

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026
6:00 PM Central Standard Time

Present: Donna Bullock, Cade Diamond, Hannah Diamond, Mike Hutto, Brent Freeman, Shon Owens, Tate Upton, William McDonald, Mindy Paille, Tommy Paille, Kevin Stanton, Eric Seib

Meeting Call to Order: Shon Owens **Prayer:** Mike Hutto **Pledge:** Cade Diamond

Approve Minutes: Councilman Diamond made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2026, as written. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

1. Park Manager Report:

Bray- Hendricks Park Manager's Report: Mr. Upton presented the Bray-Hendricks Park Operations Report to the council. Discussion followed. Mr. Upton presented the updated By-laws of the Jay Park and Recreation Advisory Board to the council. Discussion followed. This will be tabled until next meeting. Mr. Upton stated that he had a list of things needed for Bray-Hendricks Park to prepare for upcoming tournaments. He will have further information at the next meeting.

2. Town of Jay Report:

Operations Report: Mayor Owens presented the operations report to the council. Discussion followed.

3. Old Business:

Griner Drilling - Pump: Mr. Seib presented the new pump price estimate with the cost for vertical pump to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve the bid that shows \$17,802.55. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. New Business:

Kevin Stanton – McCutchin Drive Property Split & Scott Property Split Amendment:

Mr. Stanton presented the McCutchin Drive property split to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to approve the proposal to split the lot into 5 separate lots, to change the rear set-back to 34 feet, and the variance. Seconded by Councilman Diamond. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Mr. Stanton presented the Scott St property split to the council. Discussion followed. Mayor Owens made a motion to split the Scott Street property into 3 plots, and to allow Mr. Stanton to modify one of the plots. Seconded by Councilman Diamond. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Christmas Lights Contract: Ms. Bullock presented the request from First City Lights to renew our Christmas Lights contract for \$9,000.00 for the first year. Discussion followed. This will be tabled until next meeting.

Fireworks Date: Ms. Bullock presented a request from The Cutting Board to secure our 4th of July fireworks date for 2027. Discussion followed. The Town of Jay will have their fireworks show on July 3, 2027.

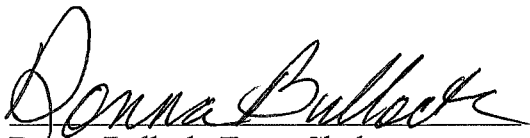
Attorney Report: Ms. Bullock presented a Voluntary Resignation Agreement regarding Ms. April Watson to the council. Discussion followed. The agreement states that the Town of Jay will pay Ms. Watson 378 hours of accrued time-off, including, but not limited to, vacation, comp time, and sick leave. This payment will represent payment of wages at Ms. Watson's regular rate of pay and shall be subject to withholding in the same manner as Ms. Watson's regular pay of \$31.25 per hour. The Town of Jay shall also pay Ms. Watson the sum of \$15,000.00 in liquidated damages. This amount is owed to employee for time that would normally be expected to be given as notice of resignation of a manager position. This amount is not payment of wages and shall not be subject to withholding; Ms. Watson assumes full responsibility for paying all state, local, and federal taxes on liquidated damages which may be due, if any. Councilman Diamond made a motion to accept the voluntary resignation agreement, which will make Ms. Watson's resignation effective immediately. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 3 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

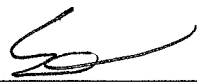
Ms. Bullock presented a letter from Willing Street Law regarding a current utility client. Discussion followed.

5. Council Comments: None

6. Visitor Comments: None

Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried


Donna Bullock, Town Clerk


Shon Owens, Mayor