



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Mrs. Kirk

- 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**
 1. Daveda Newsom – 37085 Pecan Street
 - New Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce
 - Looking to build a stronger relationship between the Chamber, the Town, the Residents, the Business’, and the NCEDB.
- V. **Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion:
 - Mrs. Smith: Stated she felt her name was in where Mrs. Shaw should have been on Page 2 of 5 where it stated, “Mrs. Smith asked why only an 8 week stay.”
 - The Clerk and Mrs. Shaw stated they felt it was correct.

- Motion to amend the Motion to approve the Minutes to state “approve the Minutes once the Clerk verifies who actually made the statement, and corrects if needed by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VI. Business

- 1st Reading
 - Ordinance 2017-004 – Chapter 195 Addition of RV Parks
 - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
 - Motion to accept the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2017-004 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion:
 - Fontes – Section 13 states “Open Fire Prohibited” should it state: “Open Fires are prohibited outside of designated containers or devices”
 - Mr. Branham stated it could.
 - Mayor stated it shouldn’t be changed because if it’s too detailed then there can be more issues.
 - Council Consensus to leave the same.
 - Mr. Williams – Stated person wishing to put in an RV Park has asked: “Would the Council consider excepting fencing over the hardwood buffer?”
 - Mrs. Smith said, “No, because we need our town to look nice and trees make that happen. Looking at a Fence is not pretty. In fact, it may need to be 20 feet apart instead of 15 feet.”
 - Mrs. Shaw stated she agreed to the 20 feet.
 - Mr. Mellecker stated this is a City, and cities don’t have to have trees, and if we start getting too detailed we are asking for trouble.
 - Mr. Fontes stated he felt this all could be handled in the Commercial Landscape Plan.
 - Mayor Rau stated he felt we were trying to get too detailed.
 - Motion to amend the Ordinance to make Section 17 state the trees should be 20 feet apart instead of 15 feet apart by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Mr. Fontes: No
 - Mrs. Smith: Yes
 - Mrs. Shaw: Yes
 - Mr. Mellecker: No
 - Mr. Bass: No
 - Motion Failed

VII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$10,211.81**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$10,783.38**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

VIII. Around the Council Table

- **Mayor**
 - Went to FLC Conference, and learned a lot of new things to help the Town.
 - The Home Rule Bill trying to be passed in Tallahassee will take away small towns the ability to regulate their Towns. Encouraged everyone to stay on top of their Legislatures in Tallahassee to NOT take away the power of small towns to regulate themselves.
- **Mrs. Smith – Parks** – Nothing
- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
 - Crawford Diamond is still going strong. Commend Mr. Williams for all he is doing to work on the Town's part of the Deals. The benefits to the Town's Water & Sewer Department will be advantageous for all.
- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Absent
- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets** -- Nothing
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing
- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing
- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
 - Change Date of School Board Joint Meeting – 26th
 - Florida City Government Week – October 23-29, 2017
 - Mr. Fontes will contact Mrs. Geiger & Mr. Bryan to see if they would be interested to possibly bringing kids over for a Mock Meeting on the 23rd.
 - First Reading of Budget on September 5th due to holiday on the 4th

➤ Mr. Williams – Town Manager -- Nothing

➤ Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire

- There have been complaints of trash in the streets after the trucks from Advanced Disposal Trash & Recycling leave.
 - Mr. Fontes stated their contract is up in 2 years.
 - Mr. Branham said we need to contact them and give them the Opportunity to make things better. If they don't then we can send a formal notice.
- Met with new Fire Chief Monday night along with our Volunteers and he stated he is really wanting to start utilizing us more.
- Radio Requirement is now December 2018.

IX. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- Time: 7:46 PM


John Kenneth Bass, Council President


Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk