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## Town of Lee Little but Proud

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### Agenda and Minutes for March 6, 2018

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

#### Amend or Update Agenda

**Minutes of:** February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

#### Public Comments

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Reports:

Lee Volunteer Fire Department

Town Manager

Bills:

Utility: **#2471 - #2487; ACH #327 - #330**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1514 - #1516**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8380- #8391; ACH #819- #828, EFT #02-01 to 02-22**

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**

**March 6, 2018**

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

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 approve

a proclamation concerning water conservation was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the February 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 February 6, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Eddie Bell read the proclamation titled Water Conservation Month. The Council members discussed and took action to approve the proclamation naming April as Water Conservation Month.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item:**

A motion to approve a proclamation to name April as Water Conservation Month 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 0 Medical/EMS calls, 2 Brush Fires, 1 Structure Fire, and 0 Motor Vehicle Accidents.
2. Shirley VonRoden and Ronnie Bass volunteered and were appointed, by consensus to sit on The Lee Community Fire Department's Board. One more member of the town council needs to be appointed to the Fire Department's Board.

3. Free fireman training will be available through the Fire College in Chipley, FL. First Responder training will be available through Chris Williams, the Madison County Fire Coordinator.
4. Acting Fire Chief, Leroy Rutherford, encouraged everyone that there was a place for them in the fire department and that we should all be stewards of our community.
5. The Lee Community Fire Department and the Cherry Lake Fire Department will be providing breakfast and lunch for the Deep South Gas and Steam Engine Event that is being held at Lee City Hall on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Manager:**

1. Our contract for pine straw collection has run out. The town will have to advertise in the paper and get bids for a new contract.
2. There is a good foundation for the 'Clean-Up' Ordinance. Some discussion was had about penalties and how the town would calculate an administration fee.
3. The moratorium to temporarily ban medical marijuana dispensaries expires March 31, 2018. It is the opinion of the county's attorney that we allow it to expire.
4. The pumps at Lift Station 3 (Kountry Kitchen) went down. We were able to get one pump repaired. The second pump could not be repaired. We ordered and installed one new pump. We also ordered another pump to have as a backup pump when needed.
5. The shingles on the restroom building behind City Hall were worn out. Our Public Works Department replaced them with a metal roof. The roof on the historical shed building behind the ballfield at City Hall also must be replaced. We were able to find a source on rusty tin.
6. Aluminum Bleachers for the ballfield at city hall were delivered, They have yet to be put together and installed.
7. There are water leaks at Love's Travel Stop and the Lee Library. The leak at Lee Library has been fixed. The leaks at Love's Travel Stop have been located but only one has been fixed.
8. The pumps at Lift Station 5 (Annett) are experiencing problems due to a possible problem with the check valves.

9. Work started today on the tennis court and the playground equipment is scheduled to be installed March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 breakfast and lunch for the event.

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

2. Suwannee River League of Cities will hold a 2018 Ethics Training in Chiefland, FL Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Another Ethics Training will be held in Lake Butler, that date has not been announced yet.

3. The bathrooms at Eloise Stewart Park are out of service. The septic system has to be pumped out again.

4. Based on a 21 minute reading, the ballfield lights cost between \$5-\$6 per hour. The council decided that we should not charge for use of the field unless there is an event such as a tournament.

**Bills:**

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**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item:**

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

**Attorney Ernest Page:**

None

**Rick Davis, County Commissioner:**

There will be a Clean Up Madison County Event held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Crews will meet at the courthouse

in the morning and DOC will provide vests, pick-up sticks, and bags.

**Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Bass: Several community members have complaints about the thrift store. They think that it is too junky. Earlier in the week John Anderson, Town Manager received notice that they would be moving to the old Cherry's store. This move should solve the problem.

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman VonRoden: None

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Courtney Bailey, Deputy Clerk