

**TOWN OF MANY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
September 19, 2023**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Public Hearing for any comments related to the Adoption of Ordinance #7 of 2023 – All Elected Officials and Contract Labor Employees are to be Paid by the Approved Mileage Rate Listed in the Louisiana State Travel Guide which is Adopted by the Town, and not an Hourly Rate, when Traveling for Business for the Town of Many. **NO COMMENTS.**
2. Public Hearing for any comments related to the Adoption of Ordinance #8 of 2023 – Annexation of 101 Zachary Taylor Road into the City Limits of Many for Chris Abrahams  
**Donnie Wooley spoke-He is in OPPOSITION.**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING** on motion by Councilwoman Brocato, second by Councilwoman Perry.  
Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**TOWN OF MANY  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 19, 2023**

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Robert H. Hable, Jr.
2. Prayer led by Mayor Hable
3. Pledge led by Mayor Pro Temp Jackson
4. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Pro Temp Bobbie Jackson, Councilwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, Cherry Williams, and Mary Brocato; Also Present: Clerk Amie Brown, Chief Cheryl Wooley, Assistant Chief Mason Wiley, Officer Elijah Lee, Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss, Deputy Clerk Valisa King, Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, and Events Committee Lauren Gentry. ABSENT: Town Counsel Christopher Sylvia.
5. Approve Minutes: August 22, 2023 – Regular Session  
August 28, 2023 – Special Session  
Motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion Passed.
6. Amend Agenda-for Chief's recommendation to move Marshall Evans from part-time to full-time as SRO to replace Officer Raynes. Motion to Amend Agenda by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion Passed.
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. NONE
8. Guests: Matthew McKee, Congressman Mike Johnson's office; Donnie Wooley.

**Department Reports**

1. Water: Jeremy Koss reported fixing water leaks; Bellemin's did water class trainings last week with 5 guys attending; starting on lead and copper inventory
2. Sewer: Koss reported they have repaired manholes; wasting at sewer plant; mowing and weed eating around lift stations; repaired pump at high school lift station
3. Street: Koss reported Championship sign was placed at the high school; overlayed Martin Lane; getting ready to hang Christmas lights; set one generator behind City Hall and poured cement slab for it; picking up a lot of green waste from the recent storms
4. Animal Control: Koss reported 5 dogs and 10 cats picked up the last month
5. Grants: Written report given to each Council member, Mayor, and Clerk by Suzanne Williams
6. Chief's Report: Chief reported that the last officer to be certified is attending POST now; working on Emergency Preparedness plan; Chief and Assistant Chief, Investigators have attended training and both SRO's attended active shooter training. Amended agenda item to move Marshall Evans from part-time to full-time as SRO to replace Officer Raynes. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

1. Adopt Ordinance #7 of 2023 – All Elected Officials and Contract Labor Employees are to be Paid by the Approved Mileage Rate Listed in the Louisiana State Travel Guide which is Adopted by the Town, and not an Hourly Rate, when Traveling for Business for the Town of Many. Motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passes.
2. Adopt Ordinance #8 of 2023 – Annexation of 101 Zachary Taylor Road into the City Limits of Many for Chris Abrahams. Mayor reported that LMA attorney says you cannot charge utilities later once motion is passed. **Denied** with motion by Perry, second by Darwin.

**New Business**

1. Resolution #8 of 2023 – Act 397 Appropriation of \$150,000.00. Split with \$50,000 to police department; \$37,000 for Leon James Park rehab; \$63,000 for AC unit at theater. Motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.

2. Review and Award Bid: Survey of the Jurisdictional Limits of the Town of Many. Only 1 bid was received from Delta Consulting of Natchitoches, LA, for \$32,000-\$50,000. Mayor said the project was not budgeted but maybe the contractor can push work back where we can pay closer to next fiscal year where it can be budgeted for 24-25 fiscal year and that perhaps he can start the work sooner but we would need the money in 60-90 days. Brocato said she doesn't see the importance of doing it now when the money is not budgets. Koss said the Rights-of-Way book needs to be updated also (last done 6-1-1986). Darwin asked if we could pay 10\$ up front as "seed" money and not 50%; Mayor said he feels like it's negotiable. Darwin said to negotiate seed money and table for now. Motion to table by Perry, second by Darwin. Motion to table passed.
3. Close the following Savings Accounts and Deposit the Funds into the Noted Operating Checking Accounts:
  - a. Town – Account #201101328 - \$11,471.92 – Deposit into General Fund Operating
  - b. Police Vehicle – Account #201101271 – \$87,838.14 - Deposit into General Fund Operating
  - c. Street Vehicle – Account #201101255 – \$70,969.78 - Deposit into Street Fund OperatingMotion to close accounts by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
4. Update on Audit for FY 2021-2022

### **Reports**

1. Financial:
  - a. Budget-Will have special called meeting by end of month to approve both July & August. Motion to table by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.
  - b. Payables
  - c. Bank Statements
  - d. Overtime
  - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
  - f. Verification of Insurance PaidReports b-f approved on motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
2. Sales Tax: Increase of 1.35% over August 2022, reported by Mayor.
3. Tourism by Jackson with 12 major events and 3 upcoming meetings
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Gentry provided minutes of the last Events and Christmas meetings; Christmas shirts will be pre-order this year; new award this year is the Cheer Meister Award; changing Movies in Many to quarterly due to low attendance.
5. Fire Board-Mayor reported construction still going on at Central Station. If it is still under construction at election time, voting will be moved to the Shriners Building.
6. Airport-Yesterday was a going away dinner for Lee Woods; September 30 is his last day and October 1, Miles Greer will take over. Greer has 4 students now.
7. Remarks from Council Members-Perry questioned overlay of streets; Darwin said McClain and Louisiana needs to be overlayed; Jackson said Sycamore needs overlayed; creek erosion; need rails by Key house because cannot see at night. Mayor stated concern of erosion at the creek to McKey from Congressman's office; Williams said ID Bostian wants street lights; Good Gracious and both businesses either side needs to be pressure-washed; Ryan Masters wants house condemned—what is the fee of Taylor Dozer to do it, or can he do it; Sirman property needs to be to be on the next condemned home list; Koss property on Robby still has cleaning up to do; need abandoned car list. Darwin: Abandoned cars at Housing Authority. Brocato: political forum is this Thursday night at 6:30, with doors opening at 6. Updated on house on S. Byles-it has a new metal roof.

Adjourn at 6:49 p.m., on motion by Perry, second by Brocato. Motion passed

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Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

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Amie Brown, Clerk