Town Council Meeting

July 1, 2019

6:00 PM

Present: Donna Bullock, Stephen Cozart, Wayne Godwin, Nina Hendricks, Alicia Jernigan, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Gretchen McPherson, Tri-County Girls U-10 All-Star Softball Team

Meeting Called to Order: Eric Seib

Welcome Visitors: Eric Seib

Invocation: Wayne Godwin

Pledge: Nina Hendricks

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mayor Shon Owens made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Tri-County U-10 All Star Softball Team addressed the Council and asked for a donation to support their softball tournament in Fort Meyers, Florida. Mayor Owens made a motion to donate $1,000 to the team for uniform and travel expenses. Councilman Godwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Livestock Market - The roofing contractor will start work on July 8th. The electrical contractor will follow when the roofer is complete. Weeds have been removed and cleanout of the grounds continues. The power is on in the Livestock Auction Barn.

Our funding letter from the State of Florida DEO was received. The advertisement will be published on Monday in the Pensacola News Journal. Bid openings will be held on August 7th. Santa Rosa County awarded $17,000 worth of StRIVE grants to four businesses in Jay. The USDA Rural Utility Services application has been submitted. Eric requested that the Town hold a Special Council Meeting as part of the process to be held on July 25th at 6:00pm. The estimated cost of construction is summer of 2020. The Town of Jay will continue to discuss the Well #1 building project to additional electrical contractors to find interest. Discussion continued with ideas of how to start the slab before the electrical contractor is hired.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The town has now managed our payment plan of overdue accounts down to $3,387.14.

ENGINEER REPORT: Crystal discussed the costs of designing a curb and gutter and stormwater upgrade for Calfee Street at $126,000. State Street construction only will be about $100,000 for curb and gutter. The Mayor asked is a sidewalk can be added to Calfee Street. The engineer believed there was not enough right of way room for a sidewalk. The engineer recommended just an overlay for Calfee Street. The discussion ventured to the cleanout of the Calfee Street drains. The Operations Manager will investigate the pricing. The engineer recommended the resurfacing of streets as a cheaper solution to complete some streets. The Mayor suggested we look into purchasing a paving machine to overlay our streets. Kevin is experienced in running a paving machine, so we do feel confident we can complete the job as needed. The Operations Manager will research the price.

OLD BUSINESS: The Town of Jay agreed to table the expansion of Town limits to the second meeting in September. The Mayor agreed to allow the maintenance workers to cut away the leaning tree on the Edeker Circle right of way. Councilman Godwin wanted the Town to research the cost of renting a vertical cutter. The Mayor estimated about $3,000 a week. Our workers can operate. Councilman Godwin recommended Williams Ave and Clanton St. The Mayor asked about an update of the Watson property abatement from Santa Rosa County. The Town sent a letter to Commissioner Parker that the Town agrees with Santa Rosa County’s approval for demolition of the building on the property dated February 14th. The Operations Manager will follow up with Commissioner Parker as part of the process. The fire hydrant at Highway 4 and Highway 89 was not repaired two weeks ago. We will need to expand our waterline isolation area the next time we attempt to repair the hydrant. The Mayor and Council would like the hydrant repaired as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: The Jay Historical Society requested to place two piles of bricks from the Jay Elementary School on their property at Spring St. The council agreed to the storing of the bricks as long as they are stacked neatly within 90 days.

Mr. Godwin made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shon Owens Town Clerk Donna Bullock