**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 6, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Dianne Beck, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Erika Robinson

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 McMullen. Councilwoman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the June 1, 2021 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 1, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Bethea. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts. The severely delinquent account was paid in full after receiving the letter from Town Attorney, Rhett Bullard. There are a couple of past dues that the renters have moved and we have no way of contacting them.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to write off a couple of the past due accounts was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. After some discussion about the draft for Animal Control, Councilman McMullen suggested we go by the existing ordinance if there becomes an issue.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to abandon the new ordinance that was being drafted was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. There was some discussion regarding the two packets we received for the Code Enforcement Officer position.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the offer for the Code Enforcement Officer positions from Shonda Werts was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved 3 – 1.

4. Discussion was made regarding the bids on the maintenance of the Town’s lake.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the bid for Lake & Wetland Management was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

None

**Fire Department:**

Leroy Rutherford encourages everyone to stay safe as Hurricane Elsa approaches and look out for your neighbors. They also have a couple of new guys helping them out.

**Town Manager:**

1. The County will be doing some paving from Hwy 255 to Hwy 6. They will be putting a 4’ shoulder on the side.

2. The pumps went out at lift station 3. A bypass has been installed until repairs are made. Repairs are scheduled for next Monday.

3. Brian Williams would like a list of specific items or grants for around our area that they need to apply for.

4. The cell tower has been completed. They will be letting us know when they are live.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3105-3120; ACH #508-511; EFT 0601**

 Utility Deposit Account: **#1580**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9095-9111; ACH #1295-1306 EFT#0601 – 0607**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** Mr. Bullard is glad that the delinquent letter was effective so that we

do not have to take any further legal action.

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Be cautious that we know what we are doing when we do enforce the code enforcement ordinance.

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent – was informed the meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Elsa.

Council President Bethea: None

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