TOWN OF HEMINGWAY

MINUTES OF MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2019

110 SOUTH MAIN STREET AT 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Mayor John Michael Collins, George Sutton-Mayor Pro-Tem, Keith Baxley, Charlie Carter, Jimmy Chinnes, Solomon Lewis, Bennett Cox, Chief Todd

**Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins.**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Discussion on Street Dance:** Mayor Collins gave council a schedule of events for Saturday, November 23rd for the street dance event. This is the first street dance that the Town is putting on. Not sure if it is going to draw a big crowd. A Facebook page has been created and so far there are 5506 views. There is a chili cook-off. Nine cookers so far but expect 15 more. Everyone is excited about the band that is going to play. Mr. Chinnes said that he has Caring and Sharing doing a food drive, Shriners are going to sell pileau. Mayor Collins said he is trying to get Pepsi to set up with drinks. Mr. Chinnes stated that he has spoken with the manager at Food Lion and they are going to donate turkeys. These will have to be given away only. Council discussed several ways to give away the turkeys. A decision wasn’t made at this time. Someone asked how the people are going to know that we have free turkeys. They will announce it on Facebook. Mr. Chinnes asked if there is going to be any help from council for this event. Mr. Carter asked what kind of help he needs. Mr. Baxley stated that he will be out of Town on that Saturday and will not be able to help. Mayor Collins stated that he has some of the BBQ Shag Committee helping with the chili cook-off. He contacted Jeffrey Grier and he will get judges for the cook-off. Radio commercials will start two weeks prior to the event. Mayor Collins stated that he will need help the day of the event with setting up. DJ and band will run from 12:00-5:00. Mr. Chinnes stated that they will probably need help around 3:00. Mr. Chinnes stated that he has a few vendors such as Alice Cribb and a couple that want to promote their books. Mayor Collins suggested no food vendors and let the people to go our restaurants to eat. Mr. Chinnes stated that he feels if they leave to eat, they won’t come back for the event. Mr. Carter stated that a few vendors with food won’t hurt our restaurants. He feels we should have food vendors. Mr. Carter stated that he will help with the event, just let him know. Mr. Lee stated that he feels that we constantly hit the businesses in town for donations. They are asked for Christmas Parade, Christmas Festival, Street Dance, Chamber of Commerce, schools, etc. We need to be more considerate to the local businesses. Mr. Baxley stated we shouldn’t go to each business every time. Mr. Lewis stated that this festival could bring people to Hemingway and they may want to move here. Mr. Carter stated that we don’t need to burden each business. He suggests buying a gift certificate from each one and having it as a door prize. If this will help bring the people in, we need to do it. Mr. Baxley said we need to see how this goes and bring it back to the table after the event. Mr. Chinnes stated that we need to do it right or don’t do it at all. Mr. Carter stated that if we need to add money to it to make it worth while then we need to do it. Mr. Carter stated that if we got a gift certificate from Shady Rest, Big D’s, Kenny’s, most people will bring someone to eat with them. Mayor Collins stated that he can call a few of the food vendors from the BBQ Shag Festival to come.

Mayor Collins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Sincerely

Samantha Lewis

Town Clerk