

**Town of LaCrosse
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 8,2018**

Meeting Time: 6 p.m.

Notice: If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter at this meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

Call meeting to order

Present: Mayor Dianne Dubberly; Councilman Giselle Z.GoPaul; Councilman Sheila Dubberly; Councilman Jishnu Dasa Fitch; Attorney John Maines; Accountant Choi Choi and Town Clerk Lee Forzly

Absent: Councilman Johnny Ho and Councilman Barbara Thomas

Councilman Z.GoPaul made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 11,2017. Councilman Fitch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Budget Report- Accountant Choi Yi Choi

The revenues and expenses for all the funds were on track for December. We did not incur a loss in any of the funds. The \$12,000 gain from the General Fund was due to the receipt of Property Taxes. Choi discussed the Florida Minimum Wage and Fire Department payroll. With the increase of \$.15 per hour (\$8.25) our net increase for FY2018 (19 pay periods) will be \$2,061.71. The increase for the next fiscal year will be \$2,821.19

Councilman Z.GoPaul made a motion to increase the fire pay by \$.15 per hour. Councilman Fitch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Cash balances are: General Fund \$ 56,903; General WSPP \$ 16,302; Fire \$19,885; Street \$168,697; Money Market \$70,021; CD \$ 18,144; CDBG \$ \$2.00. Total \$349,954

New Business:

1. Reddish and White – Brad Million- Presented Independent Audit Report to the town council for FY ending September 2017. There were no findings

2. Wild Spaces Public Spaces – Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole, Inc.

Laurie Hall gave a presentation.

3. Election March 13,2018

Qualifying dates were set for January 22-26 for Seat One, Jishnu Dasa Fitch; Seat Two, Sheila Dubberly and the Mayor Dianne Dubberly.

Reports:

1. Attorney Report - John Maines- Nothing to report

2. Fire Department -Councilman Barbara Thomas / Fire Chief Buddy Harris

a. Call Report: Total calls 51. Total calls in LaCrosse Town Limits-6; Total calls in Alachua Town Limits-5; Total MVA-6; Total fire related calls-6; of those fire related calls, 3 in Alachua, none in High Springs, none in Newberry and in District 23-1. In District 22 but not in town limits-2.

Of those fire related calls in District 22 and will be counted toward ISO rating with 4 responders – none.

3. Mayor- nothing to report

4. Streets/Streetlights - Councilman Ho – absent and nothing to report

5. Mowing – Town Hall

The mowing contract renews in April 2018. Ad will be placed in Alachua County Today and a walk-through will be scheduled for all bidders. Bids will be opened and read at the February 12th council meeting. Mayor Dubberly will review the old contract and make any changes necessary.

6. Building and Grounds - Parks and Recreation -Town Hall

There was a discussion on no smoking at the Recreation Park. Councilman Z.GoPaul made a motion for a “no smoking” sign and a cigarette dispenser to be placed at the entrance to the park. Councilman Dubberly seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8. Library - Councilman Dubberly- to contact for further sign and move on date information.

9. Grants - Councilman Fitch- nothing to report

10.Website – Councilman Z.GoPaul

Lacrosse resident Charles Kelly updated the council on the new look for our website and Facebook. He also reviewed the new council e mails to be used for town business.

Councilman Dubberly made a motion to approve the bills. Councilman Fitch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously

Councilman Dubberly made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Fitch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously

Time: 7:45 pm

C. Dianne Dubberly – Mayor

Lee Forzly – Town Clerk