**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Erika Robinson, Dianne Beck, Ronnie Bass

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

The Minutes for the April 6, 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 April 6, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**New Business:**

1. Public Works Superintendent, Dennis Legendre, explained the need for an upgrade on Lift Station 3. Legendre provided a bid from RPI Underground, Inc. Attorney, Bullard, explained that we did not need to advertise for more bids if the upgrade was declared as a state of emergency.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to declare a state of emergency for the upgrade for Lift Station 3 was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the current bid/quote to upgrade Lift Station 3 was made by Councilman Bass. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

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

2. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, provided a draft for Animal Control to the Town Council for their review. After some discussion Town Manager, Hayslett will get in touch with Jamie Willoughby regarding animal control.

3. A sample letter regarding the Clean Town Ordinance was provided to the Town Council for review. Council recommended the Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, amend the letter to pertain to the Town of Lee for their review at the next meeting and to check into a Code Enforcement Officer.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services would like to paint the building that is in the fenced in area at the tower and treat for ants.

2. The highest bid for the tractor was $5,775.75.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the bid of $5,775.75 for the tractor was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. There is a gentlemen interested in the flathead V-8 engine that is at Blair Park. The Town Hall will advertise the engine for bids and present them at the next Council meeting.

4. The Communications Tower Group is working on getting the tower up. Concrete has been poured and more material is expected to arrive the beginning of June.

5. We had a request for a dog park, but the town is already responsible for the upkeep on the existing 3 parks.

6. A couple of small businesses are checking around for a place to rent or purchase around here.

7. The soccer group would like to paint the fence at Louis Demotsis Park and provided examples. After some discussion, it was determined to be okay for the group to proceed with painting.

8. Madison Youth Soccer would like to install vending machines at Ben Blair Park. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, will prepare a contract for the use of Ben Blair Park by Madison Youth Soccer.

9. The road department is conducting a traffic study at the intersection of County Road 255 and Hwy 90.

10. The lake is looking bad. The Town’s current contractor does not really know what else can be done. We are in the process of getting quotes and checking to see what our other options may be to getting the lake looking good again.

Bills:

Utility: **#3073-3087; ACH #500-503; EFT 0401-0402**

Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9061-9077; ACH #1271-1282 EFT#0401 – 0408**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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