**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 5, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

County Commissioner: Brian Williams

Absent: Dianne Beck

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 Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the December 1, 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 December 1, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Councilman McMullen. 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.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion was made on sending out letters regarding the Clean Community Ordinance. It was decided to mail letters to residents that are not in compliance with the ordinance.

2. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, discussed the cost of the repairs that are still needed for the backhoe. After some discussion it was decided to look for a used backhoe instead of repairing the current one.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilman Bass made a motion to give a price cap of $30,000 to purchase a backhoe. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Madison Youth Soccer has requested to do some upgrades at Ben Blair Park such as fencing for the parking area and concession stand. It would also include picnic tables and gravel placed in the fenced area of the concession stand.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion for Madison Youth Soccer to move forward with making the changes discussed at Ben Blair Park. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion was made on charging for replacement of grinder pumps due to misuse. Town Attorney, Chuck Collins, will review the matter and make recommendations.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. We have been in touch with Trevor Philips of Florida Fish and Wildlife to see how we can get rid of the Cormorant birds at the lake. We have also been in touch with Joey at Estate Management. It seems the birds have left, possibly due to the cold.

2. We appreciate Edwin and Brian McMullen for installing the Christmas decorations on the poles along Hwy 90. We received a lot of positive comments from residents on the decorations.

3. According to Ryan Davis of Garber Auto Mall, we are expecting to receive the new truck around the middle of January.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3014-3032; ACH #482-487**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8990-9012; ACH #1220-1234 EFT#1201 – 1207**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:** No Comments

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** No Comments

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: Absent

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Council President Bethea: Stated that several people have told her how nice it is looking at the Town Hall.

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