

**TOWN OF MANY**  
February 18, 2020  
**Regular Session**

Public Hearing was held at 5:15 p.m., February 18, 2020 prior to the Regular Council Session for the purpose of public comments on the Adoption of Ordinance #1 of 202, Amend Personnel Policy, Vacation time will be applied to timesheets on a daily basis up to the employees scheduled hours for the day; the Adoption of 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; and the Adoption of Ordinance #3 of 2020, Amend Garbage Collection Fees, Decrease from \$22.09 monthly per residential customer to \$16.09 monthly per residential customer. With no comments from the public, hearing was closed at 5:16 P.M. with a motion by Jackson; seconded by Corley. Vote unanimous.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in regular session, Tuesday, February 18, 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, Mary Brocato and Anita Darwin. Also present were Town Clerk Amie Brown, Police Chief Roger Freeman, Officer Carla Nicks, Payroll Clerk/HR Manager Karla Williams, Water Supervisor Roger Dew, Street Supervisor David Smith, Jeanetta Dean, Kowonno Greene 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 January 21, 2020 regular session and Minutes for January 27, 2020 special called session were approved with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

**Amend Agenda:** Motion to amend the agenda to add as #16 Hiring Kyle Cook as Assistant Chief of Police by Alderman Kennedy; add as #17 Hosting Law for Underage Drinking by Alderwoman Corley; and add as #18 Proper Garbage Containers by Alderwoman Brocato on the agenda. Approved to add with a motion by Corley, seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

**Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda:** None

**Guest(s):** Michael Corbin with SWEPCO – Franchise Agreement  
Mike Tarver – Provided the Mayor and Council with a list of Suggestions for the Town

**Old Business:**

1. **Adopt 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 Darwin. Vote Unanimous.
2. **Adopt 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 Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
3. **Adopt Ordinance #3 of 2020 – Amend Garbage Collection Fees – Decrease from \$22.09 monthly per residential customer to \$16.09 monthly per residential customer;** Passed with a motion by Brocato; seconded by Corley. Vote Unanimous

**New Business:**

1. **Introduce Ordinance #4 of 2020 – Franchise Agreement with SWEPCO:** Tabled with a motion by Corley; seconded by Kennedy. Vote Unanimous.
2. **Approve permit for 5K Race for Charity – Sabine Runners, Inc. – Saturday, March 14th @ 4:30 PM;** Passed with a motion by Darwin; seconded by Kennedy. Vote Unanimous. Mayor Freeman stated to Chief Freeman that we would get him a copy of the route they would be taking.
3. **Reports:** Council was presented with the **Profit & Loss Performance Budget** for January 2020; the **Payables Log** for January 2020 with evidence of invoices paid; balanced & reconciled **Bank Statements** for January 2020; **Overtime report** through January 2020; Verification of Federal & Louisiana **Taxes paid** for January 2020; and Verification of **Insurance paid** for January 2020. All reports were accepted as written with a motion by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.

- 4. 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.
- 5. Sales Tax Report-Increase of 5.82% over December 2019:** Report was given by Alderwoman Corley.
- 6. Tourism Report:** Alderwoman Jackson reported that Linda Curtis-Sparks received the Louisiana Travel Lifetime Achievement Award. Mayor Freeman asked was she retiring soon to which Alderwoman Jackson said she would be working from home and would be training Wanda Rivers. In addition, they had success of the Bassmaster, College, High School and Junior High tournaments; ads were placed in the Louisiana Life, Louisiana Sportsman, Bassmaster and Lakecaster magazines; there are 7-8 upcoming tournaments; and there were 44 inquiries on the website about retirement.
- 7. Cultural District Report:** Alderwoman Brocato reported that they had a re-organization meeting where Mayor Freeman appointed new members to the board and also re-appointed her as the Chairman; the project for 2020 will be the revitalization of San Antonio Avenue and there are three things they are hoping to accomplish which are to get property owners to agree to paint store fronts that need it, will get them to try to place art in any empty buildings and to work on murals on some of the buildings which is being researched by Anne Boyens; they had their first musical show at the theater last Saturday night; bands are booked every month in 2020; Book Nooks are going great. Alderwoman Corley asked about the LWC Church service at the theater every Sunday and stated that she had several businessmen ask her why the Town was involved in it and she answered them by saying that she knew it was being considered but that it was not brought before the council and advised them to contact Alderwoman Brocato or Mayor Freeman. Mayor Freeman replied that they are renting it and they are paying the Town weekly and that a contract was signed. Alderman Kennedy stated that he does not have a problem with the church but that some contracts are brought before the council and some or not to which Mayor Freeman stated that they did approve the contract that we have them sign and that we would be happy to give them a list or copy of any contracts and Alderwoman Corley said that would be nice so they can be informed of what is going on.
- 8. Fire Board:** Alderman Kennedy reported they had 62 calls and they are trying to recruit more volunteer firefighters and want minorities and that even though it is volunteer, once they go to school and get certified they will be paid.
- 9. Airport:** Mayor Freeman reported they had an inspection and it went perfect; the pump in the fuel tank is not working and we cannot sell aviation fuel and he approved \$3,000.00 to be spent out of the Street special account to have it repaired since it is transportation; the airport is becoming more and more busy; we had a problem with the company that was coming in to spray for the trees and was riding through the mud and tearing up the road so we banned them from using it until it dried out and when they agreed to make the repairs.
- 10. Zoning:** Zoning Administrator Amie Brown reported there was no zoning meeting for the past month
- 11. Grant Report:** Mayor Freeman reported that we are working on hiring a grant writer full-time or sub-contracting it out and paying a percentage for what they receive in.
- 12. Street:** Street Supervisor David Smith reported they are waiting on the rain to move out so they can start back on the roadsides and reported that the street overlays would be done by the end of March.
- 13. Animal Control:** Animal Control Officer Bobby Hughes did not attend the meeting
- 14. Water:** Water Supervisor Roger Dew reported that we have had some sewer problems that have been straightened out. Alderwoman Darwin asked to be notified about the boil bans to which Mayor Freeman reported that they need to know before the water is cut off and not after the fact. Mayor Freeman asked the council if they wanted to know about every leak in town or just the ones that require a boil order and Alderwoman Darwin stated only the ones that require a boil order; Alderwoman Corley replied when there is a boil order or if a section of town is without water for a certain amount of time they need to know. Mayor Freeman told the Supervisor not to let it happen again and to call him anytime there will be a boil order or if the water is being turned off and to call before it happens because we have a list of merchants that we need to notify.

**15. Garbage:** Mayor Freeman reported that a light came on in the new truck and we took it to Shreveport. Water Supervisor Roger Dew said they could not find a problem that would be covered by the warranty. Mayor Freeman went on to say that he is concerned that the light will come on again when the warranty period is over so he wrote them a registered letter with return receipt stating they are put on notice that should it happen again it will be covered under warranty and we have not heard back from them. Alderwoman Brocato asked should we buy a backup and Mayor Freeman said he has it in the budget and also advised that if any of them want to add something to the budget to let him know and also stated that he will be cutting the budget because we are in the red now and still have five months to go but that most of that is in the water department due to an aging system.

**16. Amend: Hire Kyle Cook as Assistant Chief of Police:**

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on March 17, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:18 P.M. was made by Corley and seconded by Brocato. Vote unanimous.

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KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

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AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK