

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

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Cade Diamond, Hannah Diamond, Mike Hutto, Brent Freeman, Tate Upton, Gretchen Mcpherson, Shon Owens, Nina Hendricks, Denise McDonald, Shelby Hintz, Dylan Scheickr, George Clover, Kevin Stanton, Keith Stanton, Josheph Belanger, Natalia Belanger, Ashlie Bond, Cathy Hutto, Alicia Barrow, Brynn Polk, Jacob Polk, Bayleigh Upton, Cathy Hall, Tony Howard, Brooke Steele, Rusty Steele, Nathan Boyles

Meeting Call to Order: Shon Owens **Prayer:** Mike Hutto **Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2026, as written. Seconded by Councilman Freeman. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Operations Report: Mayor Owens presented the operations report (attached). Discussion followed.

Park Manager Report:

- 2. Bray-Hendricks Park Operations Report:** Mr. Upton presented the Bray-Hendricks Park project tracker (attached). Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to create a Town of Jay Parks and Recreational League that will go through an advisory board, helping to manage and facilitate the park. Seconded by Councilman Freeman. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Upton presented the idea of an advisory board that will be over the Town of Jay's Parks and Recreational League. Mayor Owens said that we will table this until the next meeting. Mr. Upton presented the 3-on-3 league to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve Mr. Upton to move forward with the 3-on-3 Co-ed adult basketball league. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Upton asked the council for permission to allow Jay High School Cheerleading to host a pickleball fundraiser at Bray-Hendricks Park on September 12, 2026. Mayor Owens made a motion to allow JHS Cheerleading to host a pickleball fundraiser at Bray- Hendricks Park. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

Chamber of Commerce agreement regarding the Marketplace: Ms. McDonald presented the Chamber of Commerce agreement regarding the marketplace to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens stated that this will be tabled until the next meeting for the council to evaluate the agreement.

4. New Business:

Nathan and Crystal Boyles Park Donation: Mr. Nathan Boyles presented a \$25,000 donation to the Town of Jay for Bray- Hendricks Park. Mr. Boyles thanked the Town of Jay for taking a chance on him when he first started his former sanitation company, Adam's Sanitation.

Santa Rosa Leadership Presentation: Mr. Rawls presented the Leadership Santa Rosa Class 39 Solar Charging project to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to support the Santa Rosa Leadership Charging Project to move forward with the feasibility planning for a solar-powered, off-grid public charging station in Jay. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Kevin Stanton Construction Subdivide Request: Mr. Stanton presented the subdivide letter request to the council. Discussion followed.

Kevin Stanton Scott Street Parcels & Set Back: Mr. Stanton presented Scott Street Parcels and set back to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to move forward with the request with the front setback being 25 feet and the back set back being 19 feet. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mayor Owens made a motion to rezone the property as Residential Medium (RM). Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Florida Rural Water Asset Management: Mayor Owens said that this will be tabled until next meeting.

5. **Council Comments:** Mr. Cozart addressed the council about April Watson and recommended that the council suspends her with pay until they are able to gather further information. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to suspend Ms. Watson with pay until they are aware of further information. Seconded by Councilman Freeman. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

6. **Visitor Comments:** None

Mayor Owens made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk


Shon Owens, Mayor