

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022

Present: Donna Bullock, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway (via phone), Gretchen McPherson, Eric Seib, April Watson, Sam Lewis, Mike Lewis, Doris Jackson, Robert Hall, Tony Howard, David Barnhill, Pat Smalls

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Eric Seib

Pledge: Jane Hayes

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the regular council meeting minutes from June 20, 2022, as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the special council meeting minutes from June 30, 2022, as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Engineering Report: Ms. Weatherington was unable to attend the meeting and will update at the next regular council meeting.

Operations Report: Mr. Seib will update at the next regular council meeting.

2. Old Business:

TRIM Budget Preparations: Mr. Seib presented the 2022 – 2023 Operational Budget Forecast (attached). Discussion followed. This will be discussed further at the next regular council meeting.

3. New Business:

Request for Mobile Home (5139 Blackmon Dr.): Mamie Kennedy of 5139 Blackmon Drive has requested to put a mobile home on her property at 5139 Blackmon Drive. She sent in all the necessary paperwork (attached) that the council requested. Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to approve the placement of the home as requested. Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Adams Sanitation Hurricane Plan: Adams Sanitation has requested to store a few of their trucks in Jay should a name hurricane occur to assist with clean up after the storm. Mr. Seib suggested using the Higdon property for such storage if needed. Discussion followed. The council approved this request.

Mary's Lawn Care: A request to be put on the agenda for Mary's Lawn Care was received, but no one was present for the meeting.

Bids for Demolition for Bray-Hendricks Park: Mr. Seib stated that two bids had been received, one for \$354,600 (D & B of Molino) and another for \$382,493 (Barnhill Dirtworks). The budget that the town had planned for was around \$100,000. Mr. Seib would like to meet with Ms. Weatherington to discuss what needed to be done to get the cost of demolition down closer to the budget price. A decision will be made later.

Land Development Code Review: Pat Smalls from Matrix presented the Land Development Code Review (attached). Discussion followed. Mr. Smalls recommended adopting changes for the code as individual ordinances instead of adopting all changes as one ordinance. Councilwoman Hendricks requested to add Bradford Pear trees to the list of prohibited trees. Discussion regarding the illumination of electronic signs occurred. Mr. Smalls stated that he would check into what the industry standards were.

4. Visitor Comments: Mike Lewis of Lewis Funeral Home stated that the stormwater management system plans for the former Griffin property had been submitted to FL DEP for review. The plan is to put a milled asphalt service down for the parking lot. The property is only 0.29 acre. Per requirements, two handicap parking spaces are necessary. The current plan is to place the two spaces near the front door and to utilize the columns on the building for the required signs. The landscaping plan has been sent to Mr. Seib for review.

Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to allow Mr. Seib and Ms. Weatherington to make the final decision regarding the plans, parking lot, and handicap requirements per Santa Rosa County standards. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Doris Jackson, 5278 Magnolia Street, came forward with several questions. She asked where to find the ordinances for the Town. Ms. Watson gave her the website and showed her where to find the ordinances online. She asked about residents firing weapons within the Town limits. Mr. Seib stated that he would check with law enforcement to find out the regulations. He also suggested calling the police department whenever this was occurring. Ms. Jackson stated that mosquitos were a problem and were swarming around her home. She stated that she has no standing water on her property but that an adjacent business had a great deal of junk that could be causing the standing water and mosquito problem. Mr. Seib stated that we would send a nuisance letter to said business as well as to some of the neighbors in the surrounding area. She discussed the issue with junk and trash lying in yards around her neighborhood. Councilwoman Hayes stated that for a nuisance letter to be sent, that it must be a public health issue. Mosquitos would be considered a public health issue. Ms. Jackson is very concerned about safety issues in her neighborhood, and she stated that she wanted her safe and clean neighborhood back.

Mr. Robert Hall, 5168 Blackmon Drive, was also present and stated that he was happy that Mayor Owens was building new houses in his subdivision. He would like to see some more clean up in his neighborhood as well.

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

5. Reminders:

The next Regular Town Council Meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2022.



Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor