Town Council Meeting

September 3, 2019

6:00 PM

Present: Donna Bullock, Wayne Godwin, Nina Hendricks, Maxine Ivey, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, Gretchen McPherson, Crystal Weatherington

Meeting Called to Order: Maxine Ivey

Welcome Visitors: Maxine Ivey

Invocation: Maxine Ivey

Pledge: Shon Owens

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Councilman Godwin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** Eric presented the Operations Report. Discussion followed. See attached.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Eric presented the Financial Report. Discussion followed. See attached.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Crystal Weatherington presented the Engineer Report. She asked the council to decide if they would like to keep the same requests for the FRDAP Application. The council decided to request assistance with playground equipment. It was also decided to ask the county for help with the cost of this equipment. Motion was made by Mayor Owens to accept FRDAP. Seconded by Councilperson Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Town of Jay Business License Resolution – The council discussed what businesses should and should not be charged for an occupational license. Mayor Owens suggested that we find out if Santa Rosa County charges LLC license owners that do not have a store front and adopt the same policy as they do. Eric read resolution 19-09-01 regarding Occupational License Rate changes. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve resolution 19-09-01. Councilman Godwin seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.
* Joy In Jay – Eric presented a letter to be sent to businesses asking for sponsorships of various activities. Parade will be at 10:00 am with the festival to follow. Discussion followed regarding vendor forms and the drama club presentation at the livestock auction barn. Games and other activities were also discussed, along with the need for a First Aid Station. Councilperson Hendricks asked for other council members to help with talking to business owners. Mayor Owens stated that he had gotten David White’s permission to paint the wall next to the town’s lot on the corner of Highway 4 and Commerce Street. A design has been found that we would like to use. We must find someone who would be able to do the actual painting.
* Jay Peanut Festival – Eric reminded council members that we have a spot reserved for Oct. 5 and 6. He asked each council person to work 3 hour shifts to meet and pass out brochures and information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Wastewater Inspection – Town of Jay passed inspection. There were a couple of issues that needed to be addressed and Alicia is working on this.
* Town of Jay Lobbyist – Mayor Owens stated that the Town may need the assistance of lobbyist when making requests in Tallahassee. He had met with a lobbyist, from the Legus Group who was willing to help the Town of Jay for approximately $12,000. Mayor Owens stated that he felt like certain requests were not being followed through with and that a lobbyist could assist with this. He stated that there was always a risk in that hiring a lobbyist is never a guarantee. We could set it up to pay $1,000 per month for 12 months. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion that we move forward with hiring this lobbyist from the Legus Group. Seconded by Councilperson Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays.
* Town Hall Lighting Contract – Engineer came by with a bid of $17,000 to redo the lighting. Eric stated that he did not want to spend that kind of money and that we would take it off the agenda.
* Jay High School Banner Contest – Eric stated that we would like to do the contest again with the high school to make banners for the Town of Jay. The contest winners would receive $50.00 per season out of the civic budget for a total of $200.00.
* Homecoming Parade Request – Eric must request that we do the Homecoming Parade. The school has approved Thursday Oct. 10 as a tentative date. They would like to do Friday Oct. 11th if approved. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve this date. Seconded by Councilperson Ivey. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion passed.
* King’s Harvest Distribution Traffic – Eric stated that we have had several complaints regarding the distribution traffic. Eric called Santa Rosa County to find out what the requirements were for such an event. They have an event application form in which it discusses the need for Sheriff’s deputies, route maps, insurance requirements, street closures and other information. Discussion followed. The council decided to have the Town Attorney send a letter with the county requirements to King’s Harvest and to Cornerstone Church. Councilperson Hendricks asked that we first call Frederick Barrow, pastor of Cornerstone Church, to let him know about the requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Mayor Owens made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shon Owens Town Clerk Donna Bullock