

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026
6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Cade Diamond, Hannah Diamond, Mike Hutto, Brent Freeman, April Watson, Tate Upton, Gretchen Mcpherson, Shon Owens, Nina Hendricks, Denise McDonald, Cathy Hall, Tracee Driver, Vicki Laney, Janette Bell, Elijah Bell, Daniel Smith, Randy Gabbard, Sonny Edeker, Brooke Steele, Shane Dunsford, Crystal Dunsford, Helen Bates, Shirley Rainey, Beth Ann Whitfield, Cindy Smith, Stephanie Watson, Nikki Diamond, Lynne Chapman, Glenda Beard, Sherry Chapman, Jerry Couey, Rick Hendricks, Ervin Belanger, April Knowles, Kenneth Kirk, Trudie Blackmon, Luke Rowell, Kristi Jernigan, Brandon Phillips, Cody Phillips, Danielle Cummings, Laura Nowling, Leslie Bond, Sonia Marcantel, Hugh Campbell, Julie Booth, Derek Nevels, Kassidy Nevels, Josh Lewis, Megan Lewis, **(Name list, see attached)**

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 June 15, 2026, as written. Seconded by Councilman Diamond. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Old Business:

Jay Area Chamber Use of Marketplace on Commerce Street : Mayor Owens said that this will be tabled until the next meeting.

2. New Business:

Town Manager Position: Mayor Owens discussed the possibility of filling the town manager position that Mr. Seib previously held prior to retirement. Discussion followed. Mr. Cozart stated that the Town of Jay's Charter states the only position that must be filled at all times is Town Clerk, every other position is at the discretion of the Town Council. Mayor Owens made a motion not to move forward with hiring a Town Manager. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried. Mr. Cozart opened up the floor for discussion. Discussion followed.

Well #1 Maintenance Repair: Ms. Bullock presented the Well #1 Maintenance Repair request to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to move forward the the maintenance repairs on Well #1. Seconded by Councilman Diamond. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Council Comments: Mr. Cozart stated that he prepared a Social Media Policy included in everyone's folders that he would like the council to review and see if they would like to move forward with implementing it at the next meeting.

4. **Visitor Comments:** Jim Reynolds made a comment on food trucks at the town gazebo. Discussion followed. Cindy Smith, Sherry Chapman, Ervin Belanger, Jerry Couey, and Kenneth Kirk made a comment about the Town Manager Position. Discussion followed.

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


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk


Shon Owens, Mayor