

TOWN OF MANY

January 21, 2020

Regular Session

Public Hearing was held at 5:15 p.m., January 21, 2020 prior to the Regular Council Session for the purpose of public comments on Ordinance #23 of 2019, Increase price on bulk water; on Ordinance #24 of 2019, Town of Many Council Members and Mayor will be offered the option to participate in dental and other supplemental insurance products and will be payroll deducted. With no comments from the public, hearing was closed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in regular session, Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Ken Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem James Kennedy, Council Members Gay Corley, Bobbie Jackson and Mary Brocato. Absent was Council Member Anita Darwin. Also present were Town Clerk Amie Brown, Police Chief Roger Freeman, Officer Carla Nicks, Payroll Clerk/HR Manager Karla Williams, City Manager Mark Oxley, Water Supervisor Roger Dew, Street Supervisor David Smith, Suzanne Williams with the Village of Florien and Nora Drenner, Reporter for Around the Town.

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Alderman Kennedy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Freeman.

Minutes: Minutes for December 17, 2019 regular session and Minutes for December 20, 2019 special called session were tabled due to not being ready at time of meeting with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

Amend Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinance #3 of 2020, Decrease garbage rates as number #23 on the agenda. Approved to add under new business with a motion by Corley, seconded by Brocato. Vote unanimous.

Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda: None

Guest(s): -Austin Vaughn, Robin Ramagos and Terri Remedies with CDC discussed the programs offered by CDC
-John French with KSA Engineers – Provided estimates for the water system
-Lee Turner with Congressman Johnson's Office

Old Business:

1. **Adopt Ordinance #23 of 2019 – Increase price on bulk water:** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
2. **Adopt Ordinance #24 of 2019 – Town of Many Council Members and Mayor will be offered the option to participate in dental and other supplemental insurance products and will be payroll deducted:** Passed with a motion by Jackson; seconded by Brocato. Vote Unanimous.
3. **CDC Membership dues for 2020 - \$2,550.00:** Failed due to lack of motion.

New Business:

1. **Introduce Ordinance #1 of 2020 – Amend Personnel Policy – Vacation time will be applied to timesheets on a daily basis up to the employees scheduled hours for the day:** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
2. **Introduce Ordinance #2 of 2020 – Amend Personnel Policy – Sick time will be applied to timesheets on a daily basis up to the employees scheduled hours for the day:** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Kennedy. Vote Unanimous.
3. **Review and Accept Proposal for Engineering Consulting Services for Many Hart Airport – KSA Engineers (only bid received):** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Brocato. Vote Unanimous.
4. **List of permits issued for the fourth quarter of 2019:** A copy was provided to each council member.
5. **Reports:** Council was presented with the **Profit & Loss Performance Budget** for December 2019; the **Payables Log** for December 2019 with evidence of invoices paid; balanced & reconciled **Bank Statements** for December 2019; **Overtime report** through December 2019; Verification of Federal & Louisiana **Taxes paid** for December 2019; and Verification of **Insurance paid** for December 2019. All reports were accepted as written with a motion by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

- 12. Chief's Report with update on warrants:** Police Chief Freeman provided a report to the Council on activity for the last 30 days for Many Police Department. Officer Carla Nicks provided a current warrant list. Mayor Freeman reported that he received a letter from the Attorney General's office in reference to a letter they received from Chief Freeman requesting some opinions regarding the budget, fixing the roof over the police department and about the complaint committee stating that they need a response from us by February 11th. Mayor Freeman stated that the letter has been turned over to the Town Attorney to answer the requests and he would keep the council informed.
- 13. Sales Tax Report-Decrease of <.55%> over November 2018:** Report was given by Alderwoman Corley along with a copy of the minutes from their last meeting.
- 14. Tourism Report:** Alderwoman Jackson reported the occupancy tax for November was the highest it's been; they are 4% above sales compared to this time last year; the website numbers are down; \$80,000 historical structure grant; Toledo Bend is one of the 10 certified retirement areas and decided that a new user-friendly website was in priority for the state; a retirement reception was held on January 7th to honor Representative Howard and it was very nice; two new members have been sworn in, Lauren Moore from Nichol's appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and Lance Rivers from Sabine State Bank appointed by the Village of Florien for a 3 year period; ads for the month of January in several magazines and in the Sabine Index; and several fishing tournaments coming up. Accepted as reported with a motion by Brocato; seconded by Corley. Vote Unanimous.
- 15. Cultural and Historical District Report:** Mayor Freeman asked Alderwoman Brocato how often the Cultural District meets to which Mrs. Brocato stated they have not met in a while due to many scheduling conflicts but a meeting is scheduled for some time in February and also reported that the Historical District has been sort of non-functioning since Mrs. Varnado is President and has been ill for some time. Alderwoman Corley asked would they be able to elect new officers during the meeting to which Mrs. Brocato said she didn't see why they couldn't. Mayor Freeman said he would like to have the Cultural Committee active. Alderwoman Corley asked could both committees be combined to which Mrs. Brocato stated they are two different organizations. Mayor Freeman stated that he has asked staff to post weekly on the Town's Facebook page about the museum. Mayor Freeman stated that the people of Many has made a substantial investment in the building and we need to move forward to which Mrs. Brocato stated that she couldn't do it all on her own and that someone else would have to help work on some of this. Alderwoman Brocato went on to say that movies have been scheduled for the first six months for January through June and the Music in Many concerts are scheduled through September. Accepted as reported with a motion by Jackson; seconded by Corley. Vote Unanimous.
- 16. Fire Board:** Alderman Kennedy stated they have been busy with fires, alarms and EMS calls and stated that the ladder truck came in handy at the Apollo Apartments fire. Accepted as reported with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 17. Airport:** Mayor Freeman reported that it is still being worked on.
- 18. Zoning:** Zoning Administrator Amie Brown reported there was no zoning meeting for the past month
- 19. Grant Report:** Grant Writer Jane Hardwick provided an updated list. Mayor Freeman reported that Mrs. Hardwick is no longer with the Town and he will be giving some thought on how he wants to move forward with grant writing.
- 20. Street:** Street Supervisor David Smith reported that they have been working on the ditches and culverts.
- 21. Animal Control:** Animal Control Officer Bobby Hughes did not attend the meeting
- 22. Water:** City Manager Mark Oxley reported that they have been very busy with water leaks, reading meters and marking water valves. Mayor Freeman thanked all of the employees for the long hours worked in the cold water. Mayor Freeman also reported that they are still working on valve problems so we bought two metal detectors and while reading meters there are two people walking the streets and finding the valves and marking them on the map then we will call LRWA to come in and test the valves to make sure they are working and help us to set up a maintenance program. LRWA will also test our fire hydrants and fix some of those.

John French with KSA Engineers provided estimates to relocate the raw water intake and to replace the 12" line on Highway 6. The total project cost for both estimates is \$11,642,448.00. Mayor Freeman stated that we also need to get the plant back online and that pump will cost approximately \$50,714.60. Mayor Freeman asked for a motion to proceed with the purchase of the pump. Motion was made by Brocato; seconded by Corley. Vote Unanimous.

Cecil Jordan, 6 Month Probationary Period is up. Recognize as Permanent Full-Time Employee: Passed with a motion by Kennedy; seconded by Corley. Vote Unanimous.

23. Amend Agenda: Introduce Ordinance #3 of 2020 – Decrease on Garbage Collection Fees – A reduction of \$22.09 to \$16.09 for residential customers: Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on February 18, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:10 p.m. was made by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.

KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK