**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams

Absent: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass

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 Councilwoman Beck. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the May 4, 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 May 4, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts. Town Attorney, Rhett Bullard, will get the information to send a past due letter to our severely delinquent account.

2. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, provided a draft for Animal Control to the Town Council for their review. After some discussion, Hayslett will make a few more changes for Council to review at the next meeting.

3. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, has contacted several different places regarding a Code Enforcement Officer. At this time she has not been able to find anyone that is interested but will continue to look.

**New Business:**

1. The Town of Lee’s auditor, Ken Daniels, was present and gave an audit report for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Mr. Daniels reviewed and discussed several items of interest in the report with the Council. The Town of Lee was given a clean audit by Mr. Daniels.

2. Discussion was made on the 2 proposals that were given to clean the lake. Town Council would like to know if there is a guarantee. This item is tabled for the next meeting.

3. We have the form for the Financial Statements in the office if you did not get one in the mail. The Financial Statements are due by July 1st.

4. Some discussion was made about the Madison Youth Soccer wanting the Town to bill them $50 a month for 5 years for electric so that she can turn it in for her grant. She will need to ask the TDC to see what the requirements are for the grant. Discussion was also made about the town supplying the paint for the Madison Youth Soccer to paint the fence at Louis Demotsis Park. Some discussion was made regarding the Madison Youth Soccer using the area at the Town Hall for geocashing.

5. We received 1 bid for the V8 engine of $50.00.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to accept the $50.00 bid for the V8 engine by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. Communications Tower Group is expecting the materials to arrive Monday, June 7. It will take them approximately 2 days to finish.

2. Century link will lay fiber to utilize the tower.

3. Madison Youth Soccer Group would like to have fireworks for the 4th of July.

Bills:

Utility: **#3088-3104; ACH #504-507; EFT 0501**

Utility Deposit Account: **#1577-1578**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9078-9094; ACH #1283-1294 EFT#0501 – 0506**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** The grant writer for the county has money to build 5 – 7 houses to donate for someone in need and for repairs. The town can submit a list of candidates we may have. A county wide feasibility study was done for broadband. An estimate was given for $25 – $35 million and they are working with Tri-County Electric and other potential partners to apply for a grant.

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Absent

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 Bell, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk