**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea - Absent

Council: Erika Robinson, Dianne Beck, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Edwin McMullen

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. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the March 2, 2021 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 2, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Pat Doyle explained that he would like to add 4 more RV sites to his park due to his land taxes going up. Council commended Mr. Doyle for how well he kept the park up and reiterated that they still want to continue with the 6 month limit on the stay time.

John Anderson discussed that the Madison County Genealogical Society has not been able to meet since February of 2020 at the Madison Library due to Covid. They would like to start meeting again the 2nd Thursday each month at 7:00 p.m. beginning in May at the Lee Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

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

2. Discussion was made about the sample ordinance regarding residents keeping chickens that was provided by Town Attorney, Chuck Collins. Council would like more time to review the sample ordinance and make their recommendations at the next meeting.

3. Town Attorney, Chuck Collins provided a sample Notice of Violation letter for the Clean Town Ordinance. Council recommended the Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, amend the letter to pertain to the Town of Lee for their review at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Leigh Basford discussed the 2020 Madison County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and would like for the Town of Lee to adopt the 2021-01 Resolution. The benefits of adopting the plan will include The Town of Lee in the discussions of prevention efforts to avoid damage during a storm or other disaster.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilman Bass made a motion to adopt the 2021-01 Resolution. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. There was discussion regarding, Robert Gover renting room #13 at the Business Complex for $175.00 a month. Mr. Gover will only be there once every 2 weeks using the room to store his merchandise. The council would like more information on usage by Mr. Gover.

3. Courtney Bailey, representing Trilogy Bakery, LLC, would like to rent the kitchen at the Business Complex for the bakery business. She explained that in the beginning they would be there only on the weekends preparing specialty cakes and making goods for festivals and other events.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilwoman Beck made a motion for the lease to start out at a rate of $250.00 for the first 6 months and $300 for the next 6 months and the max of $350.00 thereafter. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. This is the last meeting for Town Attorney, Chuck Collins to attend with the Town of Lee. Mr. Collins will provide referrals to contact for the Town Attorney position. The opening will be advertised if referrals fall through.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. The backhoe needs repair that is almost $2,000. Discussion was made to go ahead and repair the back hoe.

2. Communications Power Group worked out the contract with AT&T and will be signing the lease for the cell tower this week. They will let us know when they will begin construction and will provide a schedule for us.

3. There are concerns with the parking at the McNicol’s Realty with not being able to see to get through the intersection. We will check with the DOT to see if there are requirements and set backs on the highway. If there is not we may need to make our own requirements. We will also see about getting a traffic study for a traffic light.

4. Ethics Training webinar is scheduled for June 22, 2021 and June 29, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5. McNicol Realty will be closing on the sale of their building April 14, 2021. The new business is looking to work out of a food truck by the building until the inside is up to code for a food establishment.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3053-3072; ACH #496-499; EFT 03010-03020**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9041-9060; ACH #1259-1270 EFT#0301 – 0308**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Council President 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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 Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk