

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2026**  
**6:00 PM Central Standard Time**

**Present:** Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Cade Diamond, Hannah Diamond, Brent Freeman, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Gretchen Mcpherson, Shon Owens, Nina Hendricks

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib    **Prayer:** Cade Diamond    **Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

**Approve Minutes:** Mayor Owens made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2026, as written. Seconded by Councilman Freeman. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**1. Town of Jay Report:**

**Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Discussion followed. Mr. Seib updated the council on the progress of Bray-Hendricks Park.

**Old Business:**

**Voluntary Annexation:** Mr. Cozart presented the council with the voluntary annexation request. Discussion followed. Ms. Bullock read Ordinance NO.: 26-01-01 for the first reading. A non-emergency Ordinance, pursuant to Section 171.044, Florida Statutes, to annex property contiguous to the Town of Jay located at 3550 Highway 4, 5307 Edeker Circle, and 4143 Highway 4, Jay, Florida, by voluntary annexation into the Town of Jay and redefine the boundary lines of the Town of Jay to include said property. Mayor Owens previously recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Freeman made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-01-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**2. New Business:**

**Gas Tap Fee Ordinance:** Mr. Seib presented the gas tap fee ordinance to the council. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib read Ordinance NO. 26-02-01 for the first reading. An ordinance of the Town of Jay, Florida, amending section 1 of Ordinance NO. 90-12-2 to provide for updated rates for usage of the Town of Jay Natural Gas System; Providing for repeal of inconsistent provisions; Providing for an effective date. Councilman Diamond made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance NO. 26-02-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Florida Gas Utility Contract:** Mr. Seib presented the council with a contract from Florida Gas Transmission Company. Discussion followed.

**Proposed Change Order #4:** Mr. Seib presented proposed Change Order #4 to the council. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib will have more information at the next meeting.

**Tobacco Free Park:** Mr. Seib proposed officially making Bray-Hendricks Park tobacco free to the council. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib will have more information at the next meeting.

3. **Council Comments:** Ms. Watson proposed a one-day Business License proposal to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens' motions to allow a one-day business license with a \$15.00 fee. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. **Visitor Comments:** None

Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Freeman.

4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried

  
Donna Bullock, Town Clerk

  
Shon Owens, Mayor