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Town of Lee Little but Proud

Agenda and Minutes for February 6, 2018

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Lee Town Council
Town of Lee, Florida
To Be Held At Kinsey Hall
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 p.m., EST

Amend or Update Agenda

Minutes of: January 2, 2017 Regular Meeting

Public Comments

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Reports:

Lee Volunteer Fire Department

Town Manager

Bills:

Utility: **#2452 - #2470; ACH #323 - #326**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1510 - #1513**

Debt Service Account: **Payment #4 to DEP-SRF**

CDBG: **No Activity**

General: **#8361- #8379; ACH #809- #818, EFT #01-01 to 01-09**

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

February 6, 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 after an amendment to include discussion and possible action to appoint a Council President for 2018 was made by Councilwoman VonRoden. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the January 2, 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 January 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Council President Beck. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Council President for 2018. The council reappointed Beck for President at the last council meeting, but due to questions about the validity of the vote, the issue was brought up again. After further discussion the Council agreed to reappoint Council President Beck.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion to reappoint Councilwoman Beck as Council President for 2018 was made by Councilwoman VonRoden. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Reports

Fire Department:

1. The Lee Community Fire Department responded to 3 Medical/EMS calls, 3 Brush Fires, 2 Structure Fires, and 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

2. There needs to be 3 members of the Lee Town Council sitting on The Lee Community Fire Department's Board. This is in the fire department's articles of incorporation.
3. Acting Fire Chief, Leroy Rutherford, presented a Memorandum of Understanding that was given to him at the last fire board meeting. The County Coordinator, Brian Kauffman, wanted it to be signed at the fire board meeting. Chief Rutherford did not feel that he could sign the document without presenting it to the council first. Chief Rutherford gave each member of the council a copy of the memorandum to look over before the next regularly scheduled town council meeting. The purpose of the memorandum is to insure that all of the volunteer fire departments in the surrounding communities are able to continue operating and are current with the Florida State Fire College.

Town Manager:

1. The County Road Department placed 16 loads of limerock on Kel Lane at Lesleywood on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.
2. Love's Travel Stop had a leak. We may have overcharged them for sewer and if so, it will have to be adjusted.
3. The large swing set is complete. The clay on the ballfield has been properly leveled, and the bases have been set and are ready to be played on.
4. Aluminum bleachers have been bought and are set to be delivered soon.
5. We are in the process of ordering and setting dates for the tennis court asphalt and playground equipment.
6. The town is looking into a possible service charge for use of the ballfields. The service charge would help the city curb the cost of maintenance and electricity for the ballfield light.
7. Both pumps are down at Lift Station #3, located at Kountry Kitchen. Madison has agreed to pump out the lift station and Florida Rural Water is sending over a Vac Trailer until we can set up a bypass pump. We will be ordering 2 new pumps as soon as possible.
8. The Moratorium to temporarily ban medical marijuana dispensaries expires March 31, 2018. The council is following the county and surrounding cities lead and allowing it to expire. Any dispensaries opened in the city should be treated as a pharmacy.
9. Town Manager John Anderson found an example of a town that had allowed their boards to go inactive and hire an outside professional to advise in their place. Attorney Page will look into the situation to see if this practice could be used in our town.

1. The town needs rusty tin to fix the roofing on the historical buildings in the back of City Hall.

1. The Deep South Gas & Steam Engine event is scheduled for March 16-17, 2018. The Lee and Cherry Lake Fire Departments will be providing the food for the event.

2. There will be a Suwannee River League of Cities meeting and dinner in Williston on March 15, 2018.

3. The pond is not looking good. The council suggested that we contact the pond maintenance company and find a way to improve the condition of the water.

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Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

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

Attorney Ernest Page:

Attorney Page drafted a sample "clean-up" ordinance that will be provided to the town council after the meeting.

Rick Davis, County Commissioner:

Several citizens came to the MCDC meeting with concerns about the amount of trash on the sides of the roads. In response to the complaint the county commissioners have begun to plan a "Clean-Up Madison Day".

Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman VonRoden: None

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

James Bell,

Attested: _____

Courtney Bailey, Deputy Clerk

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