**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 1, 2022**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - 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 accept the agenda was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the February 1, 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 February 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts. Discussion was made on an outstanding balance that we have not been able to collect.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to write off a past due balance of $43.37 was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion on hiring a consultant to help with the ARPA funding. We received a bid from Jordan & Associates and DSI.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to hire DSI as our consultant to help with the ARPA funding was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. The back door to the McMullen House was kicked in again and the Sheriff Department was contacted.

2. We would like to know if the Council is interested in having a vision workshop for the future of the Town of Lee.

3. The Lee Day Event Planning meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

4. We have received an estimate and are waiting on a couple more for a shelter to keep the backhoe out of the weather.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to set a $5,000 threshold for a shelter for the backhoe was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. We had a water main break on North 255 Sunday, February 20th. C.M. Brandies assisted with the repair.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3226-3240; ACH #546-549; EFT #0201**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9232-9244; ACH #1397-1409; EFT#0201-0214**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Robinson. 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: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Bell, Mayor

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 Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk