Town Council Meeting

May 18, 2020

6:00 PM

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Wayne Godwin, Josh Holloway, Maxine Ivey (via zoom), Eric Seib, Gretchen McPherson (via zoom), Shon Owens, Barry Luker

Meeting Called to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Josh Holloway

Pledge: Shon Owens

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Councilman Godwin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report. Mr. Seib stated that there are four funds that are currently out of balance within the budget (see attached), due to a discrepancy in gas calculations for revenue. He requested to move funds from the water and sewer funds that currently have overages to this shortage in order to have all accounts back to zero. This will assist with balancing the budget. Mayor Owens made a motion to adjust the budget as requested. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Watson presented the financial report (attached).

**CLERKS REPORT:** Ms. Bullock presented the clerks report (attached). Election qualifying is coming up and will be advertised over the next two weeks.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Mr. Seib presented the engineering report. All lines are tied to the new water line for CDBG except for McCurdy and Calfee streets. The surveyors have completed their portion for the USDA grant, and all is moving forward. Ms. Weatherington with Dewberry is continuing to work on Bray-Hendricks Park engineering and will update the Town when ready.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Well #1 Maintenance and Financing – Moore Creek Mount Caramel consulted with Joan Douglas with SERCAP to review water charges between the Town of Jay and MCMC. Ms. Douglas recommended $3.07 per thousand gallons of borrowed water. Mayor Owens is meeting with MCMC to discuss putting an agreement in place for any future shared water charges.
* Lawnmower Purchase – Mr. Seib presented the council with five options for the purchase of a new lawnmower (attached). Discussion followed. Councilman Godwin made a motion to purchase a gas mower from John Deere. Mayor Owens seconded. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mayor Owens made a motion to check on financing the mower with a low interest rate. Councilman Holloway seconded. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
* Park Playground Update – A concrete border has been completed, A representative from the playground company will be coming in this week to discuss assembly of the new playground equipment. The equipment will be installed June 5th and June 6th. The Town will be asking for volunteers to assist with this process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Garbage Contract – ECUA is discontinuing the contract with Santa Rosa County (see attached). Wastepro will most likely be Santa Rosa County’s provider. Adams Sanitation and Wastepro have shown interest in providing service for the Town of Jay. Mayor Owens would like for the Town to check in to billing for garbage service.
* Fourth of July Planning – The Town is still on for fireworks for July 3rd. Councilman Holloway asked that we put up social distancing signs prior to the event.
* Mayor Owens asked for the engineering to check the area in front of Jay Funeral Chapel. It is currently holding water since the repaving.
* Mr. Barry Luker (14011 Alabama Street) requested to have an engineer look at his property to see if something could be done about retaining water due to Spring Street and Mildred Street now being higher than his property. Mayor Owens stated that due to Spring Street being a county road, the Town would need to consult with them before any solution could take place. Mr. Seib will check with Santa Rosa County to see what could be done.

Councilman Godwin made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mayor Owens. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shon Owens Town Clerk Donna Bullock