**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2020**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Dianne Beck

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass, Joyce Bethea

Town Manager/Clerk: John Anderson

Attorney: Ernest Page

County Commissioner: Rick Davis, absent

Absent: 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 amend the agenda under new business to include the appointment of a Council Member to the Fire Department Board was made by Council President Beck. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the December 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and December 10, 2019 Special Town 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 3, 2019, Regular Council Meeting and December 10, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments: None**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Discussion and possible action to appoint a member of the Lee Town Council to the Fire Department Board due to a vacancy with the resignation of Council Member Shirley von Roden. Joyce Bethea expressed an interest in serving on the Fire Department Board.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to appoint Joyce Bethea to the Fire Department Board by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. We have not heard back from the County on placement of limerock on Kel Lane and Gwen Way. We will follow up with them as to an approximate date for this.

2. Terry Thomas plans to submit a permit application for the placement of the Cell Tower in Lee by the week of January 20, 2020.

3. Pricing on the Public Works Building, including the cost of concrete pad and electric, is coming in at approximately twenty-nine thousand dollars ($29,000.). Roll-up doors for the building would be at an additional cost of forty-eight hundred ($4,800) dollars.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to proceed with the additional cost of doors on the building was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. We have been working with Duke Energy to add three additional lights in the Pine Trace Subdivision. We are also discussing with Duke Energy about possibly replacing the Town’s lights with LED, due to better visibility and cost efficiency. It has also been brought to the Town’s attention that Eloise Stewart Park would possibly benefit from additional lighting due to observed activity in the Park after dusk.

5. The Town’s semi-annual payment to DEP-SRF for fourteen-thousand, seven-hundred, sixteen-dollars, and forty-eight cents (14,716.48) will be made on Monday, January 13, 2020.

6. The Annual Christmas Lighting Contest was held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. The awards were as follows:

1st place went to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Andrews, 285 NE Green Tree Terrace

2nd place went to Mrs. Sheri Cole-Conyers, 363 SE Coolidge Avenue

3rd place went to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Welch, 1292 SE CR 255

4th place Honorable Mention went to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle, 807 SE Corinth Church Road

5th place Honorable Mention went to Erika Robinson, 198 NE Gloriosa Lane

We appreciate all residents that participated in the contest and lighting up Lee.

7. Update on the waste spillage from Valdosta into the river from County Commissioner, Rick Davis. The Town of Lee has had approximately 44 water test kits picked up. There were about 182 kits distributed in Madison County. Free test kits for residents within a five mile radius of the river will be available until January 31, 2020.

8. Baseball practice began on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the baseball field behind Town Hall.

9. We are looking into placing benches at the playground by the Town Hall and around Lake Brittany. We have been in contact with PRIDE enterprises on getting some quotes for benches.

Bills:

Utility: **#2811-2824; ACH #430-433**

Utility Deposit Account: **Checks#1560-1561**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8774-8790; ACH #1063-1075 EFT#1201 to 1214**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Attorney Ernest Page:** No comments

**County Commissioner Rick Davis:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: Would like the Town to look into the cost of Christmas decorations/lighting to be placed possibly in the vicinity of Highway 90.

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman 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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Sona Hayslett, Deputy Clerk