

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2023**  
**6:00 PM Central Standard Time**

**Present:** Donna Bullock, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Brenda Godwin, Travis Allen

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib

**Prayer:** Eric Seib

**Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

**Approve Minutes:** Mayor Owens made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from Aug. 21, 2023, as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**1. Town of Jay Report:**

**Engineering / Operations Report:** Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached). Discussion followed. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to commence with the hiring of the grant administrator for the park renovation but to wait on the engineering contract until approval by DEO. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**2. Old Business:**

**Livestock Ordinance:** Mr. Seib presented the council with the Land Development Code for the Town (attached). Discussion followed regarding the agricultural uses as well as where our code states that livestock may be. Mr. Seib will do more research regarding the Santa Rosa County ordinance and present further options at a later date.

**Jay Logo:** Mr. Seib presented the council with the final logo (attached).

**3. New Business:**

**Blackmon Drive Variance:** Kevin Stanton requested a variance for 2 plots on Blackmon Drive to be made into 3 plots. He plans to demolish a building that is currently on the property. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve the requested variance. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Addition Gaming Night at Community Center:** Travis Allen requested to use the community center small room to start an additional group for the gaming club that he has started. The council approved.


**Christmas Lights:** Mayor Owens spoke with a company regarding putting up lights on the top of the buildings on Commerce Street and on part of Highway 4. The company stated that they could do a three-year lease and maintain all lights for \$13,000 yearly. Mayor Owens wants to discuss further with the company to get other options.

**4. Visitor Comments:** Ms. Brenda Godwin discussed several houses in her neighborhood that needed some clean up. Mayor Owens stated that the council members were going to go around town and make notations about properties and areas that needed to be cleaned up. Then a list would be made, and the town would work on helping property owners with some of the smaller clean-up items.

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



Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor