

March 21, 2017
Regular Session

Public Hearing was held at 5:15, March 21, 2016 prior to the Regular Council Session for the purpose of public comments on Ordinance # 2 of 2017 – LaMats Municipal Recovery Services, and Ordinance # 3 of 2017 – Amend General Fund Police Department budget to add \$35,000 for the purchase of a new police vehicle. With no comment from the public, the 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, March 21, 2017, at 5:18 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Ken Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem, Barbara Peterson, Gay Corley, Bobbie Jackson, Anita Darwin, and James Kennedy. All were present. Also present were: Deputy Clerk Ashley Garcie, Police Chief Roger Freeman, Officer Carla Nicks, Street Supervisor Bobby Hughes, Rev. Jacob Maxie, Jamey McIntyre, DeDarren Henry, Dee Dee Palmer, and Tripp Dungan from CLECO.

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

Minutes: Minutes for February 21st, 2017, Regular Meeting were approved as written by Gay Corley and seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Minutes for February 27th, 2017, Special Called Meeting were approved as written with a motion by Gay Corley, seconded by Barbara Peterson. All in favor.

Amend Agenda: None.

Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda: Jamey McIntyre requested extra care at the restrooms at the ball park during ball season. Dee Dee Palmer stated that Nash Street was in the need of repair, and she did not agree with the \$50 reconnect fee for water. Reverend Jacob Maxie stated that he also did not agree with the \$50 reconnect fee.

Guests: Tripp Dungan, CLECO

Old Business:

1. **Adopt Ordinance # 2 of 2017 – LaMATS Municipal Debt Recovery Service:** Passed with motion by Gay Corley, seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
2. **Adopt Ordinance # 3 of 2017 – Amend General Fund Police Department Budget for \$35,000 for purchase of marked police vehicle:** Passed with a motion by Gay Corley, seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote unanimous.

New Business:

1. **Introduce Ordinance #4 of 2017- Litter:** Passed with a motion from Gay Corley, seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote unanimous. A Public Hearing will be held prior to regular council meeting on April 18, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. for any comments relating to this Ordinance prior to adoption.
2. **Donation of (5) acres of land from Pete Abington:** Passed with a motion from James Kennedy and seconded by Gay Corley to accept the land unencumbered. James Kennedy was appointed as Park Committee Chairman, along with Bobbie Jackson and Gay Corley to investigate and recommend possible uses of this property. Vote unanimous.
3. **Reports:** Council was presented with the **Profit & Loss Performance Budget** for February, 2017; the **Payables log** for February with evidence of invoices paid; balanced & reconciled **Bank Statements** for February 2017; Overtime report; Verification of Federal & Louisiana **Taxes paid**; and **Insurance paid** verification report. All reports were accepted as written with motion by Gay Corley; second by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous.
4. **Chief's Report:** Chief Freeman provided report of activity in the Town of Many for previous month.
5. **Sales Tax:** There was a reported increase in February, 2017 revenue of 4.44% compared to February 2016 revenue.
6. **Tourism:** A calendar of future events was provided.
7. **Airport:** None.
8. **Zoning:** None
9. **Grant Report:** A list of current grants was provided.
10. **Street:** - There was discussion of having too many speed bumps placed on Georgia Avenue, at Mr. Kennedy's request. Mr. Kennedy stated that the speed bumps will remain. Mr. Kennedy also suggested the removal of a tree on the corner of Louisiana and Lawrence Avenue.
11. **Animal Control:** None.
12. **Water: - \$50 Re-connect Fee –** Mayor Freeman suggested that all water bills are due on the 10th and a cut off list will be provided to the water supervisor that night. The water

department was instructed to turn all citizens on the cut off list's water off beginning at six a.m. on the 11th, which will include businesses as well. There was a motion to accept this procedure by James Kennedy and seconded by Gay Corley. Opposed was Anita Darwin.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting on April 18th, 2017.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:15 p.m. was made by Gay Corley and seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote Unanimous.

KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

CAROLYN RICKS, TOWN CLERK