

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024
6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Fredrick Barrow, Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Michael Hutto, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Lana Rowell, SGA Members, Eric Seib, Crystal Weatherington

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Mike Hutto

Pledge: Jane Hayes

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes as written from March 4, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Operations Report:

Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Senior Center Renovation construction will start on April 15th. Mr. Seib spoke with the Library and Tax Collectors' office to update them on renovations. Tax Collectors office plans on staying until it becomes too difficult to work. The library will try to consolidate their material inside the library and continue to work. Community Center renovations should be completed in 180 days. Mr. Seib reported we will continue to look at ways to create a safer intersection at Highway 89 and Highway 4 to help reduce accidents. Mr. Seib reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Drying Bed # 3. The town received engineering plans from Dewberry. The Legislative Appropriation project was submitted. Mr. Seib stated he will continue to follow up on Well #4 as additional information becomes available. Mr. Seib reported the town did not receive the RIF Grant for the Industrial Park. We will continue to look for and work on ways of improving the site to promote new businesses and industry. Mr. Seib reported on the Lead and Copper Lines Project. The Grant was awarded for \$6000, and Dewberry is drafting a contract. The Town has completed inspection of all lines and will create documentation and publish it on our website by October 2024. Mr. Seib informed the council that on March 27th the town will have our Wastewater Inspection. Mr. Seib met with Florida Gas Utility Transmission to see what their meter process is and to verify that the right numbers are being sent to the electronic database. I've asked Florida Gas Utility to review that number and how they got it back to us. Mr. Seib stated that the town has checked all the meters and lines for any leaks. We will follow up with FGU.

2. Old Business:

State Street: Mr. Seib spoke with Ms. Cotton this week and she is trying to coordinate with her daughter on signing the paperwork. Mr. Seib stated that the town's notary was available if needed. Mr. Seib reported he is following up on the nuisance letters to residents in the coming weeks. Mr. Seib confirmed the fireworks for July 4th. We will get a contract to be signed for the same type of fireworks show as last year. Mr. Seib reported that he will work on locating a new truck for the maintenance department. Mr. Seib stated that the town's landscape trailer is rusting, and we need to purchase a new one. Discussion followed and will report back at the next meeting. Mr. Seib reported on the Electric Franchise Fee and the town is at the maximum 10


percent. Our franchise contract with EREC is due in April 2025. Mr. Seib will look at the contract and see where we need to update. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib reported the Post Office repairs are complete.


3.New Business: Mr. Seib asked the council to look over the Draft Audit Results in their folders. Discussion followed. The council requested a light study, there are a few areas south of town that are dark. Mr. Seib reported that Tony did an assessment of the lights and reported the ones out to EREC to fix. Discussion followed.

Jay Pro Rodeo: Fredrick Barrow approached the council and requested use of the bleachers for the rodeo and asked for a donation sponsorship. Motion by Mayor Owens to allow Fredrick Barrow and SGA to use the bleachers and the town donate \$500 to the Rodeo. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Visitor comments: None

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


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk


Shon Owens, Mayor