

Town of Many
Regular Council Meeting
July 25, 2023

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:01 pm by Mayor Hable
2. Prayer by Councilwoman Darwin
3. Pledge by Mayor Hable

Roll Call Present: Councilwomen Mary Perry; Anita Darwin; Bobbie Jackson; Cherry Williams; Mary Brocato. Absent-None. Also Present: Officer Elijah Lee; Amie Brown, Clerk; Chris Sylvia, Atty.; Chief Cheryl Wooley; Jeremy Cauthen; Jeremy Koss; Josh Darden; Asst. Chief Mason Wiley; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Suzanne Williams, Grant writer; Lauren Gentry, Events Comm. Chair

4. Approve Minutes: June 20, 2023 – Regular Session; motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
June 28, 2023 – Special Session; motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
June 29, 2023 – Special Session; motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
5. Amend Agenda-none
6. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. None
7. Guests: Jessica Salley with LSA Ag Center-presented information and examples of services they provide
Bruce Taylor – Explain Demolition Process for Condemning Homes; he will submit LA OneCall tomorrow; anything not burnable he will haul to his pit; he should get one house per day demolished.
Kwonno Green-Parties and racing at house on Caledonia; requested speed bumps on Caledonia; Mayor stated he got a call from Berlion Sweet in opposition of speed bumps; Chief Wooley said there is a plan to increase patrol; Mayor said he was told everyone on South side of Caledonia does not want speed bumps in 100 and 200 block; school starts on 8-7-23.

Old Business

1. Adopt Ordinance #4 of 2023 - Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$27.00 per hour on motion by Darwin; second by Brocato; motion passed.

New Business

1. Resolution #5 of 2023 – TOM requests portion of the original Hill Street Right-of-Way to be returned to the Town and understands the maintenance of this area would become the responsibility of the Town at no charge. Motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
2. Renew Airport Insurance for 8/5/2023-8/5/2024 – Starr Indemnity & Liability Company through Phares Lites & Walsworth for - \$2,924.00 on motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.
3. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem: Brocato nominated Jackson, second by Williams; motion passed.
4. Appoint Town Attorney: Chris Sylvia nominated Jackson, second by Williams; motion passed.
5. Appoint Town CPA: Brocato nominated Fremaux, second by Williams; motion passed.
6. Appoint members to the Employee Complaint Committee – Mayor Robert Hable, Chief Cheryl Wooley, Alderwoman Anita Darwin, Alderwoman Bobbie Jackson: Motion by Williams, second by Brocato; motion passed.
7. Appoint members to the Zoning Commission – Chairman John Testa, Jeanetta Dean, Kim Hunt, Monte Davis, Ernest Williams, Wayne Turner & Chris Barnhill: Motion by Brocato; second by Perry; motion passed.
8. Appoint members to the Airport Board – Kenneth Ammons, Brian Tannehill, Dianne Andries, Rick McCurdy, and Don Burkett: motion by Darwin, second by Perry; motion passed.
9. Appoint representative to serve on Sales Tax Commission Board: Perry volunteered; motion by Brocato, second by Darwin; motion passed.
10. Appoint representative to serve on the Fire Board – James Kennedy; motion by Brocato; second by Perry; Motion passed.
11. Appoint Jeremy Koss as Town Operations Manager: motion by Darwin, second by Perry; motion passed.
12. Appoint Bruce Mitchell as Water Plant Supervisor: motion by Perry, second by Williams; motion passed.
13. Appoint Miles Greer as Airport Manager to replace Lee Woods, effect October 1, 2023; motion by Brocato, second by Williams; motion passed.
14. Issue Permit for the Conway “Big Con” Jones Memorial Parade on Saturday, July 29th – Fairgrounds to New Jerusalem Cemetery – Lineup 2:00 PM; Motion by Brocato; second by Perry; motion passed.
15. Reports:
 - a. Budget (May was tabled from last month)-June tabled on motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime Report
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance PaidReports accepted on motion by Perry, second by Brocato; motion passed.
16. Chief's Report a. Chief's Recommendation to Hire Joshua Corley as Part-Time Patrol Officer beginning August 1, 2023 at \$15.00/hour and limited to less than 24 hours per pay period. Motion by Perry, second by Brocato; motion passed. Brocato requested No-Thru-Truck signs on each end of Church Street and for speeding tickets give to 18 wheelers.

17. Sales Tax Report: Increase of 5.84% over June 2022 reported by Hable.
18. Tourism- Jackson stated no meeting in July
19. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report by Lauren Gentry with 7-11-23 minutes provided.
20. Fire Board Report-Hable reported construction ongoing at Central station
21. Airport Report-none
22. Zoning-no meeting
23. Grants-verbal report given
24. Street-Koss reported that Fairgrounds Rd was milled yesterday; working on Rights-of-way all over town; just got tractor out of the shop and will start back on state ROW
25. Animal Control- Koss reported 7 dogs and 11 cats picked up and taken to shelter
26. Water-Cauthen reported repairing water leaks; requested to post on FB that everyone have their address number posted on their house so they are easy to find-both residences and businesses; Koss stated that he, Hable, Brown, Kins, and Cauthen attended the LRWA conference and that everyone learned a lot.
27. Sewer-Darden thanked the street crew for cleaning up at the sewer plant; did a 10" sewer main repair on Fairgrounds Rd last week; will be doing smoke testing in the Fall; Coby will come next week.
28. Remarks from Council Members: Perry-none; Darwin-can we look into 4th of July fireworks for next year; Jackson-Creek behind her house is horrible; Williams-ditch on Miller off of Andries; Paul Gewin ditches, woods side off Trace in Corner at Dr. Horner's; 2 more abandoned cars in her district; Brocato-Revitalization Project for SHS; Sandra Garner Coleman will be her guest on Save the Date this Thursday.

Adjourn at 6:32 pm on motion by Perry; second by Williams; motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk