**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 3, 2020**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Dianne Beck

Council: Erika Robinson, Edwin McMullen, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Chuck Collins

Absent: Joyce Bethea

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

The Minutes for the October 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and October 26, 2020 Special 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 6, 2020 Council Meeting and October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting was made by Councilman Bass. 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.

**New Business:**

1. Town Manager, Sona Hayslett, presented the cost of Christmas decorations for the light poles. A letter from Duke Energy was also discussed regarding options for receptacles and decorations for Holiday Lighting.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to have a price cap for Christmas decorations of $4,000 by Council President Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. A motion to rent 8 receptacles from Duke Energy for $3.90 a month for each receptacle for a minimum of 10 years was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. The Calendar for 2021 was reviewed by the Council.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to accept the Calendar as printed for 2021 was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. The town started getting the inmates again. Supervisor Dennis Legendre requested that he be able to take the work truck home so that he can go straight to the prison to pick the inmates up.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to allow Supervisor Dennis Legendre to take the work truck home by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. A summary for the water tanks after the cleaning was given to the Council. We will wait to see what DEP suggests if they think something needs to be taken care of after their review of the reports.

3. We will be announcing the Christmas lighting contest on November’s bills. The dates for judging the Christmas lights were set for Thursday, December 17th,  and Friday, December 18th, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4. The repairs to the site on Canoe Trail Road are expected to come in around $8,500. This is to repair the sewer line and the road which will include asphalt on the site once it has time to settle.

5. We did receive a check from the Small County Surtax Fund for $8,494.11. This is due to the new Interlocal Agreement with Madison County being approved that Billy Washington, Madison County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, presented to us at last month’s Council Meeting.

6. We purchased 50 water meters for $6,331.00. The guys are changing out some of the older meters.

7. We have not been charging late fees due to the Covid situation. Councilwoman Robinson stated that we should continue to extend not charging the late fees until the end of the year and will revise it in January.

8. Communications Tower Group, LLC anticipates having the tenant lease signed by the end of the year. The projected install date for AT&T is currently the 2nd quarter of 2021. Tentatively construction will begin late in the 1st quarter of 2021.

Bills:

 Utility: **#2973-2991; ACH #474-477**

 Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#8950-8972; ACH #1193-1206 EFT#1001 - 1006**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Chuck Collins:**

After Councilman Bass made his statement, Mr. Collins said that he will go over the ordinances

for the Town of Lee and draft a letter of compliance for review.

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: After discussion on cleaning up the town Councilman Bass thinks that we are at the point of enforcing Ordinance 2018-01.

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Councilwoman Bethea: Absent

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