Council was for Mr. Williams to go for Bids on both options.

## VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$8,068.76**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$22,296.74**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments – None
- Water & Sewer Disbursements for August
  - Motion to \$332.56 to Water & Sewer Fund + \$624.65 to Customers = \$957.21 in Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried

## IX. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Nothing
- Mrs. Smith – Parks
  - Electrical Work on Park to start on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
  - Stated he spoke with Ms. Geiger and she is onboard with City Government Week.
  - Stated he has been paying more attention to landscaping in Town and the newer places have more trees and generally look nicer, so it appears our landscaping ordinance is working.
  
- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing
  
- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**
  - Stated she has been researching Christmas Banners and they are about \$140 each which would allow for about 6 on each end of town with lights to equal about \$3400. To do banner signs at each entrance to Town would be about \$200-\$250.
  - Council Consensus to get the required 3 quotes.
  
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing
  
- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing
  
- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - School Board Joint Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station
  - Florida City Government Week – October 23-29, 2017
  
- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** -- Nothing
  
- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Captain Larry Downy gave an update to the Council on where the Station stands on Grants for the Radios.
  - Captain Downey stated the Volunteers had collected \$10,000 for the MDA.
  - Captain Downey stated that the Volunteer crew is as ready as they can be for Hurricane Irma.
  - Mr. Bass stated that he is still very concerned with the people flying through Town.

**X. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: 8:04 PM

  
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 John Kenneth Bass, Council President

  
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 Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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