

**Lee Town Council
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 2, 2019**

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

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 Council President Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the March 5, 2019 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 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on adoption of a resolution regarding spills of raw sewage by the City of Valdosta, GA.

1. County Commissioner, Rick Davis, spoke concerning the resolution. The River Task Force adopted a resolution outlining the history and events and what they would like to see happening concerning the sewer spills.

The resolution has been modified to fit and adopted by the County of Madison. The County of Madison has shared this resolution with the towns and cities in the County to encourage them to adopt a resolution similar to or matching the County's resolution.

Mayor Bell read the title of the proposed Resolution 2019-01.

RESOLUTION 2019-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LEE, FLORIDA FINDING THE CONTINUING AND REPETITIVE SPILLS OF RAW SEWAGE INTO THE WITHLACOCHEE RIVER AND MUD CREEK BY THE CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA TO BE UNACCEPTABLE AND INTOLERABLE; REQUESTING MEANINGFUL ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND FLORIDA STATE AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL IN POSITION TO BRING SUCH ACTIONS; AND REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF RAW SEWAGE SPILLS BY THE CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 was made by Council President Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Reports

Fire Department: No report was available from the Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Town Manager:

1. We have completed flow testing on 57 fire hydrants. We have one more hydrant to test but it does need repairs. Once it is repaired we will schedule the flow test.
2. We are checking on proposed designs and cost for new signs to be placed around Lake Brittany.
3. Our Town's new website went live on Friday, March 22, 2019. We are working with Nathan Thornton, "The NET Group Online", on adding additional information on the website. We will also be looking into integrating online payments using credit cards with our billing system.
4. There has been discussion with Leroy Rutherford on the 3 people from the Town to be on the LCVFD Board. It would be up to the Council and the Fire Department Board to decide if they would want members of council, citizens within the City limits or if we would want to encompass the Lee community. Leroy will present this to the LCVFD Board for discussion at their regular scheduled meeting next week (April 9, 2019).
5. Two new utility accounts were opened and one utility account was closed in March.

6. A reminder of the free Ethics Training to be held on Thursday, April 25th, from 8am-12pm at the Madison City Hall.

Bills:

Utility: #2681-2694; ACH #390-395
Utility Deposit Account: Checks#1539-1540
Debt Service Account: No Activity
General: #8617-8629; ACH #964-975, EFT #0301 to 0305

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.
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Attorney Ernest Page: No comments

Rick Davis, County Commissioner:

Testimony has been presented before the Agriculture and Environmental Committee that Senator Montford chairs. Senator Montford does have a bill out there that if passed will mandate the Department of Health, should there be a flood event or sewage spill event that an individual believes has contaminated their water system, to collect a sample and to test, possibly at no cost to the citizen.

The Water Task Force will be attending a workshop with the City of Valdosta on Wednesday, April 10th at 6PM, at Valdosta City Hall.

Mayor Bell mentioned that Town Manager, John Anderson, had been contacted by the **Kyle Petty Charity Ride, Inc.** concerning a stop they will be making at Love's Travel Stop in Lee. This will be the 25th Anniversary for the charity ride and we have been invited to participate in this event. The stop is scheduled to be held on May 10, 2019 at 12:40PM. We hope to include the County in participating in this event.

Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman von Roden: Absent

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

James Bell, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sona Hayslett, Deputy Clerk