**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**September 7, 2021**

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Joyce Bethea

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard - Absent

County Commissioner: Brian Williams - Absent

Absent: Edwin McMullen, Diane Beck

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

The Minutes for the August 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and August 17, 2021 Budget Workshop were reviewed by the Council.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the minutes as printed for the August 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and August 17, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting was made by Councilwoman Robinson. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**Old Business:**

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

2. Discussion was made regarding the draft to repeal the LDR to allow chickens in town. Town of Lee Planning Consultant, Renee Demps, will check to see if we need to make the change to the LDR or if it is best to make it an ordinance. We will discuss this item further at the October 5, 2021 regular Town Council meeting.

A motion to accept the draft to repeal the LDR to allow chickens in town as was made by Councilwoman Bass. Motion died due to lack of a second motion.

**New Business:**

1. Renee Demps, Town of Lee Planning Consultant, submitted a fee schedule the county uses as a guideline if the Town of Lee decides to have a fee schedule for planning and zoning services. This would help absorb some of the cost and generate income. A monthly report was also provided to show the activity that occurred for the prior month.

2. Discussion was made on the e-mail from Communications Tower Group, David Hargrove, regarding a lump sum payment of $135,000 instead of the annual rent for the cell tower.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion was made to leave the agreement as is for the annual rent for the cell tower by Councilwoman Robinson. Council President Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

No report was available.

**Town Manager:**

1. Rehab of the Country Kitchen Lift Station was started on 09/01/2021. There was a problem maintaining the pressure so they are installing a cut off valve. They should be finished working on it by tomorrow.

2. We have advertised for a public works technician through Career Source and have had no response at this time.

3. We advertised for the trash pick-up in town with a deadline of the 24th. We also advertised for the work on the historical building with no response and the deadline is the 24th.

4. In a previous meeting Council was asked if they would like to approve the letters in regards to the Clean Community Ordinance before they were sent out or continue to send them out at my discretion and did not get clarification. After some discussion it was decided to send a courtesy copy to the council when a letter is mailed.

Bills:

Utility: **#3137-3154; ACH #518-521; EFT 0801**

Utility Deposit Account: **No Activity**

Debt Service Account: **No Activity**

General: **#9125-9141; ACH #1322-1333 EFT#0801 – 0806**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

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

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** Absent

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass:

Councilwoman Beck: Absent

Councilwoman Robinson: None

Council President Bethea: Praised Sona for having good plans and ideas for Lee and trying to make our town look nice.

Councilman McMullen: Absent

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

James Bell, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk