**Lee Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 2, 2024**

Mayor: James Ruzicka

Council President: Ronnie Bass

Council: Edwin McMullen, Lloyd Burke, & Ken Szostek

Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett

Attorney: Rhett Bullard

County Commissioner: Brian Williams

Absent: Joyce Bethea

Mayor Ruzicka called the meeting to order.

**Amend or Update Agenda**

Council reviewed the agenda.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilman Szostek. Councilman Burke seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the June 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the minutes as printed for the June 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Szostek. Councilman Burke seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Minutes for the June 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to accept the minutes as printed for the June 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting was made by Councilman Szostek. Councilman Burke seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Bill Eckert stated that the sheriff department has not been out and asked if the council has had any noise complaints. There have not been any noise complaints.

**Old Business:**

1. The Council reviewed the updated list of Past Due accounts.

2. Renee Demps, Lee Planning Consultant, monthly reports were reviewed.

**New Business:**

1. Town of Lee auditor, Ken Daniels, presented the 2022/2023 Audit Report.

3. Discussion was made on setting a tentative tax rate for the year 2024-2025.

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to set a tentative tax rate for the year 2024-2025 at 8.5% was made by Council President Bass. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department:**

None

**Town Manager:**

1. A date needs to be set for Budget Workshop. The date for the Budget Workshop was set for August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Bills:

Utility: **#3644 - 3656; ACH #675 - 678; EFT #0601U – 0602U**

Utility Deposit Account: **1654 - 1656**

Debt Service Account: **NONE**

General: **#9818 - 9840; ACH #1753 - 1758; EFT#0601 - 0605**

**Mayor asked for a vote:**

**Action Item**:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Szostek. Council President Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Attorney Rhett Bullard:** Reminded council that July 1, 2024 is the deadline for Financial

Statements if you haven’t turned them in yet.

**County Commissioner Brian Williams:** Absent

**Council Member Comments**:

Council President Bass: Reminded Council that a virtual Ethics Training class is coming up in July.

Councilman Burke: None

Councilman Szostek: Asked about the ordinance regarding selling alcohol on Sundays. The discussion is tabled to next regular council meeting.

Councilwoman Bethea: Absent

Councilman McMullen: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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James Ruzicka, Mayor

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Trisha Burke, Deputy Clerk