

Town of Century Council Meeting Minutes May 20, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Ms. Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor
Mr. Henry Cunningham, Councilmember
Mr. John Bass, Councilmember

Mrs. Dynette Lewis, Council President
Mrs. Shelisa McCall-Abraham, Councilmember

Others Present Were:

Mr Howard Brown, Interim Town Administrator

Mrs Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lewis at 6:30 p.m.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

- A. Prayer was given by Council President Lewis and Council President Lewis led the pledge to the American Flag.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham and seconded by Councilmember Bass to approve the bills list. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of the Bills List

A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham and seconded by Councilmember McCall-Abraham to approve the bills list. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FOREUM #1

The Town of Century welcomes you to this meeting. This is time set aside for the Citizens of Century to address the Town Council. This is not a question-and-answer period, it is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations and derogatory remarks to/or about town personnel. If you would like to address the Town Council, please raise your hand to speak, state your name and address for the record or fill out a public form request form and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes per Florida Statute 286.0114. To ask a question via phone; dial 850-366-6244 and wait to be recognized/unmuted. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated.

Mary Beth Washnock from Mass Transit Committee requested that someone be on the committee from the Town of Century. The meetings will be quarterly. It was requested to be on the agenda for June 3, 2025.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Public Meeting to Receive comments on the miscellaneous water systems improvements. Dale Long stated that money has already been given to the design. There are two different budgets for capital expenses and operating expenses. There will be a meeting before the 2026 Budget Time to have the amount placed on the 2026 budget

No one had any comments or questions.

- b. Mid-Year Budget Status Report-FY 2025 by Robert Hudson

- c. Approval of the job description for the Town Administration

Requested to the Town Council that everything be reviewed by the mayor and two Councilmembers every year. Councilmember Cunningham and Councilmember Bass volunteered to be on the committee.

- d. Approval and Execution of the Interagency Agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections. It is a three-year agreement and expires on the 14th.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCall-Abraham and seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Request for the approval of the transfer from the street department for Darrin Merchant to the gas department. His rate of pay will be \$20.00 per hour. It is a three-year agreement and expires on the 14th.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Ordinance No. 06-2025 for the Special Called Election

A motion was made by Councilmember McCall-Abraham and seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Mayors Report

Mayor Boutwell stated that he wished to congratulate the Lady Chiefs for making it to the State Championships, all public buildings that are being rented for public use are to be placed under Park and Recreation. It was stated that the person on call would be checking the building to ensure that it is cleaned on Sunday Morning and if someone needed to be hired out to clean the building then it could be done and taken out of the person's deposit.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCall-Abraham to place the buildings under park and recreation and seconded by Councilmember Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Councilmember Comments

- a. Councilmember Bass wished to thank all the citizens that came out and voted. He also stated that he would like to see more photos of Century placed on the Website so that anyone interested in moving here would see what Century has to offer. Councilmember McCall-Abraham stated that the chamber is working on Truck-or-Treat. Councilmember Lewis stated that she was very pleased to see previous Mayor Gomez in the audience.
- b. Councilmember Lewis stated that the Ag Building needs a coat of paint, the water fountain taken out, a vent hood placed, the microwave taken down and a new one purchased for the counter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham and seconded by Councilmember McCall-Abraham to approve up to \$3000.00 for the upgrades and maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Comments/Report

- a. Interim Town Manager Brown stated that someone had been in contact with him about the town possibly being given a cemetery. It was decided that due to the cost and upkeep that it was not in the Town's best interest.
- b. Town Clerk Moore stated that the Town's computers are going to need upgrades to be able to continue to receive support or the Town could purchase an extension.
A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham and seconded by Councilmember Bass to approve up to \$1,500 for the extensions. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Town Clerk Moore stated that the AC needs to be serviced at Town Hall and that a part had to be ordered for the Council Chambers AC. She stated that all the Air Conditioners need to be cleaned and serviced. It was also noted that she was working on getting the Splash Pad back operational.

9. PUBLIC FOREUM #2

Doll Dynasty requested to start using the towns facilities for the team’s dance programs. It was stated that she needed to come back and be on the agenda with her business plan and information at the next council meeting.

10. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilmember Cunningham and seconded by Councilmember McCall-Abraham. The motion passed with all Councilmembers voting Yes. The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Town of Century

Attest:

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

