

TOWN OF MANY

Regular Council Meeting June 18, 2024

Public Hearing was held at 5:02 pm, June 18, 2024 prior to the Regular Council Session for the purpose of public comments on Ordinance #2 of 2024-Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$28.50 per hour and Ordinance #3 of 2024-Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5, Section 38-272 Rates and Charges-Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates. No Comments. The hearing was closed with a motion by Brocato; seconded by Perry. Motion Passes.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:03 pm by Mayor Hable
2. Prayer led by Councilwoman Darwin
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie Jackson, Councilwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato. Also Present: Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Suzanne Williams, Grant writer; Miles Greer, Airport Manager; Jeremy Koss, Town Operations Manager; Cheryl Wooley, Chief of Police; Corwin Washington, Water & Wastewater Consultant.
5. Approve Minutes:
May 21, 2024 – Regular Session on motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
May 24, 2024 – Special Session on motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda: None
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. None
8. Guests: Matthew McKee from Speaker Mike Johnson's office.

Departments-Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss provided a report from the work order system, iWorQ.

1. Water: Installed a new service and flush valve behind City Hall; killed out the 4" main in the drive-thru at City Hall to repair leaking main; worked at the water plant tunneling under the concrete to replace a 1" water line; removed a 3" meter and installed a 6" meter in the vault box on Hwy 171 South; got Patrick Lane well site back online from tank work; kept the well sites and water office grounds looking good; built a cover over the control boxes at the Natchitoches well site where rain water kept getting in them; helped sewer dept. jet the main at Middlecreek Road; kept up with all work orders for the month.
2. Sewer: Been busy identifying more inflow and infiltration points in the collection system such as damaged manholes; mowing lift station sites; generator and lift station maintenance; maintaining wastewater plant. Corwin reports that CCR report is complete; we are good with DEQ now.
3. Street: Brush cutting and weedeating on Washington, Trace, Georgia, Alabama, Ponder, MLK, Highland, 171, Crest, Fisher Road, Dillon & Hill; finished culvert on 565 Trace; filling in potholes; mowed airport and ballpark; put up volleyball net at fairgrounds.
4. Animal Control: Picked up 11 cats and 4 dogs.
5. Airport: Fuel dispenser stopped working the last week of May; part for repair should be in this week; had a pre-bid meeting on June 13 for perimeter fencing; bid opening on June 25.
6. Grants: Suzanne provided a written report for 5/22/24 to 6/14/24.
7. Chief's Report: Written report for 5/20/24 to 6/17/24 proved by Chief Wooley; PD got a new server, made some major upgrades in technology the last couple of months; can now access Quick PD in police vehicles along with Thinkstream; completed the state's Click it or Ticket state program over two-week period surrounding Memorial Day; SRO grant was approved for renewal this month.

Old Business

1. Adopt Ordinance #1 of 2024 – Personnel Policy for Many Police Department on motion by Darwin, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
2. Mutual Assistance Agreement between Village of Pleasant Hill and Town of Many has been Revised as per Attorney's revisions last month accepted on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #2 of 2024 – Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$28.50 per hour: Passed with a motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
2. Introduce Ordinance #3 of 2024 – Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5, Section 38-272 Rates and Charges – Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates: Passed with a motion by Williams, second by Darwin. Vote unanimous.
3. Review and Award Bid: Asphalt for fiscal year 2024-2025: Awarded to Lite Bros. Asphalt - Passed with a motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
4. Review and Award Bid: Chemicals for fiscal year 2024-2025: Awarded Soda Ash to Harcros; 150# Liquid Chlorine Cylinder to Hawkins, Inc.; 2000# Liquid Chlorine Cylinder to PVS DX, Inc.; put Potassium Permanganate from Hawkins, Inc. on hold until we make sure it will work with our system per Jeremy Koss; passed on motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.

5. Approve Contract for Many Community Center: Passed on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
6. Appoint Sabine Index as Official Municipal Journal: Passed on motion by Brocato, second by Darwin. Vote unanimous.
7. Appoint Valisa King as Records Retention Officer through the Louisiana SOS Office for Town of Many: Passed on motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
8. Appoint Heather Sepulvado as Records Retention Officer through Louisiana SOS Office for Many P.D.: Passed on motion by Brocato, second by Darwin. Vote unanimous.
9. Approve annual "Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup" with DOTD for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$10,000 revenue: Passed on motion by Williams, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
10. Zoning:
 - a. Janice Reed – 315 Andrews St. – Placement of a 14x64 mobile home – Recommendation to approve by Zoning Commission: Passed on motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid

All reports accepted on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

2. Sales Tax: Increase of .05% from May 2023 reported Mayor Hable
3. Tourism: No meeting in June per Councilwoman Brocato
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report: Clerk and Events Committee Vice President Amie Brown provided Minutes from 6-11-24 meeting with calendar of events for remainder of the year
5. Fire Board: No report per Mayor Hable
6. Remarks from Council Members: Perry-none; Darwin-said the east side of town looks great and to thank the crews; need center stripe down MLK-no lines at all; does not agree with condemning home at 1720 E. Louisiana of owner Clora Sweet; Jackson-said she found out there are no funds for creek flooding; town crews been working in her district trimming and it looks better; Williams-asked if property on Ponder for McCormick was sent a letter; asked about the Sheriff's office being on the water cutoff list; Brocato-read an article in reference to Legislative funds for HB 782 without any funds awarded to Sabine Parish, suggested we need to get with Alan Seabaugh.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:24 pm by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk