

TOWN OF MANY
July 16, 2024
Regular Session Council Meeting

Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2024 prior to the Regular Council Session for the purpose of public comments on Ordinance #2 of 2024, Compensation of Municipal Clerk at \$28.50 per hour, on Ordinance #3 of 2024, Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5, Section 38-272 Rates and Charges-Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates. With no comments from the public, hearing was closed at 5:03 p.m. with a motion by Jackson; seconded by Williams. Vote unanimous.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor Robert Hable
2. Prayer led by Mayor Hable
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie Jackson, Councilwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, Cherry Williams, and Mary Brocato. Also Present: Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Jeremy Koss, Town Operations Manager; Miles Greer, Airport Manager; Chris Sylvia, Town Counsel. Absent: None
5. Approve Minutes: June 18, 2024 – Regular Session
June 27, 2024 – Special Session
June 28, 2024 – Special Session
Minutes approved on motion by Brocato, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Amend Agenda: None
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. No comments.
8. Guests: None

Departments

1. Water: Moved meters out of concrete into grassy area by Dr. Kautz old office on Highland; Repaired water leak on Texas Hwy.; Finished lead and copper survey for the state; Filled in hole at the Water Plant; Repaired water leak on 2" main of Forest Lane; Staying on top of work orders; Will be getting back on installing new meters soon; Cleaned booster station; Currently have two employees at water class and one at wastewater class and will have three employees taking water exams and one employee taking wastewater exam.
2. Sewer: Josh Darden is no longer working for the Town; Replaced 25' of service line, new tap and patched 4' section of service line to fill in hole on US Hwy. 171 & Dillon; Sewer tap 40' of sewer line at 125 Lawrence; Cleaned out manhole on West Georgia; Jetted out sludge return at sewer plant; Jetted out sewer main from Shreveport Hwy. to Dillon and US Hwy. 171; Staying on top of work orders.
Report from Consultant Corwin Washington: Talking with DEQ regarding the quarterly reports and past inspection findings; Setting up CDX account to start submitting reports on the Town's behalf; Putting together a compliance schedule for all the reports needed for DEQ; Reviewing the smoke test results to determine what areas are allowing inflow and storm water to the sewer system; Will setup a list of who needs a second installation letter for the backflow program.
3. Street/Cleanup: Finished cutting State ROWs; Brush cut all on the East side; Speed bumps have been ordered; Cleaning ditches on Taylor, Alieze, Highland and Nabours; Fixed potholes on Miller and Forest; Removed playground equipment @ Leon James Park; Fixed potholes at Martone's for garbage truck; Fixed potholes for Pat Thomas where he parks his trucks at.
4. Animal Control: Picked up 4 dogs and 8 cats; Next week we have employees going to Animal Control Class.
5. Airport: Miles reported that the fuel dispenser is back working; Commended crews on bush-hogging; Hangars are still full
6. Grants: Suzanne supplied a written report for 6/16 through 7/15/24.
7. Chief's Report: Report provided for 6/15 to 7/15/24; Mayor Hable said Chief will attend a meeting with D.A. Don Burkett in reference to adopting an ordinance for special events.

Old Business

1. Adopt Ordinance #2 of 2024 – Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$28.50 per hour. Motion to approve by Brocato, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Adopt Ordinance #3 of 2024 – Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5, Section 38-272 Rates and Charges – Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates on motion by Williams, seconded by Brocato. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mutual Assistance Agreement between Village of Pleasant Hill and Town of Many has been Revised as per Attorney's revisions last month, signed and notarized.
4. Review and Award Bid: Chemicals for fiscal year 2024-2025 – OK to accept bid from Hawkins on Potassium Permanganate per Jeremy Koss on motion by Perry, seconded by Brocato. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Resolution #7 of 2024 – To adopt Plans and Policies, Appointments and Authorization of Individuals for Compliance with the regulations of the 2023 LCDBG Grant for Street Improvements – (1) Section 504 Compliance Coordinator-Amie Brown; (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator-Amie Brown; (3) Equal Employment Officer-Amie Brown; (4) Citizen Complaint Officer-Amie Brown; (5) Labor Compliance Officer-LCDBG Administrator-Amie Brown; (6) Authorize Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG program; and Authorize Amie Brown and Valisa King to sign Requests for Payment, Robert H. Hable, Jr. to Certify the Correctness of each Signature and that Community Bank of Louisiana is Designated as the Official Depository of all LCDBG Funds. Motion by Brocato, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #8 of 2024 – To adopt a Communications Policy for Persons with Sensory Impairments on motion by Williams, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Resolution #9 of 2024 – To adopt a Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons for the LCDBG Program on motion by Brocato, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Resolution #10 of 2024 – To adopt a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the 2023 LCDBG Program-on motion by Williams, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Vote to Renew Louisiana Law Enforcement Terminal Agency (LLETS) Agreement with Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office – Effective 7/1/2024 on motion by Perry, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Vote to sign Lease-Purchase Agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing a "Mowermax Prime Mover with Attachments" on motion by Williams, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Vote to sign Lease Agreement with Integrisite to place a wireless telecommunication tower at 5710 Texas Hwy. at \$800/monthly rent for an initial term of 5 years and 17 additional 5-year renewal terms on motion by Brocato, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem-Perry nominated Darwin who got 2 votes. Jackson nominated Brocato, who got 3 votes and was appointed on motion by Jackson, seconded by Williams. Motion passed.
9. Appoint members to the Employee Complaint Committee – With Mayor Robert Hable, Chief of Police Cheryl Wooley, Councilwoman Anita Darwin. Jackson nominated Perry to replace her. Brocato nominated Williams. Williams was appointed on motion by Perry, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Appoint representative to serve on Sales Tax Commission Board - On motion by Williams to leave Mary Perry, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Appoint representative to serve on Fire Board - On motion by Williams to leave James Kennedy as the representative, seconded by Brocato. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Approve Organizational Chart - On motion by Brocato, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Approve Emergency Preparedness Plan - On motion by Perry, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously with CORRECTIONS: Change Mayor Pro-Tem to Mary Brocato and remove Brocato's landline phone number.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget-Tabled on motion by Williams, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid

All reports accepted on motion by Brocato, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <1.25%> from June 2023 reported Mayor Hable.
3. Tourism: Councilwoman Brocato reported they had an appreciation lunch for Bonnie Fox-Miles; Several small grants are pending.
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report: Minutes from 7-9-24 and a schedule of Events for July-December was provided; Amie reported on upcoming events.
5. Fire Board: No report
6. Remarks from Council Members: Perry: None. Darwin: None. Jackson will contact Sen. Seabaugh about the creek; Williams: Asked for update on condemning the home on Alieze to which Sylvia explained he has a new ordinance drawn up; Brocato: 1.) Stated she is getting numerous phone calls from Jarrett Barrett on his proclamation and asked when we can do it; 2.) New music shows are scheduled for Sept. 28, Willie Stewart Rock N Roll show and Oct. 25, Amazing Rhythm Disciples, gospel songs.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:14 p.m. on motion by Perry, seconded by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk