**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 5, 2020**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Dianne Beck

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass, Joyce Bethea, Edwin McMullen

Town Manager/Clerk: John Anderson

Attorney: Ernest Page

County Commissioner: Rick Davis

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 McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the March 3, 2020 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 3, 2020, Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments: None**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

1. Discussion was made on the Land Development Regulations and the possibility of an ordinance revising the Town’s residential single family zoning. At this time applicants would need to follow the procedures already in place. We will be checking on what we have in place now and how we would like to proceed.

2. We have received an updated quote for the Town’s insurance. There was a significant price increase and we have been in contact with them to review and possibly adjust. We will reach out to other insurance companies to check if we would be able to get a lower premium with comparable coverage.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

 **Town Manager:**

1. Renee Demps, Madison County Planner, delivered updated Land Development Code and Comp Plan binders. The binders were passed out to the Mayor and Council members at tonight’s meeting.

2. The cost to install Architectural grade shingles to the McMullen house behind Town Hall would be approximately five-thousand dollars. Town Council members agreed that we should move forward with the Architectural grade shingles.

3. We have been in contact with Terry Thomas, Communications Tower Group representative, concerning the proposed Cell Tower placement in Lee. They are waiting on the State Historical Preservation Office’s approval to move forward.

4. We have been experiencing some issues with the Telemetry Control Units (TCU’s) and Pumps at the Lift Stations. Dennis is working with Florida Rural Water to get the issue with Lift Station 3(located next to the old Kountry Kitchen building on SE CR 255) taken care of safely.

5. There is a DEP inspection of our water system scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

6. We are in communication with Mike Hiatt at Paygov.US to assist the Town to begin accepting Credit cards.

7. Equipment has been moved into the new Public Works Building. We still need to get electrical and lights installed.

8. The five new benches have been placed around Lake Brittany and at Louis Demotsis Park.

9. Exterior painting of the Gym at the Business Complex is nearing completion.

10. There have been no updates on future meetings of the Suwannee River League of Cities (April 16, 2020 in White Springs) and the Ethics training (to be held in Madison on June 26, 2020). We will pass along any information we receive on these meetings.

11. Our annual Audit and Financial Report by Ken Daniels is scheduled for June 2nd.

Bills:

 Utility: **#2856-2883; ACH #444-451**

 Utility Deposit Account: **CK#1564-1566**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8834-8874; ACH #1103-1125 EFT #0301 to 0312 and EFT#0401-0416**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Ernest Page:** No comments

**County Commissioner Rick Davis:** Valdosta, Georgia was fined $122,000 due to the sewage spill into the Withlacoochee River.

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

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 Sona Hayslett, Deputy Clerk