**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2022**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Ronnie Bass, Dianne Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Edwin McMullen, 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 Council President Bethea. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the October 4, 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 October 4, 2022 was made by Councilwoman Beck. 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.

2. First reading of the proposed amendment to Ordinance 2015-03 increasing the utility rate to take into effect on January 1, 2023. The second reading will be held at the next regular Council Meeting, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the hearing will be on the November utility bills.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to make an amendment to Ordinance 2015-03 increasing the utility rate was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. The monthly reports from Lee Planning Consultant, Renee Demps, were reviewed.

4. Discussion was made on the Christmas lighting contest. Judging will take place Thursday, December 15, 2022. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be the same as last year.

**New Business:**

1. Julius Hackett, Tri-County Electric CEO, spoke on the upcoming availability of broadband in Madison County.

2. Discussion was made regarding the quotes from Kervin Electric for electrical work for Public Works and the lake.

3. Discussion was made on adopting the same schedule as Madison County for paid holidays.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to adopt the same schedule as Madison County for paid holidays was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion was made on allowing the Public Works employees to take the truck home while they are on call for company use only. Mileage is to be recorded in the evening and morning.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to furnish an on call truck to be used for company use only for Public Works with a mileage log to be filled out, was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion was made to continue the agreement with DSI for assistance with planning and reporting the second round of ARPA funds.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to continue the agreement with DSI for assistance with the second round of ARPA funds was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discussion was made on the amount of a Christmas bonus for employees.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to give each employee $100 and town manager $150 for a Christmas bonus was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. There was discussion regarding Edge of Town selling beer and wine at special events.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. Everything was covered under Old and New Business.

Bills:

Utility: **#3349 - 3366; ACH #586 - 589; EFT #1001U – 1002U**

Utility Deposit Account: **1612 - 1617**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9384 - 9412; ACH #1497 - 1508; EFT#1001 – 1010**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Council President Bethea. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** Mailed letter to a delinquent customer and looked into the requirements for Edge of Town to sell beer and wine at special events.

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Wants to know if the bar is still current on their license.

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

Council President Bethea: Wanted to know what the time line is on the remainder of the trailer located on Seaboard to be removed.

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