

“The Crossroads to the Future”

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2018

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Fontes, Mr. Bass, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Williams, fourteen (14) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

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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 Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- VI. **Business**
  - Final Public Hearing
    - Ordinance 2018-004 – Annexation of Parcels: 19-2N-25-0000-0150-0010 & 19-2N-25-0000-0150-0000
      - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
      - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:04 PM

- Lin DeLassus – 45053 Old Dixie Highway
      - Stated that he & his neighbors were very unhappy with the thought of a truck stop and the ruffraff that comes with it at the end of their road and by a Middle School. Asked the Council to reconsider allowing this to happen.
    - Mr. Williams reminded the audience and the Council that the site plan for the Journey has already been approved, and that tonight's vote is for the annexation.
    - Mr. DeLassus stated he Stated he wanted it on record that a truck stop is nothing but a stain on our society with Crime, Prostitution, Pedophiles, etc.
  - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:10 PM
  - Motion to accept Ordinance 2018-004 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Discussion:
    - Mrs. Smith stated that she is aware that there are a lot of concerned citizens, but that she has learned that sometimes our hands are tied and we have to vote according to the Code & Ordinances of our Town.
    - Mrs. Carmella DeLassus asked what if the property wasn't annexed could that stop it.
    - Mr. Williams stated that only a portion of the Journey's property is outside the Town limits, so they could then go through the County, and we have no say on anything... looks, overnight parking, nothing.
  - Motion Carried.
- Ordinance 2018-005 – Re-Zoning of Parcels: 19-2N-25-0000-0150-0010 & 19-2N-25-0000-0150-0000
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Closed Regular Meeting & Opened Public Hearing at 7:18 PM
    - No Public Comment
  - Closed Public Hearing & Reopened Regular Meeting at 7:18 PM
  - Motion to accept Ordinance 2018-005 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried.
- First Reading
  - Ordinance 2018-006 – Personnel Policies Chapter 162-8
    - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
    - Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2018-006 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion
      - Lengthy discussion between Mr. Mellecker & Mayor Fontes.
      - Mayor Fontes asked to table and work on some more.
    - Mr. Mellecker withdrew his motion and Mrs. Shaw withdrew her 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Ordinance 2018-007 -- Residential Low Density Conditional Use
    - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
    - Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2018-007 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Graham.
    - Discussion:
      - Mrs. Shaw asked about Spot Zoning.
      - Mrs. Smith stated she thought we have a Conditional Use problem, and maybe we shouldn't allow it.
      - Mr. Williams stated if the Law Office sold the Conditional Use would not carry over to the purchaser.
      - Mr. Mellecker stated there isn't a lot of traffic with a law office.
    - Vote:
      - Graham – Yes
      - Smith – No
      - Shaw – No
      - Mellecker – Yes
      - Bass – Yes
    - Motion Carried
  
- Delinquent Water & Sewer Accounts
  - Mayor stated the Water & Sewer accounts need to be cleaned up.
    - Write off \$8,760.14 of uncollectable debts
  - Motion to write off \$8,760.14 of uncollectable debts from the Water & Sewer Account by Mrs. Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
  
- Distribution of Water & Sewer Meter and Advanced Funds
  - Mayor stated the Meter & Advanced fund has \$9,094.79 that is not attached to any accounts and need to be moved to the Water & Sewer Fund
  - Motion to move \$9,094.79 to the Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried
  
- Application for 'Florida Job Growth Fund' for Infrastructure
  - Mayor stated we are in the running for a 5 million dollar grant for infrastructure for the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park. If approved by Mayor Scott those funds plus \$4.5 million from FPL would handle the cost of pipelines for the Town to handle the Water & Sewer for the Industrial Park. This would be beneficial for anyone along that corridor who has been wanting to tap into town water & sewer. Asking that the Council grant him permission to sign paperwork for the Grant, and work on moving forward with it.
  - Motion to give Mayor Fontes authority to sign documents for the grant by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
    - Discussion

- Mrs. Graham asked if the piping is strictly for FPL Customers. Mayor stated they would be for anyone wanting to tap in.
  - Mr. Mellecker asked what property we would be using. Mayor stated all DOT right of way.
  - Mrs. Smith asked when we would hear of the acceptance. Fontes said before Mayor Scott leaves office, so soon.
  - Mrs. Graham asked Mr. Branham asked if there was anything we should be concerned with, and he stated only about 500 jobs, but that is in a 15 years.
  - Laura Dibella stated the next step would be the Mayor signing a contract with the DEO, and that the job requirements is 800 in 15 years.
- Motion Carried.
- Retention Pond Bids
  - Lengthy Discussion
  - Tabled for 3 Bids.
- Out with a Boom Fireworks Spectacular
  - Mrs. Knagge - Total donations so far: \$4,750
  - Mayor – Gates open at 4:00 PM & Entertainment at 5:00 PM

### **Review & Approval of Town Expenditures**

- General Fund **\$20,345.90**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$16,196.94**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Graham.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried
  - Water & Sewer Adjustments
    - Juniors Seafood – Major leak behind sink in August that was fixed.
      - Motion to adjust Sewer amount of \$285 by Mrs. Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried
    - Pamela Smith – Meter running fast after guys went to look.
      - Motion to adjust Sewer amount of \$24.24 by Mrs. Graham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried

## VII. Around the Council Table

### ➤ Mayor –

- Code Enforcement Officer Position will be re-advertised.
- Meeting with Funds Company in the morning to help reduce fees and make money.
- There are a number of people looking to get connected to the municipal water supply.
- New employee is needed to train towards Water, Sewer, and Mosquito Control job functions.
  - Mrs. Graham stated that the Council needs to realize how much Mr. Williams does for this Town, and it is going to be very to get someone to replace him.
  - There was a consensus among the board to hire for that position.
- Morocco Shrine to distribute to local \$240 – Consensus.

### ➤ Mrs. Smith – Parks – Nothing

### ➤ Mrs. Graham – Water & Sewer --

- The town needs to annex some more property so that there is a place for people to live. Just need adjoining property owners to consent.

### ➤ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing

### ➤ Mrs. Shaw – Streets -- Nothing

### ➤ Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing

### ➤ Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing

### ➤ Mrs. Knagge – Clerk

- The mandatory Ethics Training for Elected Officials is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

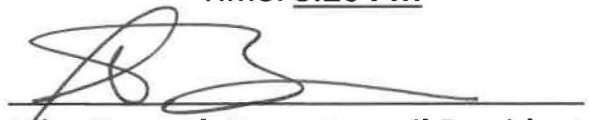
### ➤ Mr. Williams – Town Manager – Nothing

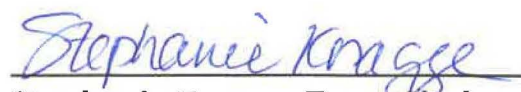
### ➤ Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire

- The Santa Run went well for the Volunteers, and there were a lot of smiles from the children around town.
- Working on a Meeting date with Dr. Burns and the School Board Members.

## VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Graham. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:26 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.