

TOWN OF MANY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18, 2025

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING by Mayor Hable 5:00 pm

1. Public Hearing for any comments related to the Adoption of Ordinance #1 of 2025 – Sewer Rate Increase as per Sewer Rate Study provided by LRWA for FY 2024-2025 LCDBG Grant
No public comments.

MOTION to ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING 5:01 pm by Bobbie Jackson, second by Cherry Williams. Motion passed.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Mayor Hable at 5:02 pm
2. Prayer led by Councilwoman Darwin
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: **PRESENT:** Councilwomen Anita Darwin, Bobbie Jackson, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato. **ABSENT:** Mary Perry. Also Present: Incoming council members Lane Isgitt & Rylie McLendon; Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Chris Syliva, Town Counselor; Chief Chery Wooley; Asst. Chief Mason Wiley; town employees, Clay Manasco, Stefon Joseph, Jeremy Koss, Suzanne Williams, Corwin Washington, Wastewater Consultant.
5. Approve Minutes: January 21, 2025 postponed until 2/18/2025 – Regular on motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.
February 18, 2025 – Regular on motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda by Sylvia to change amount on Ordinance #2 of 2025 to read "Five hundred" not "five hundred fifty". Motion to accept by Darwin, second by Williams; motion passed.
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. **NONE**
8. Guests: Lisa Porter

Departments

1. Water-iWorQ report supplied
2. Sewer-iWorQ report supplied
3. Street-Installed speed bumps on Caledonia and Dillon Street for water barrier; filled in hole and cleaned ditch at 565 Ponder; starting mowing throughout town; cleaned fence row at old Jr. High practice field, Trackhoe was down for a couple weeks but is repaired now; got old Kubota side-by-side running; cleaned up storm debris; filled in hole behind Anita's house; all mowing equipment services and read to start cutting grass; repaired old trailer to haul mowers; checked streetlights which CLECO has begun working on; added dumber to Ford dully truck; repaired sprayers for weed killer.
4. Animal Control-picked up 7 dogs and 3 cats.
5. Airport-No report
6. Grants-written report provided by Suzanne for Feb & March 2025
7. Chief's Report-written report provided by Chief Wooley for February 2025

Old Business - None

1. Adopt Ordinance #1 of 2025 - Amending the code of ordinances for Chapter 38, Utilities: Article V, Rates and Charges; Section 38-273 Sewer Service Rates. Motion to accept by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #2 of 2025 – To Prohibit the Sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) and/or any of its Analog in the Town of Many on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
2. Resolution #6 of 2025 – Authorizing the Mayor to complete, sign, and submit an application for a grant of funds from the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF); To sign requests for payment (RFP); and for Grant Writer to certify signatures on all necessary forms adopted on motion by Brocato, second by Darwin, motion passed.
3. Resolution #7 of 2025 – Authorizing the Mayor to complete, sign, and submit an application for a grant of funds from the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP); To sign requests for payment (RFP); and for Grant Writer to certify signatures on all necessary forms adopted on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
4. Resolution #8 of 2025 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Hart Airport for the project identified as SPN H.016286, more fully identified as Small Scale Master Plan Update whereas the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding and reimburse the Hart Airport up to \$124,910.00 of the project cost adopted on motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.
5. Resolution #9 of 2025 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Hart Airport for the projects identified as AIP No. 3-22-0030-018-2024 and SPN H.015682, more fully identified as Perimeter Fencing (Construction) whereas the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding and reimburse the Hart Airport up to \$46,124.00 of the project cost adopted on motion by Darwin, second by Jackson; motion passed.
6. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Site Lease Agreement between CableSouth Media III, LLC and the Town of Many at a monthly rent of \$200; Property located at 1710 San Antonio; for a term of 20 years and terminating on the 20th anniversary of the effective date; the Lessee may extend the term, at the Lessee's

- sole option and discretion, for an additional period of twenty (20) years by giving notice to the Lessee at least (6) months prior to the end of the initial term; for Fiber Optic Infrastructure on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson; motion passed.
7. Issue Permit to Dawson Geophysical Company to Conduct a 3-D Seismic Survey on the 19.95 acres that the Town of Many owns off Highway 1216 at a flat fee of \$25 per acre for a total of \$450.75 for 18.03 acres adopted on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
 8. Renew Vehicle Property Damage Insurance with Rod Prejean & Assoc, Inc. for the period of 3/10/2025 to 3/10/2026 for \$30,059.90 (decrease of \$685.72 from last year) adopted on motion by Darwin, second by Jackson; motion passed.
 9. Zoning: a. Darius Maxie - 220 Caledonia St. - Placement of a 28x48 mobile home - Recommendation to approve by Zoning Commission; approved on motion by Darwin, second by Jackson; motion passed.
 10. Issue permit for Juneteenth Parade for Saturday, June 21st, at 5:00 p.m. for Mrs. Anita Darwin on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
 11. Executive Session- on motion to open by Brocato, second by Williams; Motion to close Executive Session by Williams; second by Brocato; motion passed and Executive Session was ended.

Reports

1. Financial: a. Budget approval tabled 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; reports b-f approved on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson; motion passed.
 2. Sales Tax: Increase of 24.10% from February 2024 reported Mayor Hable
 3. Tourism-report by Brocato from SPTRC meeting 3-10-25
 4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-no report
 5. Fire Board-Additional millage passed; will be able to afford 5 fire trucks; talks of lower insurance rates.
 6. Remarks from Council Members-Darwin: Congratulated Jeremy Koss, Town Supervisor, on doing a good job and for jumping in to help the crews working in the field. Jackson: Congratulated the water crew on a good job and hope to get a grant for the creek that floods; Williams: already talked to Koss about lights and property on Praise Drive. Brocato: none.
- Employee Stefon Joseph addressed the council about an issue he has with office Keith Jones about an animal control issue.

Adjourn on motion by Brocato, second by Darwin; motion passed at 6:07 pm


Amie Brown, Clerk


Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor