Town of Lee

Special Meeting of the Lee Town Council

Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2020

Mayor: James E. Bell

Council President: Dianne Beck

Council: Erika Robinson, Ronnie Bass, Edwin McMullen, Joyce Bethea

Town Manager/Clerk: John Anderson

Attorney: Ernest Page, absent

County Commissioner: Rick Davis, absent

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda: Removal of the minutes of January 7, 2020

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item:**

Councilwoman Robinson made a motion to remove the minutes from the Agenda. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**1.** Appoint a person to serve on the Madison County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

 Kathy Bass has expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Directors.

 **Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item:**

A motion to appoint Kathy Bass to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was made by Councilman McMullen. Council President Beck seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed. Councilman Bass did not cast a vote due to conflict of interest.

**New Business:**

1. A recommendation from the Town of Lee Planning and Zoning Board to approve Special Exception 20-01. **Special Exception 20-01- A Request by Communication Towers Group LLC to be Granted a Special Exception Use to Install a 250’ Self-Support Cell Tower on a Portion of Tax Parcel No 11-1S-10-1172-001-000.**

**Public Comments:** Mr. and Mrs. Felix Santos who live next to the proposed site of the new tower were present to ask about more details of the tower. Terry Thomas representing Communication Towers Group LLC explained that coverage should improve for carriers that decide to use the Tower. The Cell Tower would have a red light on top at night and a strobe light on during the day. It would also be constructed to collapse within 150’ of the site in the event of a tornado or strong winds that exceed the wind limits that are required on the Tower.

 **Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item:**

A motion to accept the recommendation by the Lee Planning and Zoning Board for Special Exception 20-01 was made by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Bethea seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Town Manager:

1. Construction should begin next week on the Public Works building. The cost of running electric came in higher than anticipated. We will check on other pricing for electric.

2. We are checking on the use of Architectural shingles (to simulate wooden shingles) on the historical house behind Lee Town Hall. We will work to update with pictures and pricing.

**Council Member Comments**:

Councilman Bass: None

Council President Beck: None

Councilwoman Robinson: Would like the Town to check on the possibility of getting Christmas decorations for the Town. We will follow up on that suggestion and check with Duke Energy on the use of poles.

Councilwoman 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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 Sona Hayslett, Deputy Clerk