**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 11, 2023**

Mayor: James Ruzicka

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Ronnie Bass, Edwin McMullen, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Erika Robinson

Mayor Ruzicka called the meeting to order.

**Amend or Update Agenda**

Council reviewed the agenda. An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to move Item # 1 Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, to present her monthly report and discussion on Public Hearing – CPA 23-01 2021/2022, under New Business, to the beginning of the meeting.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by moving Item # 1 under New Business to the beginning was made by Councilwoman Beck. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council reviewed the agenda. An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to switch Item #2 and Item #3, under New Business.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by switching Item # 2 and Item # 3 under New Business was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the June 6, 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 June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Roger Parsons – Absent

Amon Doyle gave an update for the Lee Day Committee. They raised $600 at the fundraiser July 4th. The next Lee Day Committee Meeting will be held, Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Brandon Mugge, Bill Eckert, Rodger Lowe and several others were present on the behalf of “Edge of Town” regarding the noise complaints. (See sign in sheet)

**New Business:**

1. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented her monthly reports. There was discussion on Public Hearing – CPA 23-01 Adoption of Ordinance of Text Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Adding a Property Rights Element 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 was made by Councilwoman Beck to adopt the Text Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Adding a Property Rights Element per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as Amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes as Amended. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts.

2. Discussion was made on the process of closing or repairing SE Ragans Avenue between SE Seaboard and U.S. Hwy. 90, Seaboard and 90 (Point), and Kent Lane.

**New Business:**

2. Discussion was made on 2 quotes for the purchase of a mini excavator.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made by Councilman Bas to purchase the mini excavator from Tidewater Ag & Construction Co. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion was made on several noise complaints being made due to “Edge of Town” business holding live music events.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. Ethics webinar is scheduled tomorrow, July 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next one will be in October.

2. The RV Park at Love’s is ready to get started on construction of 49 overnight RV spaces and 29 automobile parking spaces.

Bills:

Utility: **#3479 – 3492; ACH #620 - 625; EFT #0601U - 0603U**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1629**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9559 - 9581; ACH #1599 - 1618; EFT#0601 - 0608**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

Council President Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Ruzicka, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk