

Town of Century Council Meeting Minutes January 06, 2026, at 6:15 PM

The data reflected in these proceedings constitute an extrapolation of information elicited from notes, observations, recording tapes, photographs, and/or videotapes. Comments reflected herein are sometimes paraphrased, condensed, and/or have been edited to reflect essential subject matter addressed during the meeting. Parties interested in receiving a verbatim account of the proceedings are responsible for coordinating with the Town Clerk and providing their own representative and equipment pursuant to Chapters 119 and 283, Florida Statutes.

Call Meeting to Order

6:17pm immediately following the bills list which was at 6:15pm.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember John Bass lead the meeting with prayer.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2025 and Special Called Meeting of December 18, 2025

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass. to approve both sets of minutes. Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

B. Approval of Bill List

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

Public Forum #1

Cynthia McKinney with Century Community Outreach Program came and requested that the rent be left at \$1.00 for the next 6 months. She stated that they are trying to get their tax exempt status and get grants coming in to help pay the rent in the facility. It was stated that the council would leave the rent at that. It was also stated that they would be getting the Power into their names. Within 90 days they would be coming back to the Town and putting the lease agreement into the business name.

A citizen stated that the bills were mailed out on the 12th but she didn't receive hers until the 22nd of December. She requested that the town let the post office know that the mail was for in town mailing. The Town Clerk stated that the post office does not allow that any longer.

Evelynn Deterville stated that the neighborhood watch program is going great and that there was a good turn out and that there would be meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. She stated that she would love for the Council to attend the meetings. Mrs. Deterville stated that there would also be a speaker coming to the college on January 16, 2026 at 5:30pm to speak on vaping and the different aspects for individuals to look for. This program is free to the public and it was stated that the town needs to turn out and attend these events.

4. Action Items

A. MESI Project Updates

Dale long brought and went through the slides with updates for all of the projects that are currently being handled by MES for the Town of Century.

B. Elect Council President and Vice President

Council President

Motion made by Councilmember Bass to nominate Councilmember Lewis to maintain her position as council president. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. With Bass, Cunningham, Lewis voting yes and Abraham and Harrison voting no.

Council Vice-President

Motion made by Councilmember Harrison to nominate Councilmember Abraham to council vice president. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. With Bass, Cunningham, Abraham and Harrison voting yes and Lewis voting no.

C. Schedule for Council Meetings 2026

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

D. RESOLUTION 2026-001-LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN 2025

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

5. Mayor's Report

No Comments

6. Council Comments

Councilmember Bass desired to have employee evaluations done. He stated that he would love reports on what employees are working on.

Councilmember Abraham stated that she would love to have information on where we are on the payment link, direct deposit, EMA notifications, and the employee

handbook. It was also stated that the Chamber Meetings would be on the first Thursday of each month at noon with the exception of December. Also that there would be two or more councilmember present at these meetings in addition to the Mayor.

Councilmember Cunningham stated that he would like to get an update on the finances. He asked why the Town Accountant Robert Hudson had not come and brought items to the council to do with the finances and audit.

Councilmember Harrison stated that she would like to see all of the Councilmembers vision plans. She wished to challenge the councilmembers to do a vision plan and to publicize it.

Councilmember Lewis stated that she would like an update on DEP. The town engineer stated that DEP is being addressed as different items come up and is a constantly a work in progress. It just depends at what time DEP is asking for what information and when.

Councilmember Bass stated that many times the council is the last to know about information to do with the town and he wants the council in the know on what all is going on.

7. Staff Comments/ Report

8. Action Item- Renting units 6A-6B

Renting Units 6A-6B for community outreach for food giveaways for \$1.00 per month for the next 6 months.

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

9. Adjourn

At 7:46pm

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Harrison.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

10. *§ In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk no later than noon the day of the meeting to request assistance. § If HEARING impaired, please contact TDD (TDD-Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) at 1-800-955-8771. § If VOICE impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for assistance. § If a person decides to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for that purpose, he may need to ensure that a "verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal to be based." Minutes of the Town Council meetings can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. The cost of duplication and/or court reporter will be at the expense of the requesting party. Minutes are recorded but are not transcribed verbatim.*

Town of Century

Attest:

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

