

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025
6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Brent Freeman, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Gretchen McPherson, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, George & Trudie Blackmon, William McDonald, Tyler Odom

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Mike Hutto

Pledge: Brent Freeman

Approve Minutes: Councilman Hutto made a motion to accept the previous regular meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Operations Report: Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). The initial value engineering meeting with Triptek for the Bray-Hendricks Park was productive. Triptek is working on new pricing and will get back to the Town with the new cost. Once a contract is reached with Triptek, final plans will go to the state for approval.

2. Old Business:

Bray- Hendricks Park Contract: Discussed during operations report.

3. New Business:

Old Dollar General Business Interest: Mr. William McDonald with Panhandle Driveline spoke to the council about moving his business to the Old Dollar General building located at 14166 Alabama Street in Jay. Discussion followed. He stated that his company mainly manufactures drive shafts and most of their business deals with commercial vehicles. He stated that they would rarely have vehicles outside of the building and that their hours of operation are Tuesday – Friday from 6:30am – 5:00pm. Councilman Hutto made a motion to allow Panhandle Driveline to move their business into the building. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

EREC Franchise Agreement April 2025: Mr. Seib presented the council with recommendations for the new EREC franchise agreement. He proposed that we adopt a reduced fee rate of 4.5% and remove the pricing caps that we currently have for the GS and GSR service categories. Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to reduce our fee rate to 4.5% and to eliminate the pricing caps for the GS and GSR service categories. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

EREC Disaster Relief: The EREC would like to use the north part of the industrial park for staging vehicles in case of a disaster in the area until the park renovation is complete. The council discussed and decided to allow the EREC to stage any disaster relief vehicles should the need arise.

Jay Pro Rodeo: Tyler Odom, director of the Jay Pro Rodeo, spoke with council regarding the upcoming Rodeo and changes that have occurred. The Rodeo will be April 25 – 26, 2025. The new Rodeo board is President – David Smith, Vice-President – Brian Watson, Treasurer – Damon Boutwell, Secretary – Mindy Jordan and the Rodeo has its own 501-3C as a non-profit entity. Jay High School Athletics has taken over the rodeo and any sport and/or club from the schools will get first priority as vendors. Tyler asked about the use of the hydraulic bleachers during the rodeo and council approved. He stated that he would return at a later date to request a sponsorship donation. Discussion followed.

4. Visitor Comments: Ms. Blackmon brought fliers regarding the Mobile Dental Bus at First Baptist Church on Aug. 11 – 15 and the Community Health Fair being held at First Baptist on March 8, 2025 (attached).

Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk


Shon Owens, Mayor