

**Town of Many
Regular Council Meeting
August 20, 2024**

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor Hable
2. Prayer offered by Councilwoman Cherry Williams
3. Pledge offered by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call-Present: Councilwomen Anita Darwin, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato; Absent: Bobbie Jackson, Mary Perry
5. Also Present: Clerk Amie Brown, Deputy Clerk Lisa King, Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss; Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, Airport Manager Miles Greer; Police Chief Cheryl Wooley, Town Counselor Chris Sylvia.
6. Approve Minutes: July 16, 2024 – Regular Session on motion by Darwin, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
7. Amend Agenda to Add under New Business, # 5a and 5b, Resolutions 14 and 15, respectively on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
8. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. NO visitors.
9. Guests: None

Departments

1. Water-Koss provided iWorQ work order report for past month; fixed several leaks at meters and mains; off the chlorine cleanse now and going back to chloramines; keeping fence rows clean; installed a 3/4-inch tap at 200 Newton Road and two 1-inch meter taps for COA.
2. Sewer-jetted several main locations, knocking our plugs; jetting Smith Street in front of SPARK school every Wednesday; concreted over manhole rings in places; cleaned out contact chamber at the sewer plant; replaced several manhole lids.
3. Street-Finished mowing Rights-of-ways last week; keeping up with all “locates” for each department; replaced the culvert at intersection of Esso and E. Georgia St.; grass cut around fence at water plant.
4. Animal Control-12 cats and 1 dog was picked up for the Humane Society.
5. Airport-Myles Greer reported that the biggest project now is the perimeter fencing with FAA grant funds; we should be the bid offer in for construction in the next couple days; he was contacted by ULM as they are putting 50 mesonet weather stations around the state with no cost to towns, they want to do a site assessment at the airport next month.
6. Grants-written report supplied by Suzanne; also stated she has asked for a quote on theater aisle lighting as she and Brocato discussed; received a cost estimate from Meyer & Assoc. for Smith Street project to replace water main and sewer lines, add 2 fire hydrants, cut-off valves along with replacing the 12-inch main that keeps leaking, both projects would total up to \$350,000 so she is looking for grant opportunities; also she and Koss identified lake depth and property owners around Lanau Bay bridge for water intake relocation; had discussions with Kent at Schafer Plastics on cost for new 65 gallon roll out trash cans for garbage customers which would increase their garbage bill \$10/month for 5 months to over the cost; announced the Town received word of funding of a \$2 Million grant for sewer plant upgrades through LCDBG.
7. Chief's Report-Chief provided a written report for 7/16/24 through 8/19/24. Caden Clark has started POST academy this week; everyone else is already POST certified. The PD participated in Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over interdiction that began on August 16 and runs through midnight Sept 2.

Old Business- none

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #7 of 2024 – Amending Chapter 10 “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Section 10-49, Attorney for absent persons, incompetent persons or for unopened estates on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
2. Introduce Ordinance #8 of 2024 – Special Events- adopting rules, regulations, and forms for the public to conduct special Events for profit within the Town of Many on motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
3. Resolution #11 of 2024 – To enter into contract for the Perimeter Fencing Project at the Hart Airport on motion by Darwin, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
4. Resolution #12 of 2024 – To enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Government Capital for the purpose of financing a “Mowermax Prime Mover with Attachments” on motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
5. Resolution #13 of 2024 - Adopt the millage rate for 2024 Tax Year – 5.34 Mills on motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.
- 5a. AMEND: Resolution #14 of 2024 authorizing MPD to enter into site lease agreement for placing security cameras on a motion by Darwin, second by Williams. Motion passed.
- 5b. AMEND: Resolution #15 of 2024 to adopt procurement procedures for CDBG grants for Streets and Sewer plant on motion by Williams, second by Darwin. Motion passed.
6. Review and Award Bid to lowest responsible bidder: Water Sector Program – Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Replacement of Control System to lowest bidder, Dixie Overland, for water plant improvements with Water Sector Commission funds on motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed. Letter from state authorized single source procurement due to only 1 complete bid received.
7. Vote to remove Bobbie Jackson from the checking account as a signer and add the newly elected Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Brocato on motion by Williams, second by Darwin. Motion passed.

8. Renew Airport Insurance for 8/5/2024-8/5/2025 – Starr Indemnity & Liability Company through Phares Lites & Walsworth for - \$2,924.00 (no change from last year). On motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.
9. Zoning: Porsha Aldredge – To place a 14x80 mobile home on a lot at 165 Lincoln Street – Motion to approve by Zoning Commission on motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget-tabled on motion by Darwin, second by Williams. Motion passed. All other reports, b through f were accepted on motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid
2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <5.45%> from July 2023 reported by Hable.
3. Tourism-Brocato gave an update on LA Ducks Unlimited looking at Toledo Bend Lake & Cypress Bend as the 2026 convention site. Also, the International Children's Golf Tournament is looking to have its tournament at Cypress Bend Golf Course.
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report- Amie reported on calendar with events between now and Christmas.
5. Fire Board-no report
6. Remarks from Council Members: Darwin: none; Williams: none; Brocato: Byles Street has a house that has not been lived in for a couple of years but has a brush pile and litter in the ditches next to Cuter's house that needs to be cleaned up.

Adjourn at 6:10 pm on motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk