**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 5, 2022**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Ronnie Bass, Edwin McMullen, Erika Robinson, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent:

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order.

**Amend or Update Agenda**

Council reviewed the agenda. An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to add Item #5 as Southern Rust Woodworks street closure for event.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by adding Item # 5 was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to add Item # 6 as 2022 tentative tax rate.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by adding Item #6 was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the June 7, 2022 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 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

There was discussion by Sandra Bacot, property owner on Seaboard Street, regarding Item #3 on the Agenda. There is a discrepancy on a property survey adjacent to her property. Ms. Bacot also stated concern that her property value will depreciate if a mobile home was be allowed to be placed on that property.

**Old Business:**

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

**New Business:**

1. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented May and June’s reports.

2. Discussion was made regarding the notice that was sent to Vickie Bowman, owner of property located at 175 SE Seaboard Street. Vickie Bowman wants to know if something else can be put on the property. The property is zoned as Commercial General not Residential.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made by Councilman McMullen to give Vickie Bowman 60 days or an agreement from someone stating when the trailer can be moved from the property. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. A citizen is requesting the Council and Town Attorney to allow an exception to place a mobile home on property on Seaboard Street where the zoning is RSF-1. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, will send a letter to the property owners stating the council will not make a decision until there is a resolution of the survey between them and Sandra Bacot.

4. Discussion was made on the 2 quotes for an aerator system and a fountain for the lake.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to go with Solitude was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Southern Rust Woodworks is asking for permission to close off Seaboard Street Saturday, July 16th, for an event from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to close off Seaboard Street for Southern Rust Woodworks event, Saturday, July 16th, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 4 and 0 opposed. Council President Bethea did not cast a vote because it pertained to a family member.

6. Discussion was made on the 2022 tentative tax rate to be set at 7.0 mils.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made by Councilman Bass to set the 2022 tentative tax rate at 7.0 mils. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. Financial disclosures are due by September 1, 2022.

2. Grimmway Farms will be cleaning up the town for the Lee Homecoming Day Event through the Employee Community Based Volunteer Program. They will be trimming trees, laying rubber mulch, and sprucing up the town.

3. A new meter which included the TR16 was purchased for $3,767 including for well #3 due to an alarm going off.

4. GIS contacted us because EMS could not find a street because the signs were faded. Four stop signs and 3 street signs were ordered totaling $410.

5. Mayor and Town Manager, Hayslett, met with Representative Tant on June 29th. She requested for the Town to get more information concerning the safety issues at the intersection of Hwy 90 and CR 255.

6. The next scheduled meeting for the Lee Homecoming Planning Committee is July 11th at 5:30 p.m.

7. Ethics webinar is scheduled for July 13th.

8. A date for a Budget Workshop of July 28th at 6:00 p.m. was set.

Bills:

Utility: **#3288 – 3300; ACH #566 - 569; EFT #0601U**

Utility Deposit Account: **1598 - 1599**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9299 - 9318; ACH #1448 - 1459; EFT#0601 - 0609**

**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: None

Council President Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: Had a request to see if Seaboard could be changed to a dead end and turned back to a 2 way street. He will talk to the property owners.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk