**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**September 5, 2023**

Mayor: James Ruzicka

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 Ruzicka called the meeting to order.

**Amend or Update Agenda**

Council reviewed the agenda. An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to remove Item # 2 Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, to present her monthly report, under Old Business. She has been working the EOC for Hurricane Idalia.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by removing Item # 2 under Old Business was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

An amendment needs to be made to the agenda to change the speaker for the Lee Day Committee from Amanda Doyle to Kristina Rutherford on Item # 1, under New Business.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to amend the agenda by changing the speaker for the Lee Day Committee, from Amanda Doyle to Kristina Rutherford on Item # 1, under New Business was made by Councilman Bass. Councilwoman Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the September 5, 2023 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 September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Beck. Councilman Bass 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. There are 2 past due accounts in the amount of $61.44 and $212.59 that need to be written off due to no contact information.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to write off the 2 past due accounts, in the amount of $61.44 and $212.59, was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Kristina Rutherford, Chair for the Lee Day Committee, updated the Council on possible changes due to Hurricane Idalia.

2. Discussion was made on The Madison Soccer group wanting to expand and improve the soccer field.

3. Discussion was made on the bid we received from Engineering Services for the water improvement and assistance on the search grant.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to move forward with the bid we received from Engineering Services was made by Councilman Bass. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. There was discussion on using a magistrate on an as need basis or try to get residents to volunteer for a code enforcement board.

**Fire Department:**

No Report

**Town Manager:**

1. Midway Baptist Church asked to use the field behind the Public Works garage to do a Trunk or Treat on October 29th, during daylight hours.

2. We need to choose dates for the first and final Budget hearings.

3. An ad for Notice of Intent to close roads will in the newspaper before September 19, 2023.

4. Fastpack is not using some of the rooms and has asked for his rent to be lowered.

Bills:

 Utility: **#3503 – 3520; ACH #630 - 633; EFT #0801U**

 Utility Deposit Account: **#1638**

 Debt Service Account: **NONE**

General: **#9598 - 9620; ACH #1631 - 1636; EFT#0801 - 0806**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Beck. Council President 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: Absent

Council President Bethea: None

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Ruzicka, Mayor

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 Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk