**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 4, 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 Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the September 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, September 8, 2022 First Budget Hearing, and September 20, 2022 Final Budget Hearing were reviewed by the Council.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the minutes as printed for the September 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, September 8, 2022 First Budget Hearing, and September 20, 2022 Final Budget Hearing was made by Council President Bethea. Councilwoman Beck 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. Due to a customer passing away and a customer moving with no forwarding address there are 2 accounts with a small balance.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to write off the two past due accounts with small balances was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Discussion was made on advertising for the rate increase and an amendment to Ordinance 2015-03 to take into effect on January 1, 2023.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to advertise for the rate increase to take into effect on January 1, 2023 was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, presented the monthly report.

**New Business:**

1. Junior Odom with the Madison Amateur Radio Club discussed holding a tailgate event on the Town Hall property Saturday, November 12, 2022.

2. Discussion with Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, was made on advertising a meeting with Planning and Zoning to be scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting with the Town Council for November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Review of Property Rights Element to be included in Town’s Comprehensive Plan as required by the Florida Statutes.

3. Discussion was made on items in the Town’s Inventory that should be deleted.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to delete items in orange from the Inventory List was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion was made to add Juneteenth and an Employee Appreciation Day to the Holiday schedule for 2023. This was tabled for the November Town Council Meeting.

5. Discussion was made on the prizes and judging for the Christmas lighting contest.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to have the Mayor Elect judge the Christmas lighting contest and keep the prizes the same as last year was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. The porches on the McMullen House were repaired before Lee Homecoming Day.

2. The addition for the backhoe was installed at the Public Works Building on September 22, 2022. We are waiting for the fence to be installed.

3. The Soft Start on well #3 quit working. The replacement was $1,950. We sent the old Soft Start back for repair as a backup. The repair will cost $710.

4. The next Ethics Webinar will be October 19, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. through the Florida League of Cities.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3332 - 3348; ACH #580 - 586; EFT #0901U – 0902U**

 Utility Deposit Account: **1611**

 Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9364 - 9388; ACH #1485 - 1496; EFT#0901 – 0908**

**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:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Councilwoman Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Absent

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