

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Jan. 3, 2023

Present: Donna Bullock, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Tony Howard, Alicia Barrow, Cathy Hutto

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib **Prayer:** Josh Holloway **Pledge:** Jane Hayes

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the previous regular meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Park Report / Engineering Report: The contract with Dewberry for the redesign of the park was presented (attached) with a quote of \$28,000. Mayor Owens asked Ms. Weatherington to discuss with Dewberry the possibility of reducing the quote for the project. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to allow Mr. Seib to move forward with negotiations with Dewberry and report back to council members individually with results. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Operations Report: Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). The fence around the playground has been installed. Mr. Seib stated that the town will need to put millings around the base of the fencing, and he would seek pricing for this. Mr. Seib also stated that he had spoken with Tony DeGraaf with Jay Recreation. They do not need a softball field at this time and would like to use the “trash” field as a practice field for baseball. Mr. Seib will discuss further with Jay Recreation to decide what would need to be done to utilize the field for the upcoming season. Discussion followed.

2. Old Business:

Land Development Code Committees: We have yet to have residents that were contacted show interest in being on a committee. We will continue working on this.

Moore Creek Mutual Aid and Interconnect Agreement: On Christmas Day, there were several leaks throughout the town due to the cold weather. The interconnect was opened up until MCMC asked for it to be closed due to problems they were having. The town utilized 4,500 gallons from MCMC well.

Town of Jay Logo: No update at this time.

Town of Jay Non-Profit: All paperwork has been submitted and we are awaiting approval.

State Street Right of Way: The survey is complete, and Mr. Cozart is working on contacting residents who are affected.

3. New Business:

Park Loan Agreement: Mr. Seib presented the council with 2 proposals (attached) for possible loans for the park renovation. Discussion followed regarding checking into all options including a line of credit. Mr. Seib will continue researching this and will present at the next council meeting.

Mary Street and Clanton Ave. 4 way stop: A request was made for either a 4 way stop or installation of speed bumps in this area due to people using the area as a cut through from Spring Street to Highway 4. Residents Alicia Barrow and Cathy Hutto were present to discuss. Letters were sent out to all residents in the neighborhood regarding the request. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib and Ms. Weatherington will research the cost of installing speed bumps while the road repaving is being done. Ms. Hutto also thanked the town for installing a street sign for a child in the neighborhood.

CD Renewal Letter: The United Bank CD of approximately \$61,000 is up for renewal. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to move the CD to a savings account upon verification of auditors. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Community Center Engineering Contract: Due to some changes being made to the attached contract proposal, this will be presented at the next meeting.

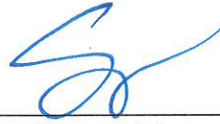
Lobbyist Contract: The contract for The Legis Group is up for renewal (attached). Mayor Owens made a motion to renew said contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Visitor comments: Councilman Holloway requested that the requirements for the Livestock Market be readdressed in order to utilize the facility more.

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



Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor