**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 5, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Edwin McMullen, Erika Robinson, Diane Beck

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Ronnie Bass

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 McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, September 7th, 2021 1st Public Budget Hearing, and September 14, 2021 2nd & 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 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, September 7th, 2021 1st Public Budget Hearing, and September 14, 2021 2nd & Final Budget Hearing was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Murphy has some concerns about the sidewalk in a couple areas that may need repairing. He also stated the road next to Family Dollar needed to be repaired. Mr. Murphy asked if the Town can put signs up around the pond stating that dogs need to be on a leash.

**Old Business:**

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

2. Town of Lee Planning Consultant, Renee Demps, stated the LDR does prohibit chickens on properties that are not agricultural. The LDR will need to be updated before any changes can be made to a town ordinance regarding the chickens. Renee will provide a draft for council to review at the next regular Town Council Meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Town of Lee Planning Consultant, Renee Demps, provided the monthly report showing the activity that occurred for the prior month and gave an update on several things she is working on around the Town of Lee. Discussion was made on the fee schedule for planning and zoning services. Renee will provide a draft resolution at the next regular Town Council meeting.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. The Town of Lee has been allotted $164,729.00 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Agreement. If the funds are not used by April 2022, the Town will return them. By consensus the Council has agreed to sign the agreement.

2. A new employee has been hired for Public Works. He will start Thursday, October 7, 2021.

3. Rehab of the Country Kitchen Lift Station was completed on September 10, 2021.

4. We advertised for the trash pick-up in town with a deadline of the 24th. We will not pursue having a trash pick-up day due to not enough interest at this time.

5. We received a bid for $34,278.18 to repair the 2 porches and put a metal roof on the McMullen house. We will not be moving forward at this time.

Bills:

Utility: **#3155-3173; ACH #522-525; EFT 0901**

Utility Deposit Account: **1583 - 1585**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9142-9158; ACH #1334-1345 EFT#0901 – 0907**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** None

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: Absent

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