**Regular Council Meeting**

**June 7, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Julie Boughton, Donna Bullock, James Calkins and guests, Ryan Campbell, Linda and Jack Carden, Steve Cozart, Amanda DeGraaf, Jane Hayes (via phone), Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Tony Howard, Rennie Jenkins, Ryan Jenkins, Lucas Killam, Oscar Locklin, Gretchen McPherson, Austin Mount, Shon Owens, Sharee Patrick, Kurvin Qualls, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Ann West, Benjie West, Members of Jay High School FFA

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer:** Councilman Holloway

**Pledge:** Mayor Owens

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mayor Owens made motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Jay High School Principal**: Councilwoman Hendricks introduced Benjie West, new principal of Jay High School. Mr. West spoke briefly about how excited he was to be at Jay High School and how he was looking forward to working with the town.

**Jay High School FFA Presentation:** Laken Troup, FFA student, presented for FFA regarding upcoming competitions and how they were thankful for the towns support.

**Commissioner Calkins District 3 Update:** Commissioner Calkins spoke to the council about what he was trying to do for District 3. He presented the town with a check for $27,777.00 to help with the updates at Bray-Hendricks Park. He also stated that he was requesting another $22,000 from the Santa Rosa County general fund to assist with other needs for the Town of Jay. Commissioner Calkins congratulated and presented the Jay High School FFA chapter with a check for $5,777.00. Mayor Owens stated to Commissioner Calkins that the Town wants to work with the county and that we always need to communicate what our needs for District 3 were. Commissioner Calkins also stated that he has not received many requests from District 3, but that the county was currently working on the Land Development Code. Mayor Owens asked about project to improve the district. Commissioner Calkins said that one of the biggest concerns in our district is the infrastructure. He said they were currently working on several ideas of how to improve infrastructure. Ryan Jenkins requested a meeting with Commissioner Calkins to discuss the growth in the county and various zoning laws to protect the agricultural land that exists. Julie Boughton expressed her concerns about a gravel pit requesting to be built on Country Mill Road. Other discussion followed. Commissioner Calkins requested for citizens to email all concerns and requests to him.

**Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Mayor Owens asked the audience for ideas of how the town could improve. Sharee Patrick stated that the downtown area needed improvement.

**Old Business:**

**Jay Community Education Summit** – The council decided to give Mr. West an opportunity to get acquainted with Jay High School before continuing with the summit. Councilwoman Hendricks suggested looking into holding a quarterly workshop meeting for the school and town.

**New Business:**

**USDA Bond Resolutions:** Ms. Bullock read Resolution 21-06-01 (attached). Mayor Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06-01. Councilman Holloway seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Ms. Bullock read Resolution 21-06-02 (attached). Discussion followed. Councilman Holloway made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06-02. Mayor Owens seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Resolution to adopt Santa Rosa County’s Local Mitigation Strategy Plan**: Mr. Seib read Resolution 21-06-03 (attached). Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06-03. Councilwoman Hayes seconded. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Emerald Coast Regional Council – Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project**: Kurvin Qualls presented for the Emerald Coast Regional Council. He introduced Austin Mount of the Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project. Mr. Mount gave a power point presentation (attached) regarding the Transportation Project. Discussion followed.

**Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Military Community Meet and Greet Invitation**: Mr. Seib presented the council with an invitation (attached) to the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Military Community Meet and Greet.

**Visitors Comments:** Amanda Degraaf stated that they had cleaned up parts of the park to get ready for the upcoming tournament to be held at Bray-Hendricks Park. Ryan Jenkins discussed protecting farmland around Jay in order to prevent said land from being used for building. Mayor Owens discussed expanding the town limits in order to protect farmland in and around Jay. Discussion followed.

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

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Donna Bullock, Town Clerk Shon Owens, Mayor