

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting October 17, 2023

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Mayor Hable at 5:00 P.M.
2. Prayer by Bobbie Jackson
3. Pledge by Hable
4. Roll Call-PRESENT: Councilwomen Anita Darwin; Bobbie Jackson; cherry Williams; Mary Brocato. ABSENT: Mary Perry. Also present: Atty Chris Sylvia; Clerk Amie Brown; Chief Cheryl Wooley; Town Supervisor Jeremy Koss; Deputy Clerk Lisa King; Grant Writer Suzanne Williams; Airport Manager Miles Greer; Events Committee Chairman Lauren Gentry.
5. Approve Minutes: September 19, 2023 – Regular Session on motion by Brocato, second by Darwin. Motion passes.
6. Amend Agenda: None
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. None.
8. Guests: Alayna Huckaby & Taylor Wall with Kenneth D. Folden & Co. CPA and Matt McKee from Congressman Mike Johnsons office. Matt provided information he received from DOTD about erosion at the creek on Nabours St. CPA Alayna Huckaby provided the audit report for FY ending 6-30-22.

Departments

1. Water-Koss gave report that leaks are being fixed, changed out 6 meters and we have 9 left from the original meter change out; started the lead and copper inventory; sanitary survey was just done; at the end of 2-3 years, all water tanks will have been painted; had to replace exhaust fans; will do water tap at 951 Fisher Rd next week; already did water tap at 215 Taylor St. Koss also provided a list of work orders printed from iWorQ.
2. Sewer-Completed sewer tap on Taylor St.; ready to do sewer tap at Fire Department; need to replace 80 feet of sewer main on Dillon Street; need to raise a few manholes for street overlays; maintenance issue on High School lift station pump.
3. Streets-Had limbs cut for school board; starting hanging Christmas lights; will cut rights-of-way one more time; fixed several driveways with rock.
4. Animal Control-Picked up 7 cats and 4 dogs.
5. Grants-Written report provided by Suzanne
6. Chief's Report-30-day report provided by Chief Wooley.

Old Business

1. Review and Award Bid: Survey of the Jurisdictional Limits of the Town of Many-Chief and Mayor met with Brandon Thorton from Delta Consulting last week; he offered to do it for %4000 in 30-60 days and to pay the balance after the FY so it can be budgeted; Atty. Sylvia stated it's worth the risk for law enforcement to know their jurisdictional limits. Motion to accept Brandon Thorton's offer by Darwin, second by Williams; motion passes.
2. Update on LRWA Water Rate Study by Hable who explained the sustainability factor plus the water sector grant requires a new rate study; Williams suggested all businesses be required to auto draft their water payments as many are delinquent.

New Business

1. Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2022—MOVED TO TOP OF AGENDA UNDER GUESTS
2. Resolution #9 of 2023– Capital Improvement Plan for Airport 2024-2028 to FAA & LaDOTD Aviation. Motion by Brocato, second by Williams; Motion passes.
3. Vote to Renew Building/Welcome Sign/Equipment Insurance through Phares Lites & Walsworth - \$24,508.69 – An increase from last year of \$1,269.74 – For period of 10/24/23-10/24/24 on motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passes.
4. Trick-or-Treating Date & Times – Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st – 3:00-5:00 PM Merchants, 5:00-7:00 PM Neighborhoods Motion by Williams, second by Darwin. Motion passes.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget- July, August, September 2023
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance PaidMotion to approved reports as presented by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passes.
2. Sales Tax: Increase of 7.76% over September 2022 was reported by Mayor.
3. Tourism-Jackson reported that occupancy tax was down from last year at same time, possibly because of extreme summer heat and fires in the area.
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Lauren reported and provided minutes for Christmas meeting on 10-4-23; There are 14 different businesses/churches setting up games and carnival, 11 booths registered for Fall Fest on 10-28-23. An artificial outdoor tree was purchased tis year to help save money from buying live trees every year. Events committee has suspended regular meetings as some of the same people are on the Christmas Festival committee and they will meet regularly.
5. Fire Board-No report stated Hable.

6. Airport-Miles Greer-new airport manager and flight instructor reported he has 4 students now; one of the local pilots pressure washed the building; Greer pressure washed the sidewalks; city crews has mowed and grounds "look great"; we have a nice facility; Greer plans to attend Airport Managers Conference next month.
7. Remarks from Council Members: Darwin: none; Jackson: 4 families need rip rap due to soil erosion from creek and has talked to Koss about it. Williams: Ryan Masters grandparents' home will be taken down by himself in November; abandoned cars & condemned home list; Brocato: Most of Hwy 6 is out of city limits but in such bad shape, she thinks if the council signs a letter to the newly elected representative asking for repair; she said she and Chief talked about wanting industry to come here and thinks we need to get a committee to study economic development; Donnie Wooley said he would help. Brocato asked Mayor who gets committee together; he suggests she take the reigns and he will help.

Adjourn meeting at 6:48 p.m. on motion by Williams; second by Brocato. Motion passes.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk