

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart, Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, Joe Thomas, David Tiller, April Watson, Brenda Godwin, Richard Savage, Trudy Blackmon, Connie Lewis, Tony Howard, Mike Hutto

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Josh Holloway

Pledge: Shon Owens

Approve Minutes: Mayor Owens made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 5, 2023, as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting from July 17, 2023, was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Engineering / Operations Report: Mr. Tiller presented the engineering / operations report (attached). Discussion followed. Requests for proposals (RFP's) for grant administrators for the park grant were advertised. Only one proposal was submitted for grant administrators from Jones & Phillips. Councilman Holloway made a motion to accept Jones & Phillips proposal for grant administration. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Two grading bids have been received. One from Dewberry and one from Own Engineering. Mr. Seib stated that the bids need to be graded. Mayor Owens made a motion for Eric, Councilwoman Hayes, and Donna Bullock to grade the bids. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Seib presented the council with a timeline review for the park reconstruction as well as the design for the amphitheater (attached). Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to send amphitheater sample design to architects to move forward with park plans. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Tiller stated that 60% of the design for the renovation of the community center was complete. The design will be completed by the end of the month. Town employees are working on a traffic study for the Hwy 89 and Hwy 4 intersection. Results will be presented to Mr. Tiller for him to draft a letter regarding these results to FDOT. Wastewater Treatment Drying Bed was discussed and an Dewberry will draft an engineering plan for this addition at a later date.

2. Old Business:

Livestock Ordinance: Brenda Godwin, 5132 Mildred Street, spoke to the council about concerns with the Livestock Ordinance. Several issues regarding the definition of poultry (to include ducks), chicken pens requiring a roof, and the enforcement of existing ordinance were addressed. Councilman Holloway stated that no animals should be roaming at large, including ducks. Ms. Godwin asked who enforced these ordinances. Discussion followed regarding the costs associated with enforcement as well as how the town could help residents regarding the following of ordinances.

Jay Logo: Mr. Seib presented the most recent logo design. Discussion followed. Mr. Seib will give the requested changes to Jada Lowry.

3. New Business:

Nuisance Letters: Mr. Seib stated that two requests for land cleanup had been reported. Two nuisance letters (attached) were signed by Mayor Owens and will be sent out requesting that the two properties be cleaned up.

Septic Truck Contract: A request from Kimmons & Sons Plumbing Gas has been received for utilization of the Town's sewer system. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve this request and to submit the contract for their use of the system. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

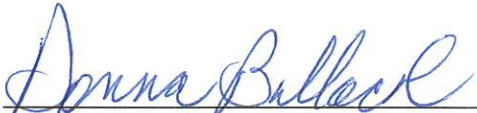
TRIM Budget Ad Valorem Rate and Tentative Budget Hearing Date: Mr. Seib presented the council with the certification of taxable value. If we keep the current ad valorem rate of 3.8 mills, the town will receive \$16,657.00 in additional ad valorem for a total of \$205,895.00. Mayor Owens made a motion to keep our current ad valorem rate of 3.8 mills. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Seib stated that the first budget meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 6, 2023, at 5pm with the regular council meeting to follow.

Budget Discussion: Mr. Seib presented the council with the revenues over (under) expenditures report for 2023-2024 (attached). Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.


Homecoming Parade Approval: Mr. Seib requested approval for the JHS Homecoming parade for Oct. 20, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Councilman Holloway made a motion to approve the Homecoming parade for Oct. 20, 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Comments: None

Mayor Owens made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.



Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor