

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting
September 17, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING 5:00 pm for comments on:

1. Ordinance #7 of 2024 – Amending Chapter 10 “Buildings and Building Regulations”, Section 10-49, Attorney for absent persons, incompetent persons or for unopened estates
2. Ordinance #8 of 2024 – Special Events

No Public Comments.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passed at 5:06 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Hable
2. Prayer given by Bobbie Jackson
3. Pledge led by Mayor
4. Roll Call-Present: Councilwomen Mary Perry, Bobbie Jackson, and Cherry Williams. Absent: Anita Darwin & Mary Brocato. Also Present: Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Jeremy Koss, Town Supervisor; Miles Greer, Airport Manager; Chery Wooley, Chief of Police; Chris Sylvia, Town Counselor
5. Approve Minutes: August 20, 2024 – Regular Session on motion by Williams; second by Perry. Motion passed
6. Amend Agenda- None
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. None
8. Guests: Shannon Self with Shannon’s Butcher Block-he is interest in leasing the Depot-would keep up with maintenance, mowing, repairs back to its historical state; interested in inside seating; cooking would be done in trailer; would also split electricity bill.

Departments-Koss provided reports from iWorQ

1. Water-install sample taps at Sabine Tire; just came out of chlorine cleanse
2. Sewer
3. Street-installed 2 culverts
4. Animal Control-Picked up 3 dogs
5. Airport-Miles reported the fence project is ongoing; pre-construction meeting will be Sept 27; should get started Oct 7; revising the ground lease agreement
6. Grants-No report (Suzanne out of town)
7. Chief’s Report provided for 8/19/2 through 9/16/24

Old Business

1. Adopt 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 Williams, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
2. Adopt Ordinance #8 of 2024 – Special Events-item tabled to wait and see what the SPPJ does.

New Business

1. Resolution #16 of 2024 – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of the Town of Many a Contract for LCDBG Sewer Project Administrative Services with CDC on motion by Perry, second by Williams. Motion passed.
2. Resolution #17 of 2024 – 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan for Airport 2025-2029 on motion by Williams, second by Perry. Motion passed.
3. Discuss Tax Millage Change-Mayor explained that we are in a reassessment year and are required by the tax assessor’s office to either roll forward to keep the 5.34 mills or change our resolution to 4.6 mills. Mayor said he will get a spreadsheet from the assessor’s office to explain the difference; will have a special called meeting next week after obtaining more information.
4. Discuss future of Garbage Department-Hable reported that after having personnel issues for a while and having to use employees from other department plus truck repairs on both trucks with the warranties out on both of them, we had thought about contracting trash pick up out, but now we have 2 good employees on the back of the truck plus a back-up and things are going well. Only thing we need to look at now is increasing rates because we have not increased them since we started with our own trucks and are now in a deficit providing this service.
5. Discuss Garbage Bins for Residents-Mayor said he would like to move forward with this. Williams said it would make our town look so much better. Mayor said he would like to wait on Suzanne and Mary B & Anita to be here to make the decision.
6. Discuss Price Increase on Bulk Water-Mayor said it was brought to his attention that we are losing business to local systems based on our current rate of \$ 65 per 1000 gallons plus \$25 set up fee. Koss suggested going to \$15-\$20 per 1000 gallons or charge what we charge our customers. Hable said we can vote at the special called meeting next week or at the regular meeting next month.
7. Update on Survey of City Limits-Map and picture of survey markers provided from surveyor.
8. Issue permit for Sabine Parish Fair and Rodeo Parade for Saturday, September 28th, Lineup at 12:00 p.m. at St. John’s Catholic Church, Parade will start at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Williams; second by Perry. Motion passed.

9. Chief's Recommendation to hire Auston Bliss as a full-time officer at \$15.00/hour with a starting date of 9/11/2024. Motion by Williams, second by Perry. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget -table July & August on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid All reports accepted as presented on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <5.03%> from August 2023
3. Tourism-No report
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Amie provided minutes from 8-28-24 Christmas Committee meeting and schedule of events for remainder of the year. Mayor said anyone wanting to join the committee is welcome.
5. Fire Board-has been "taking it on the chin" from a PR standpoint on why money was spent on a new station instead of equipment when they are now asking for a tax increase to buy equipment. The addition was a Capital Outlay project.
6. Remarks from Council Members-Perry: none; Jackson: nothing is being done about the creek; Williams: Cheryl told her she got information on the property on Marthaville Rd that has the grown-up lot.

Adjourn at 6:21 p.m. on motion by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk