**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 5, 2022**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea - Absent

Council: Edwin, McMullen, Erika Robinson, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Ronnie Bass

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 Councilwoman Beck. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the March 1, 2022 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 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Old Business:**

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

**New Business:**

1. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented her monthly reports.

2. Discussion was made for the Town of Lee to pay a portion of the cell phone bill for Renee Demps, Town of Lee Consultant.

3. Discussion was made requesting an inter-local agreement from the county to share its code enforcement board with the Town of Lee.

4. Estimates were higher than the $5,000 limit that was given last meeting for the shelter for the backhoe. Discussion was made on the new quotes for the shelter.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to increase the limit to $12,000 for a shelter for the backhoe was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion was made on the quote from Barnes to purchase a grinder pump for a back up.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to set a threshold for $6,000 to purchase several grinder pumps was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discussion was made on how often the alarm was going off on the ground storage tank due to a bad float. American Tank estimated it would cost $2,750.00 to drain the storage tank, replace float, and disinfect.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made by Councilman McMullen to have American Tank drain the ground storage tank, replace the drain, and disinfect. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discussion was made about the estimate we received to replace the electric panels at the tower and the ball field. Town Manager, Hayslett, will contact another company to try to get another estimate.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. The back door to the McMullen House was kicked in again and there was damage to a picnic table under the pavilion. The Sheriff Department was contacted and the matter has been resolved.

2. The roof in the kitchen at the Lee School Business complex was leaking. New screws have been put in to see if that will stop the leak. Edwin McMullen will need to look at the wall damage from the leak.

3. The Lee Day Event Planning meeting is Monday, April 11th, at 5:00 p.m.

4. There is an ethics training webinar coming up. Information was included in your packets.

5. The vision workshop went good. We will need to prioritize the list of items we would like to have done. Maybe a grant can cover more than one thing.

6. We got our rate study back from Florida Rural Water on our utility rates. We need to look at the recommendations they gave us.

7. People like to hide behind building to drink, do drugs, and other things and due to the recent damage that has taken place around the Town Hall, we would like to see about having cameras put in different areas.

Bills:

Utility: **#3241-3254; ACH #550-553; EFT #0301**

Utility Deposit Account: **1595-1596**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9245-9260; ACH #1411-1423; EFT#0301-0308**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:**

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Absent

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Council President Bethea: Absent

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk