

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting on June 17, 2025
Sabine Parish, Louisiana

1. Call to Order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Robert Hable
2. Prayer by Bobbie Jackson
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call-Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Brocato; Councilwomen Anita Darwin, Mary Perry, Bobbie Jackson. Absent: Councilwoman Cherry Williams. Also present: Clerk Amie Brown; Deputy Clerk Lisa King; Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss; Town Councilor Chris Sylvia; Police Chief Cheryl Wooley; Asst. Police Chief Mason Wiley; Grants Manager Suzanne Williams; incoming council members as of 7-1-25, Rylie McLendon, and Lane Isgitt; Lauren Gentry, Events Committee, arrived at 5:34 pm.
5. Approve Minutes: May 20, 2025 – Regular on motion by Brocato; seconded by Perry. Motion carried.
6. Amend Agenda: none
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. None
8. Guests: Curtis Giles, Med Express
 - Mayor Hable thanked Mrs. Bobbie Jackson for her service to the Town.

Departments

1. Water-Koss presented reports from iWorQ ; service and main line leaks repaired around town; hydrant repair at Wal-Mart; changed 3 meters; changeover system for cleanse; kept up with locates and work orders.
2. Sewer-manhole repairs at Fairground & Fisher Rd and Hwy 171; cleaned out pumps and lift station; helped Village of Fisher with jetting a line; kept up with work orders and locates.
3. Street/Clean up-new flowers planted in all planters in town, mowed ROWs, replacing culverts and sidewalks on Capitol Street (north); potholes filled on Botan Road, machine maintenance on Mower Max & mowers; filled in sink holes on Oak Street.
4. Animal Control-picked up 5 cats and 5 dogs and took them to the animal shelter.
5. Airport-Bid opening for Box Hangars will be published in the local paper
6. Grants-Suzanne provided a written report for April 15-June 17.
7. Chief's Report-Chief provided a report for May. Looking to hire SRO for SPARK; would like the council to consider paying 100% of officer's insurance; received approval to enter into a CEA with the Mason Lodge to renovate the Leon James Park—new name for the park is: Booker T McFarland Sr

Old Business – None

1. Adopt Ordinance #3 of 2025 – Social Media Policy- on motion by Brocato, seconded by Darwin. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #4 of 2025 – Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$29.50 per hour on a motion by Darwin, seconded by Perry; motion carried.
2. Resolution #10 of 2025 – Purchase Police K-9 Unit from Houma Police Department for \$5,000.00 on motion by Brocato, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.
3. Review and Award Bid: Asphalt for fiscal year 2025-2026-Lites Bros-overlay \$170/ton; Patching \$305/ton. DISCUSSION: Brocato told the Council that the Humane Society hired Lites Bros in 2022 to overlay McDonald Drive and it was a very bad job. Sylvia stated he would draft the new contract. Darwin made a motion that Sylvia would draft a contract with contingencies for work done, seconded by Perry. Motion passed.
4. Review and Award Bid: Chemicals for fiscal year 2025-2026-HARCROS-potassium Permanganate \$5.98/lb soda ash \$0.365/lb; PVS DX-150# chlorine cylinder \$234.00; 2000# chlorine cylinder \$2,394.00. Bids awarded on motion by Darwin, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.
5. Appoint Sabine Index as Official Municipal Journal on motion by Brocato, seconded by Jackson. Motion carried.
6. Appoint Valisa King as Records Retention Officer through the Louisiana SOS Office for the Town of Many on motion by Darwin, seconded by Brocato. Motion carried.
7. Appoint Heather Sepulvado as Records Retention Officer through the Louisiana SOS Office for Many P.D. on motion by Darwin, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.
8. Approve annual "Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup" with DOTD for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000 revenue on motion by Darwin, seconded by Jackson. Motion carried.
9. Vote to Sign Agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for LDH required Quarterly Nitrification Sampling for the effective date of July 1, 2025, on motion by Perry, seconded by Darwin. Motion carried.
10. Chief's Recommendation to hire Timothy Lee as SRO Officer for Many Elementary at \$18.00 per hour on motion by Darwin, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget -tabled February-May on motion by Perry, seconded by Jackson; motion carried.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements

- d. Overtime
- e. Verification of Taxes Paid
- f. Verification of Insurance Paid

Reports b-f accepted on motion by Jackson, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.

2. Sales Tax: Increase of 5.23% from April 2024 reported Hable

3. Tourism report by Brocato: 2026 is 250th anniversary of our country and Commission is planning events in the towns and villages throughout the parish. Willie Stewart concert will be on July 4 next year; suggested TOM have a parade before the concert and fireworks afterward.

4. Events Committee-Laurent provided a calendar of events for the remainder of the year, subject to revision.

5. Fire Board -no report

6. Remarks from Council Members: Perry: had a gentleman call from Hwy 6 and ask Danny Manuel to build something for his tenants to put trash in. When she asked him (Manual) he said he didn't know about that. Hable suggested we mail a letter to tenants telling them to use trash cans with lids. Darwin: none; Jackson: none. Brocato: Zwolle was very disappointed that very few people attended their Juneteenth parade. She also received a call from someone in Monroe who wants to do a music show at the theater in July.

Adjourn at 5:55 p.m. on motion by Brocato, seconded by Perry; motion carried.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk