Town Council Meeting

May 4, 2020

6:00 PM

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Wayne Godwin, Josh Holloway, Maxine Ivey (via zoom), Eric Seib, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Crystal Weatherington (via zoom), Jeff Nolan (via zoom), Ben Watkins (via zoom)

Meeting Called to Order: Shon Owens

Prayer: Josh Holloway

Pledge: Shon Owens

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mayor Owens made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). The playground at Bray-Hendricks park has been torn down and plans to reconstruct are underway.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Watson presented the financial report (attached). Seven customers have filled out applications for COVID-19 hardship. Eight customers have made no attempt to contact us regarding their past due amount and therefore will be shutoff. The council also agreed to suspend late fees for the month of May.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Ms. Bullock presented the clerks report (attached). She pointed out that two council seats were vacant this year and that qualifying begins on June 8, 2020 at noon and ends on June 12, 2020 at noon.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Ms. Weatherington presented the engineering report. The CDBG project is on track to finish by May 15, 2020 pending the approval of a change order. The USDA RUS survey was finished last week and will be sent to the town once received. Park Engineering will be presented to the council once the complete package is finished.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Well #1 is in dire need of repair. The town will use the line of credit to pay for the expense associated with the repair. Mayor Owens stated that we needed to get in contact with Moore Creek Water to make an agreement on sharing water when necessary.
* Animal Ordinance Letter – Many complaints have been made regarding ducks on Williams Avenue. Animal control will not come due to them being non-domestic animals. The owners have been contacted and they have stated that they do not want the animals and they are free to anyone who would like them. Mr. Seib will send a letter to owners to hopefully get this problem resolved.
* Facebook Page – Mr. Seib stated that the town would like to start a Facebook page and that office staff would be responsible for assessing the page and printing each comment made. Mr. Cozart reminded the town that all comments were public record and must be kept as documentation.
* Lawnmower Purchase – Mr. Seib presented several prices for a new lawnmower (attached). Mayor Owens asked that the town check with John Deere on a lease agreement.
* Park Playground Update – Previously stated
* American Legion Draft Lease (attached) – Mr. Seib presented a draft of a lease for the American Legion
* Community Center June Reservations – Mr. Seib asked the council to decide if the community center could be reserved in June. It was decided that we would follow state guidelines.
* Jay Rosa Parcels – Mayor Owens made a motion to allow the owner of Jay Rosa Parcels #20 and #21 to separate the parcel into two parcels as they were originally planned. Councilman Holloway seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Owens made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shon Owens Town Clerk Donna Bullock