

**Lee Town Council
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 5, 2019**

Mayor: James E. Bell
Council President: Dianne Beck
Council: Ronnie Bass, Erika Robinson, Edwin McMullen
Town Manager/Clerk: John Anderson
Attorney: Ernest Page
County Commissioner: Rick Davis
Absent: 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 after an amendment to include discussion concerning Fastpack was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the February 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 February 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Due to some heating and cooling issues in the current office space (room#36) of Fastpack a proposal was made by Jason Archambault to move Fastpack's office to the area identified as room #'s 16, 18, 20, 22, and 24. Fastpack would turn the current office space into an additional storage area which the Town would not need to provide heating or cooling to that space. Due to the renovations in the new proposed office space that should help to decrease the lighting, heat, and air conditioning costs.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion to allow Fastpack to move their office space, to keep the current office space as additional storage, and the monthly rate to remain the same at this time as proposed by Jason Archambault was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Reports

Fire Department:

1. Volunteer Fire Chief, Leroy Rutherford, reported The Lee Community Fire Dept. responded to a total of 4 calls which included 2 medical assist, 1 brush fire, and 1 vehicle accident. There was no water usage this month by the Fire Department.
2. ISO inspections are now going on. The fire hydrant testing is coming along good. There will be a second follow-up survey to take place in a couple of days.

Town Manager:

John began by welcoming new residents, Bill and Maureen Howard, who were in attendance at the Council meeting to the Town of Lee.

1. The new Chlorine Analyzer has been installed and is working good.
2. Flow testing has been completed on 35 fire hydrants in Lee. We have approximately 20 more hydrants to complete.
3. Nathan Thornton, with NET Group Online, is working on the Town's new website. We have not been given a timeline, we will update when we receive further information.
4. We have placed an ADA and Accessibility statement on the Town's current website.
5. There were three new Utility accounts opened in February. Two utility accounts were closed.
6. Basketball practice at the Gym has ended for the season.
7. Mike and Candy Mosher have proposed moving their Taekwondo class from the Gym to one of the vacant rooms at the front of the Business Complex.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion to allow Mike and Candy's Taekwondo class to move to one of the vacant rooms at the front of the complex was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. The Pump at LS#3(Kountry Kitchen location) went down on Friday, Feb. 8th, due to a damaged cable. Water had leaked into the cable and motor causing the damage, it would have cost more to repair the pump than to replace it. This left us with only one pump working at LS#3. The new pump was delivered and installed on Tuesday, Feb. 26th. A spare pump has been ordered.

9. Late Monday, March 4th, Kenny replaced cracked blue tubing that was creating a supply line leak on the south side of Highway 90(in the vicinity of Gayla's Pet Grooming).

10. We are still in need of a third person on the Fire Dept. Board. We will look into the possibility of appointing a Town official, Town employee, or a citizen of the community to fill this vacancy.

11. There is an SRLC Board and Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, in Inglis, Florida.

12. Reminder of the free Ethics Training being offered on Thursday, April 25th from 8am to 12pm, at the Madison City Hall. Please let us know if any Council members would like to register for this session.

13. The Deep South Gas & Steam Engine Club will hold their Annual Show and Swap Meet in the field behind the Lee Fire Station on Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th.

Bills:

Utility: **#2665-2680; ACH #386-389**

Utility Deposit Account: **Checks#1537-1538**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8604-8616; ACH #954-963, EFT #0201 to 0211**

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:

The Clean-Up Madison event went well. The Town of Lee's participation and support was appreciated.

There were no new updates on Magnalux. It is reported to be on track.

The Task Force committee has several meetings scheduled concerning the river situation in Lowndes County. One of the meetings scheduled will be held with the Governor's staff in Tallahassee on March 27, concerning environmental issues.

Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman VonRoden: Absent

Councilman McMullen: None

Town Manager, John Anderson, reminded everyone to please participate in the Madison Vision 2030 Survey.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

James Bell, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sona Hayslett, Deputy Clerk