**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2023**

Mayor: James Ruzicka

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass, Edwin McMullen

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent:

Mayor Ruzicka 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 Robinson. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the January 3, 2023 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 3, 2023 meeting was made by Councilwoman Beck. 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.

2. Discussion was made on two quotes for repair of the Town’s portion of Corinth Church Road.

**Action Item**:

A motion to table discussion until Scruggs gets more information from Madison County regarding an engineer and stuff straightened out with DOT was made by Council Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented her monthly reports. She did not sign off for an alcohol license for the Edge of Town due to the ordinance stating no selling of alcohol within 1000 feet from a church. Demps make a recommendation for the town ordinance to be updated.

4. Discussion was made about electing a Council President.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion for Joyce Bethea to continue as the Council President was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Planning and Zoning made a recommendation to adopt the text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element Section per Section 163.3161 (10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the recommendation made by Planning and Zoning to adopt the text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was made by Councilman McMullen. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, made a recommendation for consideration to amend the contract for her services. The existing contract is to pay $500 a month plus compensation for travel, use of supplies, etc. Her recommendation is to amend the contract to a flat rate of $1,500 a month.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to table discussion on the recommendation to amend the contract for the Lee Planning Consultant was made by Councilman McMullen. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. The installation date for the fountain at Lake Brittany is scheduled for February 16, 2023.

2. The Tower Group does not know the build plan for Verizon at this time.

3. The Town purchased a new computer and signed up for a 1 year contract at $600 a month from Totally Covered in Live Oak because the computer in the Town Manager’s office crashed.

4. Clean up Madison is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

5. Dakota Williams in Public Works resigned. Jessie Sanchez is our new Public Works Technician.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3395 - 3412; ACH #600 - 603; EFT #0101U - 0102U**

 Utility Deposit Account: **#1621**

 Debt Service Account: **EFT #14**

General: **#9452 - 9475; ACH #1536 - 1547; EFT#0101 - 0110**

**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:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comment**

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Council President Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: The building inspector recommends putting on a metal roof at the McMullen house. Plywood and shingles are too heavy for the rafters.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to put a metal roof instead of shingles on the McMullen house was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Ruzicka, Mayor

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 Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk