Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024 6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Robin Phillips, Eric Seib, David Tillar, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Michael Hutto

Pledge: Jane Hayes

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes as written from May 20, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report

Engineering Report: Mr. Tillar presented the engineering report. Plans for the park will be submitted to DEO for approval. Upon approval, the project can go out for bid. Discussion followed.

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

2. Old Business

Truck Purchase: Mr. Seib will be going to Crestview tomorrow to negotiate a truck purchase.

Elections: Ms. Bullock stated that qualifying for council elections will be June 10 - 14, 2024. Qualifying must be completed online.

3. New Business

Water Rate Review: (attached) Mr. Seib and Ms. Watson presented the council with our current water rates compared to surrounding water authorities. The council asked for a detailed scenario for the next meeting regarding different options for rates. Ms. Watson will prepare for the council to review. Discussion followed.

Employee Update: Mr. Seib stated that two part-time students have been hired for the summer. He would also like to look into increasing pay for our current wastewater operator. Discussion followed.

Post Office Update: The Post Office building had some damage to the gutters and roof during the last storm. He is getting estimates for the gutters and will also contact someone about the roof as well to get estimates of repairs.

Welcome Center Flowers: Connie Wilkes and a group of students are taking care of the welcome centers. Mayor Owens made a motion to give \$750 to Ms. Wilkes to help with the continued beautification of these centers. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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