

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting 8-19-25
Public Hearing 8-19-25

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 5:00 p.m.

1. Public Hearing for any comments related to the Adoption of Ordinance #4 of 2025 – Compensation of Municipal Clerk at \$29.50 per hour
No public for comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 5:01 p.m. Adjourned on motion by Councilwoman Mary Brocato; seconded by Councilwoman Rylie McLendon. Motion passed.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:01 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 Anita Darwin, Council Members Mary Perry, Rylie McLendon, Mary Brocato, and Lane Isgitt. Also Present: Clerk Amie Brown; Town Counselor Chris Sylvia; Police Chief Cheryl Wooley; Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss; Deputy Clerk Valisa King; Events Committee Secretary Lauren Gentry Thompson, arrived at 5:38 p.m.
5. Approve Minutes: July 15, 2025 – Regular
July 23, 2025 – Special
July 28, 2025 – Special
All minutes approved on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt. Motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda: None
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on the agenda which requires a council vote. None.
8. Guests: Curtis Giles; Sherry Miex, Patricia Thompson, Palestine Andrews, Monica Gasaway, Sara Isgitt, David Black, Ronald Black

Department Reports – Report from iWorQ provided by Jeremy Koss

1. Water: Repaired 3” main in front of high school; service line repair at Main and Nabours St.; repaired 1” service line on San Antonio; changed meter valve on Texas Hwy; repaired sample tap on Texas Hwy; repaired service line on Highland; repaired 2” main on Botan Rd; repaired several antennas; changing system back over to chloramines; stayed on top of work orders and locates.
2. Sewer: Repaired force main on Shuteye Rd; repaired sewer main on Elizabeth in front of Nichols; cleared brush and located 7 manholes in woods behind Lincoln that were jetted over a week-long period; jetted manhole from Washington to Louisiana to Mississippi to MLK Dr.; jetted in front of SPARK, Fisher Road; jetted for Town of Zwolle twice; stayed on top of work orders and locates.
3. Street/Clean up: Replaced culvert on McFarland; cleaned ditches on Hill St. and Nabours St; cut ROW’s and side-armed with Mower Max on all streets; cut grass and weed eating around town; filled in potholes.
4. Animal Control: Took 5 dogs and 4 cats to the Animal Shelter
5. Airport: No report
6. Grants: Written report provided by Suzanne Williams, Grant Writer/Manager
7. Chief’s Report: Written report provided by Chief Wooley for July 2025; Councilwoman Brocato asked again to have the Kratom sign at the Vape Shop removed

Old Business

1. Adopt Ordinance #4 of 2025 – Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$29.50 per hour approved on motion by Brocato, seconded by Darwin. Motion passed.
2. Appoint a representative to serve on the Sales & Use Tax Commission Board - Mary Perry re-appointed on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt. Motion passed.
3. CDC Annual Membership Dues of \$2,500.00 for 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 - Renewed on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon. Motion passed.
4. Alcohol Permit for Royal Vape and Tobacco - Motion to approve by Mary Perry. Died on the table for lack of a second & vote.
5. Update on Appointing Town CPA - Eugene Fremaux retired July 31, 2025, but has vowed to stay on and continue helping with the FY 23 audit; Mayor Hable has talked to Steinke CPA.

New Business

1. Vote to remove Mary Brocato from the checking account as a signer and add the newly elected Mayor Pro-Tem Anita Darwin as a signer - Motion by Brocato; seconded by Perry. Motion passed.

2. Resolution #13 of 2025 – Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sabine Parish School Board and the Town of Many and Many Police Department to provide a School Resource Officer within the jurisdiction of the Town of Many for the term of August 12, 2025-June 26, 2026 - Approved on motion by Brocato; seconded by Isgitt. Motion passed.
3. Public Hearing for condemned home letters mailed to property owners – Approved on motion by Perry; seconded by Darwin. Motion passed.
 - a. Cara Barrett – House – 490 Washington Street - \$1,000.00 to condemn-Ms. Barrett has requested a payment plan-Brocato suggested \$200/month for 5 months.
 - b. Eloise Hudson – House – 156 Washington Street - \$4,140.00 to condemn-No reply. Condemn
 - c. Monroe & Ida Mae Dunn c/o David Black – House -175 Washington Street - \$4,140.00 to condemn; asked for 30-60 days to get lower quote to condemn. Approved.
4. Zoning
 - a. Monica Gasaway – Vacant Freeman Family Lot on Andrews Street – Placement of a 16x80 mobile home – Recommendation to approve by Zoning Commission; denied on motion by Darwin due to opposition; seconded by Perry. Motion passed.
 - b. Makia Cade – 315 Lincoln Street – Placement of a 16x80 mobile home – Recommendation to approve by Zoning Commission; approved on motion by Brocato; seconded by Darwin. Motion passed.
5. Chief's Recommendation to hire Charlotte Fields as a School Resource Officer at \$18.00/hour in a full-time position with a start date of August 12, 2025, on motion by Darwin, seconded by Brocato. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid

All financials approved on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon. Motion carried.
2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <0.74%> from June 2024 per Mayor Hable.
3. Tourism: No August Meeting; Brocato will be at tourism conference in Lake Charles next week.
4. Events Committee: Lauren reported on Rally in the Alley coming up on 8-28-25; minutes from 8-12-25 Events Meeting provided; Jodi Cook is heading up the Fall Festival; only have one adult Christmas Poster submitted right now.
5. Fire Board: No report

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. on motion by Brocato; seconded by Isgitt. Motion passed. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. on motion by Brocato; second by Isgitt. Motion passed.

5. Remarks from Council Members: Perry-None, Darwin-None, McLendon-None, Isgitt-None; Brocato-Said she went to the Sabine High School Revitalization board meeting on Saturday and that it will be a tremendous asset to our community when completed.

Other remarks: Koss stated there is an LRWA mini-conference in Natchitoches which will benefit our water grade this year; Sylvia stated the old Emerald Hills has been bought.

Adjourn at 6:43 p.m. on motion by Perry, seconded by McLendon. Motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk