

TOWN OF MANY
November 16, 2021
Regular Session
(RECORDING LOST; MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY CLERK'S NOTES)

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in regular session, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie Jackson and Council Members Mary Perry, and Cherry Williams. Also present were Chief of Police Cheryl Wooley, Amie Brown, Town Clerk, A/R Clerk Dawana Simmons, Airport Manager Lee Woods, Town Attorney Chris Sylvia, Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, Jeremy Wilkerson, Streets Manager, Josh Darden, Wastewater, Eddie Ryals, Water Manager, Lisa King, Assistant Clerk/Water billing. Absent: Mary Brocato. Also present were Erskine Curry, Robert Gentry, Verity Gentry, Amber Gentry, Marsha Gentry.

Mayor Robert Hable called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Cherry Williams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Hable.

Minutes: Minutes for July 20, 2021, August 17, 2021, and October 19, 2021, regular sessions were approved. Motion by Jackson, second by Williams. Vote unanimous.

Agenda Amended: a) To amend the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish School Board, the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office and the Town of Many providing a 3-way split of costs for SRO at the Alternative School.

b) Approve Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the LA Compliance Questionnaire in relation to the town's 20-21 Audit. Motion by Jackson, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.

Guest(s): Lacey Malmay, Sabine Medical Center; Jeff Morrow, Council on Aging

Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda: Erskine Curry stated his neighbor put up a 9-foot fence where he cannot see to back out of his driveway until he is almost out in the road. He has asked for speed bumps on Washington Street; we are waiting on speed bumps to come in per Jeremy Wilkerson.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Introduce Ordinance # 5 of 2021-Salary of Municipal Clerk at \$25 per hour. Motion by Williams, second by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
2. Resolution #10 of 2021- LACPC to Add Local Vendors, Craftsperson's and Service Providers to the Bid List. Motion by Jackson, Second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
3. Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Town of Many and Sabine Parish School Board to allow SRO to be paid for by the LA Commission on Law Enforcement grant beginning on 1-1-2022. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
4. **REPORTS-**
 - a. Budget report was tabled.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime Reports
 - e. Verification of Taxes paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance paidReports were accepted as presented with motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Vote unanimous.
5. **Chief's Report.** Recommend hiring Mason Wiley; he will go to POST academy in January. as full-time patrol officer at \$15/hr. Motion by Darwin, second by Williams. Vote unanimous.
6. **Sales Tax Report:** Decrease of 5.22 % over October 2020.
7. **Tourism Report:** Alderwoman Jackson submitted a report.
8. **Cultural District & Historical Committee Report:** Alderwoman Brocato was absent and did not leave a report.

9. **Christmas Committee:** Cherry Williams reports & minutes from meetings included in board packet.
10. **Fire Board Report:** Mayor Hable reported that Central District calls are down to 68.
11. **Airport:** Airport Manager Lee Woods reported the ongoing work at the airport, the road leading to it and the runway rehab.
12. **Zoning:** a) Amber Gentry, 775 Trace Street, wants to place an 18 x 74 foot new mobile home on the property. Alderman Williams reported receiving phone calls in opposition of placement and stated being worried about what would happen when Amber moved out and lot was not being kept up. Alderman Jackson stated she knew nothing about it and that she should have been notified or the caller should have been told to call her since it was in her district. Mayor Hable said he sat on the Zoning Board for years and when Amber asked him if she should apply to have Council overturn the Zoning Board's decision against placing the mobile home, he encouraged her that she should. On a motion to overturn the Zoning Board's decision by Jackson and seconded by Perry, motion was approved.
b) Richard Wilburn- to place a mobile home on the corner of Taylor and Andrews Streets. Motion by Darwin, second by Perry; vote unanimous.
13. **Grant Report:** Suzanne Williams provided a written report. She stated that she was able to get \$1,500 from SWEPCO, CLECO, and ATMOS Energy, \$500 from each. Red River Delta NW gave us a grant of \$49,975 for Many PD to pay for SRO at the Alternative School. Ultrasonic meters have been ordered from Core & Main with lease purchase agreement through Government Capital. Still waiting for web portal to open to apply for Cane River Heritage grant.
14. **Streets:** Street Supervisor Jeremy Wilkerson reported that it hasn't been decided yet whether or not to place a culvert on Airport Road; they are trying to keep up with work orders and putting up Christmas lights along San Antonio Ave.
15. **Animal Control:** Street Supervisor Jeremy Wilkerson said they picked up 4 dogs and 2 cats. He attended Animal Control class and they are certified now.
16. **Water:** Water Supervisor Eddie Ryals reported that they are changing from chlorine to chloramines in the system; they are reading water meters; working with Suzanne Williams on the water meter project and the first delivery of meters is coming next month. Darwin asked about the constant flushing on McFarland, Eddie said it's on a timer and goes off twice a day.
17. **Sewer:** Josh Darden, Wastewater Manager said they are making sewer repairs. LDH came on 11-10-21 and have a very minute list of items to correct and they are nearly done with that. There is a consultant coming this week from New Orleans. There is a Chemical Spill Response Class on 12-1-21 that will be attended by Josh, Eddie, Jeremy Koss, Cecil and Jeremy Wilkerson.
18. **Garbage:** No report other than they will work out a condensed schedule for trash pickup for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.
19. **Remarks from Council Members:** Perry: none; Darwin: none; Jackson: she stated there is a house on her street that is falling in. Attorney Sylvia said he can work on sending the owner a letter if given the go-ahead. Williams: She turned in 16 work orders, 12 have been cleared; she also has light work orders for street lights; 2 houses on Alieze Street are falling in.
20. Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:28 P.M. was made by Jackson, second by Darwin. Vote unanimous.

ROBERT H. HABLE, JR., MAYOR

AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK