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Town of Lee Little but Proud

Agenda and Minutes for April 3, 2018

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Lee Town Council
Town of Lee, Florida
To Be Held At Kinsey Hall
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7 p.m., EST

Amend or Update Agenda

Minutes of: March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

Public Comments

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Reports:

Lee Volunteer Fire Department

Town Manager

Bills:

Utility: **#2488 - #2499; ACH #331 - #336**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1517 - #1518**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8392- #8406; ACH #829- #840, EFT #03-01 to 03-07**

Ernie Page, Town Attorney

Rick Davis, County Commissioner

Council Member Comments

Public Comments: **Public Comments will be limited to 5 (Five) minutes or less.**

IF A PERSON DECIDED TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY SUCH MEETINGS, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

James E. Bell – Mayor (Nov. 2018), Dianne Beck – President – Group 5 (Nov. 2018), Shirley VonRoden – Group 1 (Nov. 2020),
Edwin McMullen – Group 2 (Nov. 2020), Erika Robinson – Group 3 (Nov. 2020), Ronnie Bass – Group 4 (Nov. 2018).
John Anderson – Town Manager / Clerk, Courtney Bailey – Deputy Clerk, Dennis Legendre – Public Works Superintendent

Lee Town Council

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 3, 2018

Mayor: James E. Bell
Council President: Dianne Beck
Council: Ronnie Bass, Erika Robinson, Shirley VonRoden
Town Manager/Clerk: John Anderson
Attorney: Ernest Page
Absent: Edwin McMullen

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order.

Amend or Update Agenda.

Council reviewed the agenda.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman VonRoden seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the March 6, 2018 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council.

Mayor asked for a vote:**Action Item:**

A motion to accept the minutes as printed for the March 6, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Council President Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Reports**Fire Department:**

1. The Lee Community Fire Department responded to a total of 10 calls, which included 8 Medical/EMS calls, 1 Brush Fire, 1 Structure Fire, and 0 Motor Vehicle Accidents.
2. There will be a Fire Fighter challenge held at Down Home Days on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
3. Free fireman training will be available through the Fire College in Chipley, FL. This training will be occurring at the end of April.
4. The Lee Community Fire Department is meeting every Tuesday night. There are currently about 8 people working to get their certification.
5. The Lee Community Fire Department and the Cherry Lake Fire Department provided breakfast and lunch for the Deep South Gas and Steam Engine Event that was held at Lee City Hall on March 16th and 17th. Chief Rutherford reported that it was a success.

Town Manager:

1. Grant work at Blair Park is almost finished. New playground equipment has been installed. We are currently working on finishing the concessions building and renovating the old playground equipment.
2. Some trees at Blair Park had to be taken down due to disease. While they were being taken down a tree caught on fire. The forestry department came out to put the fire out, they were a big help to the town. There is still quite a bit of clean-up that will have to be done.
3. At Louis Demotsis Park, the asphalt is down for the tennis court. The color coating still has to be applied and the fencing needs to be finished. The tennis court net has been ordered and it should be in by the end of the week.
4. Corky Brandies pumped out the septic tank at Eloise Stewart Park. The drainage field will need to be replaced at our expense.
5. We have advertised for bids to harvest pine straw at Ben Blair Park. All bids are due by April 4th, 2018 at 4pm.
6. There will be a Suwannee River League of Cities ethics training held in Madison on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM.
7. Courtney Bailey will be leaving the town in June so we are advertising for the Deputy Clerk position.. They will need to start as soon as possible. The pay range will be between \$9 and \$11.
8. Whiffenpooh and Lulu Too has moved into the Cherry Farms building that Gary and Cindy Abbott have purchased.
9. The Corinth Thrift store on the corner will be moving into the Cherry Farms building in the next couple of months.

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Mayor asked for a vote:**Action Item:**

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman VonRoden. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ernest Page:

Extra definitions were added to the clean-up ordinance. Discussion was had about possibly adding a section regarding the burning of household garbage. Seeing as it is already illegal under state law, it was decided that it does not need to be included in the trash ordinance. Penalties will be implemented on a "per day" basis until the situation is cured. The homeowner will have a time limit (suggested 30 days) to cure the situation on their own, if it is not cured by then the town will reserve the right to go onto their property and clean it up for them. Fees will be written out in an ordinance attachment in order to make it easier to adjust the fees at a later date.

Rick Davis, County Commissioner:

The Clean Up Madison County Event held on March 24th was a success. Hundreds of volunteers picked up 4.5 tons of trash through-out the county. The county is planning for this to be an annual or semi-annual event.

Ms. Vickers, the owner of Certified Service Center, is not planning on extending her extension. She is looking at possibly buying the property out right.

Senator Bill Nelson held a meeting in Madison. The Senator Nelson is trying to get the Amtrak running through this area again.

Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass is concerned that there are still a number of street lights around town that do not work.

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman VonRoden: None

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

James Bell, Mayor

Attested: _____

Courtney Bailey, Deputy Clerk

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