**Lee**

**Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 4, 2023**

Mayor: James Ruzicka

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Absent

Absent: Erika Robinson, Dianne Beck

Mayor Ruzicka 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 Bethea. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the February 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, February 16, 2023 Special Meeting, and March 7, 2023 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 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, February 16, 2023 Special Meeting, and March 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

1. Tim Murphy, a resident that requested to be on the agenda, was not present.

2. Amon Doyle requested an update for the work to be done on Corinth Church Road.

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts.

2. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented her monthly reports. Discussion was made on the revision of her contract with us as the Planning and Zoning Consultant. Demps suggested the contract to be changed to $850 a month which will include a phone, gas, and supplies.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to table the increase for the Planning and Zoning Consultant contract to $850 a month was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. The discussion on another option for Planning and Zoning services from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was tabled until a decision has been made on the Planning and Zoning Consultant contract.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to table discussion on the option for Planning and Zoning Consultant from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Renee Demps discussed waiving the zoning rules for parcel # 00-00-00-1107-000-000 (139 SE Cherry) so a mobile home can be placed on the property. Craig Pinkham, Frankie Slaughter, and Billy Kervin attended for this discussion.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to waive the zoning rules for parcel # 00-00-00-1107-000-000 was made by Councilman McMullen. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Pat Doyle was present requesting the council waive the application for a special exception to add 4 additional sites at his RV Park on parcel # 11-1S-10-1229-002-000. Renee Demps explained the RV Park is zoned agricultural and would have to pay $2,000 for the special exception process.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to waive the application for a special exception to add 4 additional sites at the RV Park located on parcel # 11-1S-10-1229-002-000 was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion was made on possibly closing or repairing SE Ragans Ave between SE Seaboard and US Hwy 90, Seaboard and 90, and Kent Lane.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to table the discussion for the possible closure or repair of SE Ragans Ave between SE Seaboard and US Hwy 90, Seaboard and 90, and Kent, until further information on the procedure was available, was made by Councilman McMullen. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

Steven Breckenridge presented the Lee Volunteer Fire Department monthly report.

**Town Manager:**

1. An appointment to meet with Allen Hart, an engineer, is set for Monday 4/10/22 to discuss possibly upgrading the water system.

2. There are two 55 gallon drums of old meters with brass that we would like to cash in.

3. An update to the employee handbook will be made stating that a drug and alcohol test will be required if an accident or injury occurs.

4. We did purchase a new fridge for the kitchen. Discussion was made on what to do with the old fridge.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to throw away the old fridge was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. The wood playground equipment at Ben Blair Park is roped off because it is not safe. It may be possible to use ARPA funds to repair or replace the equipment.

6. We would like electric and better lights around the lake.

Bills:

Utility: **#3430 - 3446; ACH #608 - 611; EFT #0301U - 0307U**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1624 - 1626**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9498 - 9520; ACH #1562 - 1574; EFT#0301 - 0311**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comment**

Councilman Bass: Residents are confused about the Edge of Town having a bar. Mr. Bill Eckert explained the intention is not to have a bar in town. They will have activities and events for the community to be able to come together.

Councilwoman Beck: Absent

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

Council President Bethea: Would like to have the Welcome to Lee signs updated.

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Ruzicka, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk