Town Council Meeting

June 17, 2019

6:00 PM

Present: Donna Bullock, Stephen Cozart, Wayne Godwin, Nina Hendricks, Maxine Ivey, Alicia Jernigan, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington

Visitors: Matthew Taylor

Meeting Called to Order: Maxine Ivey

Welcome Visitors: Maxine Ivey

Invocation: Maxine Ivey

Pledge: Wayne Godwin

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Councilman Godwin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Livestock Market - The USDA met with Eric on June 11th to set the agreed upon final product of the Livestock Market project. Power is available, but not run into the building yet. Once power is connected, the HVAC system could be evaluated. Roofing bids are due by Thursday June 20, 2019. The roofing should take about 3 weeks to complete. Councilman Godwin asked about the roof condition and the Mayor stated that the roofers would repair any damaged areas. The electrical bid was below $10,000, so it was below the Town of Jay’s bid threshold. Weed removal has started. The auction barn will be rekeyed and with power connected we can begin to clean. CDBG Grant – DEO has looked at the environmental review and sent follow on questions back to Robin. We are still waiting to advertise. FDOT Highway 4 Repaving Project – No new news. Economic Development STRIVE Grant – Eric will attend meeting at the BOCC on June 24, 2019 in hopes of an announcement of awardees. Water Distribution System – The USDA RD application Engineering Review is progressing. Well #1 Improvements – Zero electrical bids were received. The Town will re-bid the project with some adjustments. Park Plan – Mayor Owens will take a letter to some of the previously discussed companies. He asked if we could name a field after the company that does the work. Mr. Cozart stated that it would only have to be approved by the council. Councilman Godwin suggested asking Poarch Creek about donating. Fire Hydrant Repairs – Eric stated that we would be shutting down the water system on Thursday June 20, 2019 in order to remove and replace the hydrant. We would be sending out boil water notices to those affected over the next few days. Road Repairs – Councilman Godwin asked the manager of the Jay Farmer’s Co-Operative if they would be willing to assist with the cost of repaving State Street. The manager stated that they would. Mr. Cozart stated that State Street ends at Brenda Watson’s property line and we would need an easement from Ms. Watson in order to pave beyond the property line. Additionally, the attorney found that a dirt road on the northern border of the Watson property does belong to the Town of Jay and is another option. Mayor Owens asked for Crystal to get a quote on paving both sections of State Street and Coleman Avenue. Then we would request the easement from Ms. Watson. Mayor Owens asked Crystal to please obtain quotes for estimates to repave. A motion was made by Councilman Godwin to proceed with State Street. Councilwoman Hendricks seconded the motion. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Calfee Street – Crystal reported that for a 1 ½” overlay, the cost would be $15,000 and for a 2” overlay, the cost would be $28,000. Mayor Owens asked for elevations to be considered and Crystal stated that she had someone who could help evaluate the road before any decision was made. The Mayor also mentioned that he would like to see some streets re-striped and it was mentioned that the Post Office Parking Lot stripes were in poor condition.

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided to table the Town of Jay Facebook Page and remove it from future agendas. The council decided not to put speed bumps on Mary Street at this time. We are pushing the expansion of the city limits to a later date. Mr. Cozart stated that when we do revisit the city limits, that we should consider a population of 1,500 so that we could then be incorporated.

NEW BUSINESS: Matthew Taylor represented the Cornerstone Church Youth Group and asked the council for permission to host a kickball tournament at Bray-Hendricks park on July 4th. Mayor Owens made a motion to allow the kickball tournament pending insurance coverage. Councilwoman Hendricks seconded. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. 4th of July – Due to our fireworks distributor being short on manpower, we have been forced to move our fireworks to a different date. The company only informed us last week and therefore we are unable to find another company at such short notice. Kevin Hermann volunteered to become trained, however, Pyrotechnics stated that they would not be able to train him at this time. Mayor Owens made a motion to move the Town of Jay Fireworks to Friday, July 5th using a different company. Councilwoman Hendricks seconded. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. Edeker Cir Tree - We have had a few complaints about the safety of the tree that fell during a recent storm. EREC was contacted as well as Santa Rosa County and neither wanted the responsibility of cutting down this tree due to the condition it was in. We received two bids to cut down the tree, $2,800 for Donnie Smith, and $4,900 from Drop Tree Service. Mayor Owens asked to take a look at the situation before making a decision.

Mr. Godwin made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Shon Owens Town Clerk Donna Bullock