**Town Council Meeting**

**August 17, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Senator Doug Broxson (via phone), Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Wayne Godwin, Nina Hendricks, Maxine Ivey (via phone), Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Jana Williamson

**Meeting called to order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer**: Wayne Godwin

**Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mayor Owens made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried

**Special Guest:** Senator Doug Broxson spoke to the council regarding One Blood and requests for blood donations. He asked that all elected officials sign a pledge to donate blood over the next 60 days or until the pandemic was over. Council members were presented the pledge to sign if interested.

**Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). He requested that the council consider cashing in one of the Town’s current CDs in order to pay for items such as the CDBG overages, Well #1 and Well #3 improvements, Park plans and other outstanding debts. Councilman Godwin suggested that the town also look at other investment opportunities that could possibly generate more interest for the remaining CDs. Mayor Owens made a motion to cash in the highest amount CD and put in operating accounts to pay off previously mentioned debts. Councilman Godwin seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Further discussion followed regarding the operations report.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Watson presented the financial report (attached). Discussion followed. Mayor Owens asked that the town look an autopay option for customers.

**Clerks Report:** Ms. Bullock presented the council with the clerk’s report as well as a letter from Florida Gas Utility regarding the Credit Enhancement Requirement (attached). Mayor Owens made a motion to extend the Florida Gas Utility Credit Enhancement Requirement from 8,000 to 6,000 for the next 12 months as requested. Councilwoman Hendricks seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Engineer Report:** Ms. Weatherington gave an update on projects and stated that all projects were moving forward. The CDBG closed out as August 17, 2020.

**Old Business:**

* Garbage Contract – Mr. Seib discussed the garbage contract proposals (attached). The Council will need to make a decision on which company to use at the next meeting.
* FY – 20/21 Budget – Mr. Seib presented the council with the 20/21 Budget with comparisons to previous years (attached). There will be a special meeting on September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm for budget approval. More discussion followed.

**New Business:**

* Royal Sportsplex Request (attached) – Ms. Jana Williamson came before the council to present her ideas regarding starting a program to include Gymnastics, Taekwondo, Baton Twirling, Dance, as well as other future ideas for children and youth in the Jay area. She is currently looking for a building and/or land to begin construction on a home for the sportsplex. Her request was to use the community center as a facility until another building could be found. Mayor Owens made a motion for Eric to negotiate fees, schedule, time frame, and any other issues regarding the use of the community center with Ms. Williamson. Councilman Godwin seconded. 3 yeas (Councilwoman Hendricks had to leave meeting prior to adjourning), 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor, Shon Owens Town Clerk, Donna Bullock