

Town of Many
Regular Council Meeting
May 16, 2023

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:03 pm by Mayor Robert Hable, Jr.
2. Prayer by Mary Perry
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call: Present: Councilwomen Mary Perry, Bobbie Jackson, Cherry Williams, Mary Brocato. ABSENT: Anita Darwin. Also Present: Clerk Amie Brown, Deputy Clerk Valisa King, Water Plant Supervisor Jeremy Koss, Street Supervisor Cecil Jordan, Wastewater Supervisor Josh Darden, Corwin Washington, Consultant, Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, Police Chief Cheryl Wooley, Asst. Police Chief Mason Wiley. Town Counsel Chris Sylvia.
5. Approve Minutes: April 18, 2023 – Regular Session with motion by Williams, second by Perry. Motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda-None
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote.
Dee Dee Palmer & Teresa Hudson discussed water running down the road into Hudson's yard casing a ravine. Cecil will call in a Locate and put a new culvert in, as the existing one is inactive. Possible fencing for safety from manhole in Palmer's yard. Creek is grown up; Hable asked Washington to look at the creek before he leaves town. Hable said with a course of action, we will take care of it.
8. Guests: Cedric Floyd-Data Center, LLC-Redistricting Update

Old Business

1. Resolution #2 of 2023-Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Sabine Parish Water District 1 for the exchange of used generators (tabled from last council meeting). Koss explained we should pay for repairs on our generator and the District will pay theirs and that all 3 generators were inspected. Brocato asked the cost of repairs with Koss replying we don't have it yet. Hable said to get the costs and Suzanne stated she has already requested costs of repairs. Tabled again until costs are received by motion from Brocato, second by Williams.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #3 of 2023 – 2023 Many Town Redistricting with motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Motion passed.
2. Resolution #3 of 2023 – Support of Extending the Expenditure Limit, State of Louisiana, motion by Williams, second by Perry. Motion passed.
3. Resolution #4 of 2023-To enter into a CEA with Sabine Parish Police Jury to reclaim, compact, and overlay Airport Road with asphalt for 1.5 miles. Estimated cost of \$125,000 with each entity contribution 50% of the cost. Motion by Brocato, second by Williams, Motion passed.
4. Discussion on Leon James Park- Perry: Church says kids come over there asking for water. Williams told Anita she would support what she suggested for her district which is closing the park. Brocato says kids were there yesterday and they were havin fun ; she parked and watched and no one did anything wrong. Perry said she thinks it's kids from out of town who are vandalizing park. Hable said many we can put a porta potty at the park and that he is against closing it. Perry made a motion to keep the park open and get volunteers to help refurbish it, second by Brocato. Motion passed. Brocato asked if the town could buy materials if volunteers will do the work. Hable said Foy will donate and the Town will help. Brocato said she would make a donation also. Wooley said we need to get cameras installed. Williams said bathrooms need to be ADA accessible. Brocato will advertise on radio. Chris said to get people involved who live in the area to contribute. Wooley said we need to do something with the falling down building next door to the park.
5. Reports:
 - a. Budget Tabled with motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime Report
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid Motion by Jackson, second by Perry to accept all other reports.
5. Chief's Report a. Chief's Recommendation to hire Kimberly Johnson as a patrol/juvenile officer at \$14.00/hour with a starting date of June 1, 2023. Motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Motion passed. Chris has been unsuccessful in getting Dockens to replay about city limits. He suggests putting bids out for another surveyor. Williams requested moving forward. Hable said to send letters to local surveyors. Motion to send letters by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passed.
6. Sales Tax Report: Increase of 21.14% over April 2022 reported by Hable.
7. Tourism Report-Jackson reported a new marketing partnership w Foy Motors; more fishing guides need to be licensed, New hire for Marketing position is Keli Horn.
8. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Lauren Gentry provided minutes from 5-9-23, and a calendar of events for May-August.
9. Fire Board Report- no report per Hable.
10. Airport Report- no report.

11. Zoning – Hickman’s BBQ – 1050 W. Louisiana Ave. – Placement of a 20x40 portable building on vacant lot (Postponed until next week)
12. Grants-Suzanne provided a written report.
13. Street-Jordan said pricing came back on the asbestos testing for the condemned homes and it is \$272 per house. Turnaround time is 1-2 weeks per house. Clover has seeded so mowing has started on rights-of-way. Summer help will begin soon. Motion to test houses by Williams, second by Perry. Motion passed.
14. Animal Control- 4 cats and 2 dogs were picked up.
15. Water-Koss reported the water plant is running smoothly. Meters at school will be replaced while school is out then only about 10 meters left to be installed. Koss and Suzanne went to House Ways & Means Committee meeting in Baton Rouge and learned a lot about the Capital Outlay process. Suzanne said they will begin inventory of leftover parts from meter project to return to Core & Main for a credit. Five water dept employees are taking their class tests on Friday and 3 went to water class all week.
16. Sewer-Darden said a bad blockage toward Lincoln is why Washington is torn up; parts on the way to repair and get the road back in operation. Hable said Smith Street is not being ignored, just waiting on final engineer report and parts. Working on new budget and has an idea on a new dewatering trailer. Brocato asked for an update at Super Steve’s and it was reported it was flowing and they will get back to work on it. Washington said he is working on reports for us and the MWWPP is done.
17. Remarks from Council Members: Perry, none. Jackson, creek behind her house; Jordan is trying to set up a meeting with the Corp of Engineers and Hable asked Washington to get them here. Williams asked about Mrs. Richey on Meadow Lane, Jordan said he is taking care of it. She picked up trash the Thursday before Trash Bash; said problem is that several trash cans are being kept out and the animals get into it. She encourages other council members to ride with Brocato or come into her district. Residents are concerned about street lights that were out. Hable said Brown turned in a list already and will follow up with an email. Abandoned vehicles-will get addresses to Brown. Gets calls every month from Mrs. Key and Mrs. Morvan about tall grass in ditches. She said give her a couple guys with equipment and she will go with them and help them; walkers every morning along the streets were nearly hit about a week ago. Need a No Through Traffic sign but Mason said that is not possible; however, a Children at Play sign can be put up at Ponder & Andries where there is no sidewalks. Brocato; none.

Adjourn meeting at 6:54 pm with motion by Williams, second by Perry. Motion Passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk