**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 2, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Dianne Beck, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

County Commissioner: Brian Williams

Absent: Edwin McMullen, Erika Robinson

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. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the January 5, 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 January 5, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass 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. We will continue to monitor the past due accounts.

2. Discussion was made about the certified letters mailed out in reference to the Clean Community Ordinance. Mayor Bell stated that he has seen some improvements and hopefully more will be made. We have not received confirmation on 2 of the letters that were sent. Town Attorney, Chuck Collins, stated the town complied with the ordinance in giving notice and is not the fault of the town if no one was at the address to be served.

3. Discussion was made on drafting a letter for Town Attorney, Chuck Collins to review regarding property owners being responsible in the cost to replace the grinder pump due to misuse.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion was made regarding the request from Madison Youth Soccer to pay their portion of the Duke Energy Light bill a couple of years in advance. Suggestion was made to check with the auditor to see how that should be handled if we were to accept the request.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. We received the new truck on January 26, 2021. The highest bid we received on the old truck was $1,826.50.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilman Bass made a motion to accept the bid of $1,826.50 for the old truck. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. The 2000 backhoe was sold before we were able to put in our bid. We placed a bid for $26,500 on the 2003 backhoe. The 2003 backhoe does have all new tires and a cracked glass section on the cab will be replaced.

3. We are able to purchase more Christmas pole decorations at 50% off until February 25th.

4. Corkie Brandies donated his time and truck to remove the Christmas lights along Hwy 90. We appreciate all of the help from the McMullen’s and Brandies with the lights.

5. Ethics Classes are coming up with the Florida League of Cities. February 24, 2021 will be the full day class. An e-mail was sent to the Council members with the information.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3033-3043; ACH #488-491; EFT #0101-0103**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **EFT-10 Pay DEP-SRF**

General: **#9013-9026; ACH #1235-1246 EFT#0101 – 0107**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:** No Comments

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Five companies possibly looking into going to the Industrial Park. Also, there was discussion for us to think about a package plan for sewer.

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

Council President Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

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 Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk