**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 2, 2022**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Ronnie Bass, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard - Absent

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Erika Robinson, 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 Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the July 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and July 28, 2022 Budget Workshop were reviewed by the Council. A correction for the July 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting needs to be made under the Council Comments. Councilwoman Beck and Councilwoman Robinson were marked “absent” and should be marked “none”.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the minutes after the correction is made for the July 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and for the July 28, 2022 Budget Workshop, was made by Councilwoman Beck. Council President Bethea 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 July’s reports.

A notice was sent to Vickie Bowman granting the extension for removing the mobile home from Seaboard.

Letters were sent to property owners, Delila Espinoza and Sandra Bacot, of Seaboard Street on the request by Espinoza for an exception to allow a mobile home on property at 541 SE Seaboard Street. The letter informed them that a decision will not be made until there is a resolution of a disputed survey. Espinoza’s letter was not deliverable due to an incorrect address on file.

2. Discussion was made on amending the Employee Handbook, which currently has 2 conflicting times for earned holiday comp hours. It states that double comp hrs are earned for holidays and also states 1 ½ comp hrs are earned for holidays. The amendment will rephrase it to only the double comp hrs and eliminate the 1 ½ hrs and should only be for emergency call outs.

3. Frank Premorel requested to use the grounds behind the town hall for a car show in 2 weeks or so. All proceeds will be going to medical expenses for Amber Lé.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to allow Frank Premorel to use the property behind the town hall for a car show was made by Councilwoman Beck. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. We are still having issues with some alarms going off. Data Flow is working with us to get that corrected.

2. The next ethics webinar is scheduled for October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

3. Financial Statements are due September 1st.

4. A date of September 8th at 6:00 p.m. was set for the first Public Budget Hearing.

5. Advertised for an employee for a Public Works position.

6. The fountain for the lake is pending an estimate for the electric panel needed to be installed.

Bills:

Utility: **#3300 - 3313; ACH #570 - 575; EFT #0701U**

Utility Deposit Account: **1606 - 1608**

Debt Service Account: **EFT - 13**

General: **#9319 - 9338; ACH #1460 - 1474; EFT#0701 – 0709**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

Council President Bethea: Thanked the council for accommodating Southern Rust with their sidewalk sale.

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

James Bell, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk