

# TOWN OF MANY

Regular Council Meeting January 17, 2023, 5:00 PM

## AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Mayor Robert H. Hable, Jr. at 5:04 pm
2. Prayer led by Mayor Hable
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: Alderwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, Bobbie Jackson, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato Also Present: Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; supervisors Cecil Jordan, Jeremy Cauthen, Josh Darden; consultant Corwin Washington; Town Counsel Chris Sylvia; Lauren Gentry, Events Committee; Chief Cheryl Wooley; Suzanne Williams, Grant Writer.
5. Approve Minutes: December 20, 2022 – Regular Session. Motion by Jackson, second by Perry; Motion carried.
6. Amend Agenda-Change #1 under New Business from Ordinance #17 of 2022 to #1 of 2023.
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. No comments.
8. Guests: James Wagley – Sabine Prevention Alliance Update  
Matthew McKee-Congressman Johnson's Office  
Alan Seabaugh-Candidate for State Representative

## Old Business

1. Adopt Ordinance #15 of 2022 – To Approve the Procedure to Sell Adjudicated Property. Motion by Brocato, second by Perry; motion passed.
2. Adopt Ordinance #16 of 2022 – Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5. Rates and Charges – Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates; Motion by Perry; second by Jackson; motion passed.

## New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #1 of 2023– Amend Alcoholic Beverages, Article 1, Section 6-3. Drinking in public prohibited; to allow drinking of intoxicating liquors during the published hours of festivals and events sponsored by the town and only within the geographic boundary of the tract of land bordered by San Antonio Avenue, Smith Street, Ash Street and Main Street and the portions of those streets that border said tract of land. Motion by Brocato, second by Darwin; motion passed. Amended again to include to allow drinking along the parade route and for the duration of the parade and one hour before and one hour after the parade. Motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passes.
2. Amend Water Cut-Off Policy and Procedure Motion by Perry, second by Jackson; motion passed.
3. Enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with Sabine Parish Water District to supply them with water during emergency at a rate of \$35.00 for the month and \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons. Motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passes.
4. Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish Police Jury to overlay Detention Center Road – SPPJ will provide all equipment and labor to haul material and overlay Detention Center Road (approx. 2,200 feet) with asphalt – Town of Many will pay for all material and cost associated with the asphalt overlay of Detention Center Road (approx. 2,200 feet). Motion by Brocato, second by Perry; motion passes.
5. Renew CDC Membership Dues for 2023 - \$2,550.00. Motion by Brocato, second by Darwin. Motion passes.
6. Reports:
  - a. Budget
  - b. Payables
  - c. Bank Statements
  - d. Overtime Report
  - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
  - f. Verification of Insurance PaidMotion to accept all reports by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passes.
7. Chief's Report from 12-14-22 through 1-17-22 provided by Chief Wooley.
8. Sales Tax Report: Increase of 10.58% over December 2021 reported by Mayor Hable.
9. Tourism Report-Report provided by Jackson.
10. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-by Lauren Gentry for Mardi Gras parade with Grand Marshals being MHS Champions, Krewe of Cypress to join parade with street dance following parade. Bloom on Main will be April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Rosedown Rockers are booked as well as food vendors; April's Farmers Market every Saturday in April. Meeting minutes for 1-12-23 were provided.
11. Fire Board Report from Hable reporting the rating went from a 6 to a 5 to improved insurance rating; the parking lot at Central Station is being repaired for ADA compliance.
12. Airport Report by Hable stating that Lee said an inspection was done.
13. Zoning-none
14. Grants-Suzanne Williams provided a report; Grand Opening for Depot Museum is scheduled on 2-11-23 from 1-4 pm.
15. Street-Street Supervisor Cecil Jordan reported the skid steer came in.
16. Animal Control-Animal Control Officer Cecil Jordan reported that 1 dog, 3 cats were picked up and taken to shelter.
17. Water-Water Supervisor Jeremy Cauthen reported working on leaks; going over meters with no accounts; never in a bind during the freeze and helped Zwolle and SPWD#1. Hable reported that everything on the Administrative Order has been fixed with the exception of the inspection, cleaning, and painting of the elevated tanks; reported that new grading system would benefit councilmembers to attend the next management training.

18. Sewer-Wastewater Supervisor Joshua Darden reported he was getting quotes on \_\_\_\_; he and Washington are working together and he and Nick will be repairing manholes. Washington reported he had a conversation with Corp of Engineers about the creek on Trace St. It is their jurisdiction by the erosion falls under the property owners. The town cannot do anything without contact the Corps.
19. Remarks from Council Members: Perry, None; Darwin, None; Jackson-Just the creek on Trace that was discusses; the building on Trace needs to come down; Williams, none; Brocato-where do we stand on properties that need to be condemned? Anne Street on the left side needs to be possibly condemned if it can be looked at; used to belong to Johnny Lafitte; Darwin-Wouldn't it be better to hire someone to cleanup instead of our crew doing it?

Motion to Adjourn by Brocato; second by Williams; Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

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Amie Brown, Clerk