

# **Town of Century Council Meeting Minutes August 05, 2025, at 6:15 PM**

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## **Call Meeting to Order**

### **1. PRESENT**

Mayor Ben Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

### **2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes From July 22, 2025**

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

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

#### **B. Approval of Bill List**

It was asked by President Lewis why the office equipment maintenance was so high and over budget and the sewer and water maintenance was only budgeted for \$3,500.

It was also asked by Councilmember Cunningham why the invoices were no longer placed in the packets and we have them for review upon request to prevent having to make so many copies.

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

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

## **Public Forum #1**

N/A

### **4. Action Items**

#### **A. Town Administrator Recruitment – Selection of Candidates for Formal Interview**

The town council narrowed down the candidates with the following votes, Charles Anderson (4 votes), Timothy Day (4 votes), Peter Cavalli (3 votes), Brian Underwood (3 votes), and Lisa Rouse (3 votes) with the 6th contender David Murzin (2 votes)

Motion made by Abraham, Seconded by Cunningham.

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

Mr. William Reynolds asked about Mrs. Rouse not having a college education and the advertisement stating it was. Mr. Brown stated that it was ok and that the council can choose to modify.

B. Ordinance 08-2025 First Reading Proposed Adoption of Cross Connection Control Program

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

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

C. Request to Travel to FLC-FAST Committee Meeting

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Harrison.

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

D. Resolution 2025-008 Century Youth Advisory Council

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Harrison.

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

E. Approval to utilize LOST funds to purchase items.

Transfer from Lost of \$63,500 to pay Talcon Group

Transfer from Lost of \$36,998 to FDOT for Promissory Note

Transfer from Lost for \$65,000 for HVAC at Town Hall

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

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

F. Hiring of One Individual and the placement of one.

Hiring of a Mr. James Lewis for the street department and a promotion of Gary Small to Gas Superintendent at \$22 per hour.

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

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

Town Clerk advised Mr. Brown that President Lewis should abstain from voting due to her relation to Mr. Lewis.

5. Mayor Boutwell stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting would be on December 5, 2025. December 12, 2025 is the parade and movie in the park. Applications for the parade can be picked up at Town Hall or with the Chamber.

**6. Council Comments**

Councilmember Bass stated that he needed a brass name badge for himself.

Councilmember Abraham stated that she had gotten sponsors for the FLEX Transit for Children and Students to be able to ride for free in the event that they miss the bus. There is an APP for individuals to be able to get a ride. Trunk Or Treat is being planned by the Chamber.

Council President Lewis stated that the businesses need to be more involved and maybe we need to do things in conjunction with Jay or Flomaton or the Schools.

**7. Staff Comments/ Report**

Mr. Brown stated that the Town has received their rural designation back and it will be brining more opportunities to the town in the form of grants.

**8. Public Forum #2**

Mr. William Reynolds stated that MILO will be at the county office.

**9. Adjourn**

At 7:22pm

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**Attest:**

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Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

**Town of Century**

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Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

