

TOWN OF MANY

Regular Council Meeting 9-16-25

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:04 p.m.
2. Prayer led by Rylie McLendon
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: Present: Alderwomen Rylie McLendon and Mary Brocato; Alderman Lane Isgitt. ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Anita Darwin and Alderwoman Mary Perry. Also present: Clerk Amie Brown; Police Chief Cheryl Wooley; Assistant Chief Mason Wiley; Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss; Town Councilor Christopher Sylvia; Deputy Clerk Valisa King; Grants Manager Suzanne Williams; Events Committee Lauren Gentry Thompson (arrived at 5:36 pm).
5. Approve Minutes: August 19, 2025 – Regular- Motion by McLendon, second by Isgitt; motion passes.
6. Amend Agenda to Introduce Ordinance #7 of 2025 – To Contract the Town Limits to Exclude Murphy's; Issue Permit for Sabine Parish Fair & Rodeo Parade for Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 pm
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on the agenda which requires a** council vote. NONE.
8. Guests: Sara Isgitt

Departments

1. Water-Fixed the following leaks: 12" AC lines on Texas Hwy and Matthews Lodge Rd; 2" mains on Smith St. and McDonald Dr.; 2 leaks in service lines on Nash St., Nicole St., 2 on Texas Hwy. and San Antonio Ave. Installed meters at 220 Caledonia and Day St.; replaced 2" meter at 1005 Fisher Rd; 4" meters at 1260 Fisher Rd., 150 Airport Rd. and also replaced 6" valve at same location; replaced meter valves at 200 Melissa and Pleasant Dr; current on all work orders and line locates.
2. Sewer-Jetted mains on Ivanhoe, Capitol, Sabine, Peterson and Smith streets; current on all work orders and line locates.
3. Street-Signs replaced at Crest and MLK; Kenilworth and MLK; Louisiana and Lawrence; Georgia and Lawrence; bridge signs on Louisiana, MLK, and by Freideu's; Children-at-Play sign on Louisiana; Andrews & Taylor (Andrews sign only); fixed stop sign on Main and Capitol; fixed 20mph sign on Alabama and Fisher Rd. repaired parking lot at P.D.; cutting ROW's; still working on Capitol Street sidewalks; getting ready for the Fair; brush cut around Tobacco Warehouse and dug ditch out; and started ditches on Alieze Street.
4. Animal Control-6 dogs and 1 cat taken to shelter
5. Airport-no report
6. Grants-Written report provided by Suzanne Williams
7. Chief's Report-Written report provided by Chief Wooley for August 2025

Old Business

1. Appoint Town CPA-Appoint Herrington & Johnson on motion by Brocato, second by Isgitt; motion passes.
2. Chief's Recommendation to hire Jeremy Jackson as a School Resource Officer at \$18.00/hour in a full-time position with a start date of August 27, 2025, on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.

New Business

1. Resolution #15 of 2025 – Authorizing the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring Two (2) School Resource Officer Vehicles for Many Police Department through USDA on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon; motion passes.
2. Resolution #16 of 2025 – Award Bid to Lowest Bidder for the FY 2024 LCDBG Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to Owen Earthworks, \$2,408,000 on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
3. Authorize Mayor to sign Act of Correction from Jackson Timberland for the easement of Airport property on motion by McLendon, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
4. Amend Many Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual to Add Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
5. Update of Demolition of Homes: Added two Homes that were Adjudicated to the Town of Many on motion by Isgitt, seconded by Brocato; motion passes.
 - a: 1360 E. Mississippi Avenue – House - Adjudicated in 2014 – Cost to demolish is \$6,000-add to budget
 - b: 150 Garner Lane – Trailer - Adjudicated in 2012 – Cost to demolish is \$3,500-in current budget

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance PaidAll reports accepted on motion by McLendon, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
2. Sales Tax: Increase of 6.93% from July 2024 as reported by Mayor Hable
3. Tourism-Report provided by Brocato

AMENDED ITEMS:

- 1A. Introduce Ordinance #7 of 2025-to contract the Town Limits to exclude Murphy's on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
- 1B. Issue permit for Sabine Parish Fair & Rodeo Parade for Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 pm on motion by McLendon, seconded by Isgitt; motion passes.
4. Events Committee-Minutes from 9-9-25 meeting were provided as well as a calendar of events; Suzanne states she shares Events information with LMA for publishing in their weekly newsletter. Alderwoman Brocato mentioned the Willie Stewart Christmas concert will be on December 6th and the MHS Band Christmas concert will be on December 11th.
5. Fire Board-No report
6. Remarks from Council Members: McLendon-requested that the corner be cut (mowed) by the new donut shop and wanted to thank the crew for getting it done. Isgitt-none. Brocato-Got with Amie yesterday and requested a copy of the budget for FYE 24-25 and we ended the year (\$639,063) in the red and we need to tighten up so that we do not finish this year in the red like we have the past couple years. Suzanne explained that all of our grants are reimbursable; Hable stated a couple years ago we had ARPA money that we don't have now; Koss said we are playing catch up now with having increased our water and sewer rates earlier this year; Sylvia added he has been working on the adjudicated properties auction for the past two years and he will work on getting it completed so we can generate revenue from those properties once they are sold. Brocato added that she got with Hannah Gettys yesterday about contracts and was told that council members are to vote on contracts; contract laborers that are working without a contract are being paid illegally. Hable apologized for any mistakes that may have been made in the past, but has no qualms about it.

Adjourn at 6:31 PM on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon; motion passes.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk