

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting March 19, 2024

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order-at 5:03 pm by Mayor Robert Hable
2. Prayer by Cherry Williams
3. Pledge by Hable
4. Roll Call-PRESENT: Councilwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, Bobbie Jackson, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato; also present: Clerk Amie Brown, Deputy Clerk Lisa King, Consultant Corwin Washington, Airport Manager Miles Greer, Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, Police Chief Cheryl Wooley, Town Counsel Chris Sylvia, Events in Many Chair Lauren Thompson.
5. Approve Minutes: February 20, 2024 – Regular Session on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda: none
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. None.
8. Guests: Martha Henderson, Dallas McCann-Cane River Theatre Co (Always, Patsy Cline-play in April)

Departments

1. Water-Copies of completed work orders supplied; repaired leak on 12” main on Highland and at the Ball Park; still working on lead & copper survey for LDH; brought Highland elevated water tank back online; got pothole machine serviced; took Natchitoches elevated tank offline for repairs and painting; working as a team with other departments.
2. Sewer-Hauling sludge to the landfill, conducting waste processes and cleaning out the contact chamber; mowing sewer plant and lift stations; weekly checks on lift stations and generators are performed; responding to calls, jetting blockages in sewer mains. Corwin reported working on the backflow prevention program; Keep Louisiana Beautiful has a grant for trash cans (up to 10); Love the Boot week is coming up.
3. Street-no report
4. Animal Control-no report
5. Airport- Greer reported thanks for Jeremy for the mowing; will put signs on fuel tanks in the next couple days; sold 730 gallons of fuel in the last few weeks; Hable commented that the terminal looks great and the floors look brand new.
6. Grants-Suzanne visited the airport for the first time and Miles mentioned that it would help if we had a car for pilots to use when they land; grant reported provided for 2/20/24 to 3/18/24.
7. Chief's Report-2/20/24 to 3/18/24; biggest news was the missing child was found safe; three officers attending ROCIC conference in Houston this week.

Old Business-none

New Business

1. Ordinance #2 of 2024 – Adjudicated Properties-Sylvia said it does not need an ordinance; next steps are paperwork to be filed. Died on table for lack of action.
2. Write off delinquent accounts- Amie and Suzanne reported per Louisiana Legislative Auditor you cannot write off anything of value and have to attempt to collect; they also said you move the bad debt to a different category in the financial system in order to have a current account receivable; turning over bad debt to the State for collections.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget-tabled until next month on motion by Darwin, second by Perry; motion passed.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid- Reports b-f accepted on motion from by Perry; second by Jackson; motion passed
2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <3.07%> over February 2023
3. Tourism-report by Suzanne, Treasurer for SPTRC; Bassmaster Elite Series broke every event record they ever had; tourism director and staff did an amazing job.
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Laren said there had not been a meeting but provided a calendar of upcoming events.
5. Fire Board-Hable did a walk though of new addition at Fire Station.

6. Remarks from Council Members-Perry commented to Chief that she always had citizens complementing her for coming into their neighborhoods; Darwin, none; Jackson: flooding issue-Corwin said he talked to FEMA and HUD and citizens can have their houses raised; would citizens be opposed to planting vegetation to avoid erosion? Williams: 1135 Alieze-had a call about a truck parking there from a neighbor; Brocato: JJ Barrett was wanting to do a June 8 music festival in Many and it had to be approved by the Fair board but it was moved to Natchitoches; was trying to get Billy Nungesser a spot in the Mardi Gras parade but he needs the date now and it hasn't been set yet.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:09 pm on motion by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk