**Regular Council Meeting**

**July 6, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Donna Bullock, Jane Hayes, Josh Holloway, Tony Howard, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, The Tri-County Girls Softball Team and Parents

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer:** Councilman Holloway

**Pledge:** The Tri-County Girls Softball Team

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Councilwoman Hayes made motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 3 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Jay Recreation Softball Team Request**: Nicole Pritchett and the Tri-County Girls Softball Team are advancing to the state tournament. They requested money to help offset the cost for the team to travel to the tournament. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to donate $1,000. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Discussion followed.

**Engineering Report:** Ms. Weatherington presented the preliminary plans for the Bray-Hendricks Park. She asked the council to state any changes or requests to the plan. Discussion followed. Ms. Weatherington stated that she would work on the requests and present at next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Jay Recreation League Electric Bills:** Mr. Seib stated that there was no update regarding the electricity at this time.

**2021 – 2022 Budget Process:** Mr. Seib presented the council with three tables regarding taxable value and millage rates for the Town of Jay in comparison with other towns of our size (attached). Discussion followed regarding increasing the millage rate for the Town. The deadline to propose an increase is August 4, 2021. Mr. Seib suggested a rate of 3.9. Mayor Owens made a motion to propose a millage rate of 3.9. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Part Time Student Employment**: Mr. Seib presented the council with a job description for a part time student maintenance employee (attached). Discussion followed. The council decided that Mr. Seib should hire a student that could work part time as needed.

**New Business:**

**Pre-Paid Gas Agreement**: (attached) Florida Gas has offered a better rate for the Town should the Town agree to a pre-Paid plan. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the stated pre-Paid gas rate with the stipulation to discuss the wording of 30-year term in the plan. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. Discussion followed. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Interlocal Agreement with Santa Rosa County regarding Industrial Park:** There is an interlocal agreement with Santa Rosa County regarding sells of lots in the Industrial Park. Mayor Owens suggested speaking with Dan Schebler, Santa Rosa County Administrator, to further investigate this agreement. Discussion followed.

**Employee Pay Scale**: Mayor Owens would like to discuss an employee pay scale at the next meeting.

**Visitors Comments:** None.

Motion by Mayor Owens to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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Donna Bullock, Town Clerk Shon Owens, Mayor