**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 6, 2021**

**Present:** Donna Bullock, Steve Cozart (via zoom), Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Scott Dudley

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib **Prayer**: Josh Holloway **Pledge**: Shon Owens

**Approve Minutes:** Mayor Owens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Presentation:** Scott Dudley, Florida League of Mayors Executive Director presented the Town of Jay with a check for $1,500.00 to use for continued renovations at the Marketplace on Commerce Street. (attached)

**Operations Report**: Mr. Seib presented the Operations report (attached). Donation letters for the park funding are being prepared (sample attached). Discussion followed. Council members would like to discuss the park fund letters more at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Dollar General Fire Pump Room and Tank:** The new Dollar General building is proposed to be 12,480 ft². A building over 12,000 ft² requires a minimum water pressure of 8 - 10 PSI with an open fire hydrant. Engineers for the project would like to add a water tank and fire pump house for the fire protection system (plans attached). Mayor Owens made a motion to approve the plans as requested stating that the engineers may retest after the new water lines are in and the Town would allow this. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Wreaths Across America:** The event will be held on December 18, 2021, at 11:00 am at the Town of Jay Cemetery.

**Animal Food Distribution:** Councilwoman Hendricks stated that she had been approached about a place to store food for an animal food distribution. Discussion followed.

**Joy In Jay:** Mayor Owens stated that he was impressed with the event and thanked the council and employees for all the work they had put in to make this such a successful event.

**Employee Bonus:** Mr. Seib discussed with council members regarding cost of living raises vs. end of year bonuses. Councilwoman Hendricks stated that she would prefer to give employee bonuses. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens stated that they would decide at the next meeting on December 21st and present to employees at the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday December 22nd.

**Visitor Comments:** None

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

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Donna Bullock, Town Clerk Shon Owens, Mayor