**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass

 Dianne Beck (via phone)

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

County Commissioner: Absent

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

The Minutes for the February 2, 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 February 2, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilman McMullen 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. We will continue to monitor the past due accounts. Attorney, Chuck Collins, will draft a letter for one of the accounts that we have sent multiple letters to and received no payment.

2. Discussion was made concerning the certified letters mailed out in reference to the Clean Community Ordinance. We have received confirmation of the letters received. There are a few that have not contacted us or made any progress of cleaning up. Town Attorney, Chuck Collins, will draft a final letter before any further action is taken.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion was made about requests from residents to be able to have chickens. Attorney, Chuck Collins, will look at ordinances in other municipalities on this matter.

2. Three TCU’s were donated to the Town. Public Works Supervisor has requested the Town purchase a radio for one of the units. The cost would be approximately $3,000.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to purchase the radio for the lift station. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. We received the 2003 backhoe. Discussion was made on advertising for sealed bids for the old tractor after looking up the value.

2. Town Manager has been working with Madison Engineering on the SCOP Program and will have information submitted by March 12, 2021. We are submitting Kel and Gwen as first priority and Magnolia and Lee School area will be second.

3. Clean up Madison 2021 will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Please let us know if anyone would like to participate.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3044-3052; ACH #492-495**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9027-9040; ACH #1247-1258 EFT#0201 – 0209**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:** Reached out to the GTE Financials attorney regarding releasing the town from the case regarding the CDBG-HR program. He is waiting for the attorney to contact me.

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

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