**Regular Council Meeting**

**April 19, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Elijah Bell, Marie Bledsoe, Victoria Bledsoe, Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Kaylin Durst, Teresa Dobson, Wayne Godwin, Jane Hayes, Abby Hendricks, Nina Hendricks, Elizabeth Hewey, Tony Howard, Hanna James, Tracy James, Jada Lowry, Jason Lowry, Gretchen McPherson, Jimmie Melvin, Ian Murphy, Shon Owens, Shelby Rasmussen, John Sargent, McKenzie Sargent, Shandle Sargent, Eric Seib, Cheri Smith, Maleea Smith, Richard Smith, Clayton Stephens, Makayla Thompson, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer:** Councilman Godwin

**Pledge:** Councilwoman Hendricks

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Jane Hayes made motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by

Mayor Owens. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Town of Jay Art Contest Results / Presentation:** The Town of Jay in coordination with the Jay High School Art Department held a Support the Arts Contest. Several of the winners were present. Mr. Seib presented the awards to each student and thanked Ms. Dobson, JHS Art Teacher for all of her help with the Art Contest. See Attached for a List of Winners.

**Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Mayor Owens stated that the trusses for Well #1 would be here on Wednesday of this week. He also stated that the tennis courts at Bray-Hendricks’s park needed repair for continued use by the JHS tennis teams. Mr. Seib has applied for a Lowe’s grant to assist with more park improvements and other town improvements. Discussion also followed regarding State Street and Ms. Weatherington stated that she is working on a right of way issue.

**Old Business:**

Nuisance Letters: Mr. Seib is continuing to work on these letters.

FRDAP Playground Equipment Pricing: Discussion continued from the Operations Report. Game Time pricing is still being considered.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 21-04-01:** Resolution 21-04-01 was read establishing a line of credit at United Bank for $220,000 for emergency funding.Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04-01. Mayor Owens seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Audit Legislative Response Letter:** (attached) The Town of Jay received a letter from the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee regarding repeat audit findings. The Town responded as required. No further action is needed at this time.

**Mid-Year Budget Review:** Mr. Seib presented the mid-year budget review (attached). Discussion followed.

**Visitor Comments:** Councilwoman Hendricks expressed her concern regarding the proposed cuts in teachers within the Santa Rosa County School District. School Board member Elizabeth Hewey was present and addressed several concerns that were brought up among members of the council and visitors. She suggested a meeting with Dr. Karen Barber, superintendent of Santa Rosa County Schools. Mr. Seib will work on setting up a time to meet to express the concerns that our citizens have regarding our schools.

Motion by Mayor Owens to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2021.

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Donna Bullock, Town Clerk Shon Owens, Mayor