

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2022

Present: Donna Bullock, Jane Hayes, Nina Hendricks, Josh Holloway, Gretchen McPherson, Shon Owens (via zoom), Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Dr. David Smith, Janie & Tony Gomillion, Tony Howard, Frederick & Jeanna Barrow, Lana Rowell, Major Rowell, Makenleigh Bledsoe, Mason Tutt

Meeting Call to Order: Eric Seib

Prayer: Josh Holloway

Pledge: Jane Hayes

Approve Minutes: Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to accept the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Town of Jay Report:

Engineering Report: Ms. Weatherington presented the Engineering Report.

Operations Report: Mr. Seib presented the operations report (attached).

2. Old Business:

Architect Update: Mr. Seib stated that there is not a current update.

Engineering RFQ Results: Evaluation scoring summaries for the engineering RFQ were presented (attached). Dewberry will be the engineer for the project.

Jay Rodeo Report: Members of the Jay Pro Rodeo committee were present. Ms. Janie Gomillion spoke regarding past rodeo events. Ms. Rowell gave the council copies of the last two years annual statements along with a list of donation recipients (attached). Dr. Smith spoke regarding the rodeo process and how he became a part of the planning of the rodeo. Councilwoman Hayes asked the committee what the biggest need would be for future rodeos. Ms. Rowell stated that more bleachers were needed. Discussion followed. Ms. Rowell presented Town of Jay employee Tony Howard with a plaque for being the “oldest bull rider in history” and for his help in raising \$250 for the JHS SGA.

3. New Business:

Dollar General Alcohol License Request: The new Dollar General is requesting an alcohol license for the new store. Mr. Seib presented the council with a copy of the alcohol ordinance (attached). Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to approve the license request seeing as they already had the license for the previous store. Seconded by Councilwoman Hendricks. 3 yeas, 1 nay (Councilman Holloway). Motion carried.

TRIM Budget Preparations: Mr. Seib presented the TRIM timetable and important dates (attached). We will discuss at the July 18th council meeting.

Natural Gas Prepayment: Mr. Seib told the council that the price of natural gas continues to rise, and the town has the opportunity to hedge the cost of purchasing said gas. See attached proposals. Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to hedge the natural gas at 50%. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Annual Water Rates Analysis: Mr. Seib presented the council with a water rates analysis including a 5% increase. The rates have not been increased in almost 4 years. Discussion followed. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 6:00 pm to discuss further.

July 5th Meeting: The council opted to hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2022, instead of moving the meeting to July 5, 2022. Our regular meeting date would fall on the July 4th holiday.

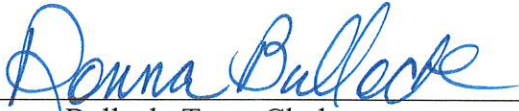
4. Visitor Comments: Tony Howard stated that several members of the Jay Masonic Lodge had expressed concern over the current location of the Town's red light. He asked if it was a possibility to move this red light to the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 89. Mayor Owens stated that this has been requested previously with the FDOT and that it would cost approximately \$600,000 to move this red light. FDOT said they could move it, but the Town would have to pay for this light. Mr. Seib will research further.

Councilwoman Hendricks thanked the Town employees for all their hard work with the Town of Jay Block Party.

Councilwoman Hayes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Holloway. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Reminders:

The next Regular Town Council Meeting will be Monday, July 18, 2022.



Donna Bullock, Town Clerk



Shon Owens, Mayor