**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**December 1, 2020**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Dianne Beck

Council: Joyce Bethea, Edwin McMullen

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

Absent: Erika Robinson, 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 Bethea. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the November 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 November 3, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilwoman 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. Discussion was made on electing the Council President for 2021.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to nominate Councilwoman Bethea to be the Council President for 2021 was made by Council President Beck. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 2 and 0 opposed. Councilwoman Bethea did not cast a vote because it pertained to her.

2. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, discussed having the walls and the ceiling painted and wanted to know if Council would need to approve the color. Council stated to proceed with her choice of color.

3. Attorney, Chuck Collins, reviewed the Clean Community Ordinance and found it to be self explanatory. A sample letter that Mr. Collins drafted was presented to the Council. Mr. Collins explained if someone wanted to contest the letter that we would need to give them an opportunity to be heard. Council approved the letter as written.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. Supervisor Dennis Legendre discovered a sink hole on E. Seaboard and investigated it for a possible leak and did not find one. The hole was repacked and he will keep an eye on that location.

2. We contacted the Division of Historical Resources about possibly applying for a grant on the McMullen house and the other buildings. If we do apply and receive a grant we probably will have to insure the property. Council decided we should not proceed to apply for the grant.

3. Duke Energy informed us that the receptacles for the Christmas lights could only be mounted on the upper part of the pole and if we wanted an additional pole to be installed it would be an extra cost and metered. We ordered 5 lights for Hwy 90 and they arrived on Tuesday, November 24th.

4. New residents in the Town required new utility hook ups. RPI bored under SE County Road 255 for water and sewer. Corky with C.M. Brandies will be running a new sewer line at 239 SE Lee School Rd. Dennis and the guys ran a new connection for water and sewer on SE County Road 255.

5. A new business, Southern Rust and Woodworking, opened at the old Post Office on Seaboard. They held their soft grand opening on Saturday, November 14th. We wish them much success in their new location.

6. The small truck had to be towed to Auto Repair @ 255 on November 16th. The fuel pump was replaced. We should receive the new truck this month. Discussion was made on the sale of the small truck. It was decided by Council to post that we will be taking sealed bids for the small truck after the holidays.

7. We are waiting to hear back from Trevor Philips with Florida Fish and Wildlife to see how to get rid of the Cormorant birds that are eating the fish at the lake.

Bills:

Utility: **#2992-3013; ACH #478-481**

Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8973-8989; ACH #1207-1219 EFT#1101 – 1109**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:**

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Absent

Council President Beck: Stated that the Town Hall needs a new refrigerator.

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

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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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk