



"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Minutes

October 21, 2024 ** 7:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Mayor Knagge, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Bishop-Vargas, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Gugliuzza, 12 Members of the Community and 2 Members of the Media.
Absent: Ms. Shaw

- I. **Call to Order** – Ken Bass at 7:00 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Ken Bass
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Ken Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit** – None
- V. **Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes for 9-30-2024 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

A motion to approve the minutes for 10-21-2024 by Mr. Davis and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

VI. Treasurers Report

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Mrs. Bishop- Vargas and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

VII. Business:

➤ **Callahan Volunteer Fire Department Request for Bunker Gear**

Callahan Volunteer Fire Chief- Christopher (Chris) Wood-44164 Charwood Drive
Callahan, Florida 32011

I am asking the council for new bunker gear the cost for 11 sets will be \$29,686.00. I have three sets still in date.

When I started, I had four volunteers and now we are up too twelve. We raised \$24,676.86 at the fair this year.

Retail price on the bunker gear is \$3,833.53 for the set however we would receive a discount of \$1,042.00.

Mrs. Fleming asked if any of the 12 volunteers are certified

Mr. Wood stated that we are in the process of training now. We have a class coming up this Saturday. All are taking Fire 1 for the written/test portion.

Mrs. Fleming asked if the bunker gear was required to finish training

Mr. Wood stated that yes, the volunteers must have in date bunker gear to finish training. The practical is in April, and we need the bunker gear by then.

Mrs. Bishop-Vargas asked if grants can be used to purchase bunker gear.

Mr. Wood stated yes, and we have started the grant process.

A consensus from the council to postpone buying the bunker gear right now to see if we can get the grant funding to purchase the gear and if not revisit the purchase of the bunker gear closer to April.

➤ **The Vault (Todd Jones & Joseph Zimmerman)**

Joseph Zimmerman- 80795 Kipling Drive Yulee, FL. 32097 – Representing Todd Jones and The Vault. Mr. Jones is present if the council would like him any questions. What we are here to ask is for a change in the code to codify it to match the county to adjust the sale and consumption hours to 7:00 am on Sunday and other days of the week.

A consensus to amend Chapter 66 of the Town Code by changing the hours on which alcoholic beverages can be sold within the Towns Limits on Sundays to 7:00am

➤ **Resolution No. 2024-R14 Episcopal Children's Service**

Ms. Pearce read the Resolution No. 2024-R14 out loud to the room.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-R14 a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Episcopal Childrens Service by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

➤ **The Towns Christmas Lights**

Mr. Williams, I received a call from FPL and unfortunately, due to safety issues we will not be able to hang the lights on the poles this year. We are coming up with some alternatives and we will still be doing the entry signs.

➤ **2050 Vision**
-Tabled

VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures:

General Fund the weeks of October 10th \$5,761.87 & 17th \$58,858.76 totaling \$ 64,620.63

Motion to approve General Fund the weeks of October 10th \$5,761.87, 17th \$58,858.76 totaling \$ 64,620.63 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

Water & Sewer Fund the weeks of October 10th \$5,056.90 & 17th \$74,672.80 totaling \$79,729.70

Motion to approve Water & Sewer Fund the weeks of October 10th \$5,056.90 & 17th \$74,672.80 totaling \$79,729.70 by Mr. Davis and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- **Motion Carried**
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll

X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – The fair finished I had the opportunity to work the ROTC booth and I checked with the volunteers to see if they needed any help but every night, they had a full staff. Everything went very well. Last week I, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Bishop-Vargas went to a workshop at Hilliard Town Hall for the 2050 Vision. I believe the county is coming to the next meeting to discuss.
- Mrs. Bishop Vargas- None
- Mrs. Fleming – None
- Mrs. Kirk- None
- Ms. Shaw- Absent
- Mr. Davis – None
- Mrs. Pearce- None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza- None
- Mr. Williams- The ROTC did such a great job with the sandbags I'd like to do a Resolution at the next meeting.
- Mr. Bass – None

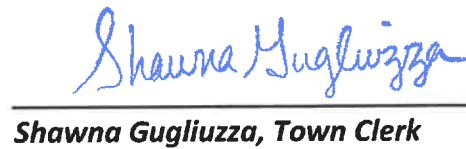
X. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Davis and 2nd by Ms. Shaw

- Discussion: None
- Time: 7:31 pm



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Shawna Gugliuzza, Town Clerk

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