

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024
6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Josh Durst, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, David Tillar, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington

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

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes as written from June 3, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. **Town of Jay Audit Review:** Josh Durst of Durst and Jordan Accounting presented the council with the audit review for 2023. He stated that the overall audit was good, and that the Town had received an unqualified opinion. He discussed that Governmental activities and revenues were down due to the decrease in grants received. Expenses had increased due to repairs and maintenance being somewhat higher. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to approve the Town of Jay Audit Review. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. Town of Jay Report

Engineering Report: Mr. Tillar presented the engineering report. Park plans have been submitted electronically as well as in person to DEO for approval. The community center is in full demolition. We will be receiving sample fabrics and materials to choose from in the coming weeks. Governor DeSantis rejected the 3rd drying plan project. The package for the DEP Water System Grant was sent to Santa Rosa County on June 14, 2024 for review at the next meeting.

Operations Report: The Operations report (attached) was presented. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens stated that he had spoken with Adair Cotton regarding State Street and that she would be getting back with the town soon.

3. Old Business

Post Office Update: Ms. Watson spoke to the council about the Post Office Roof. FMIT had sent an adjuster out to inspect the roof. The replacement of the roof was approved. FMIT has partnered with SynergyNDS to provide access to the TurnKey Recovery Program to assist with recovery efforts. This program is included in the coverage with FMIT. The program will handle all aspects of the repairs and replacement should the town choose to use them. The council would like to table the decision until staff speaks with Synergy regarding questions about the program.

Water Rate Review: Ms. Watson presented the council with a water rate review (attached). This review included comparisons to several local water systems as well as suggestions for rate changes. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to change the water deposit amounts to \$100 for owners and \$250 for renters. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mayor Owens made a motion to change water tap fees to \$1,200 and to change sewer tap fees to \$1,500. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to adopt suggestion #1 as follows:

Residential	Base Rate (2,000 gallons)	Charge per Thousand over Base Rate
Inside Water	\$24.00	\$7.50
Inside Sewer	\$26.00	\$8.50
Outside Water	\$29.00	\$7.50
Outside Sewer	\$31.00	\$8.50
Commercial	Base Rate (4,000 gallons)	Charge per Thousand over Base Rate
Inside Water	\$48.00	\$8.50
Inside Sewer	\$50.00	\$9.50
Outside Water	\$58.00	\$8.50
Outside Sewer	\$60.00	\$9.50
Low Use Commercial	Base Rate (Under 1,000 gallons)	Charge per Thousand over Base Rate
Water	\$28.00	\$8.50
Sewer	\$38.00	\$9.50

Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Elections: Ms. Bullock stated that two people qualified for elections, Michael Hutto and Brent Freeman. She also reminded other council members that their Form 1 must be completed and filed by July 1, 2024.

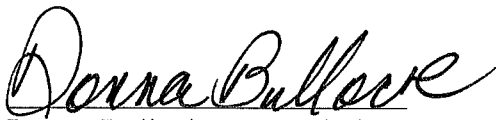
4. New Business

Jay Hospital CT Scanner Open House: (attached) Mayor Owens told the council that Jay Hospital was holding an Open House on Thursday, June 20 from 3 – 4 pm for the new CT Scanner.

Joy in Jay: Councilwoman Hendricks stated that we will have finalized dates for events for Joy in Jay at the July 1, 2024, meeting for approval.

Visitor comments: None

Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor