

## **TOWN OF MANY**

October 17, 2017

### **Regular Session**

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in regular session, Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Ken Freeman, Mayor Pro-Temp Barbara Peterson; Council Members: Gay Corley, Bobbie Jackson and James Kennedy. Council Member Anita Darwin was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Amie Brown, Police Chief Roger Freeman, Asst. Police Chief DeWayne Brumley, Officer Carla Nicks, Officer Kane Lightfoot, Officer Tim Harper, Officer Stanley Cook, Detective Todd McNeely, Water Superintendent Kenneth Meyers and Street Supervisor Charlie Brown.

Mayor Ken Freeman called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Bobbie Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Freeman.

**Minutes:** Minutes for September 19, 2017 Regular session meeting was approved as written with a motion by Gay Corley, seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous.

**Amend Agenda:** None

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

**Guest(s):** Tripp Dungan with Cleco

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Update on Ordinances for Annexations:** A report was given by Town Clerk Amie Brown on the status of past annexations that have been researched thus far. Mayor Freeman announced the new procedure for annexations in that we will keep the ordinance in the ordinance book along with a stamped copy from the Clerk of Courts office showing that the ordinance has been filed, a map of the property from the Tax Assessors office and a copy of the minutes where the council voted to adopt the ordinance.
- 2. Discussion on Cleanup/Litter:** Council Members gave a report from the September 30<sup>th</sup> Trash Bash and felt that it was a success but now it's back in the same shape as before, if not worse. There were suggestions made to put up cameras, put out no littering signs with fine amounts, write fines for littering, and having prisoners pick up trash.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Resolution #8 of 2017 – LaDOTD Aviation Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2018-2023:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Peterson. Vote Unanimous.
- 2. Resolution #9 of 2017 – To apply for funding for Capital Outlay – Move Intake Structure - \$4,180,000.00:** Passed with a motion by Kennedy and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 3. Resolution #10 of 2017 – Engineering costs for LCDBG grant - \$90,700.00:** Passed with a motion by Peterson and seconded by Kennedy. Vote Unanimous.
- 4. Resolution #11 of 2017 – Administrative costs for LCDBG grant - \$40,000.00:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Peterson. Vote Unanimous.
- 5. Introduce Ordinance #10 of 2017 – The owner of a rental property is responsible for picking up trash:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Peterson. Vote Unanimous. A Public Hearing will be held prior to regular council meeting on November 21st, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. for any comments relating to this Ordinance prior to adoption.
- 6. Agreement for Value Payment Systems – Credit card company for the new tax system:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 7. Letter from Attorney General's office that Mayor Pro Tempore may not preside over mayors court in the mayors absence – Appoint lawyer to preside:** Mayor Freeman made a recommendation to appoint John "Billy" Pickett as lawyer to preside over mayors court in the mayors absence. Passed with motion by Peterson and seconded by Kennedy. Vote unanimous.
- 8. Vote to Renew Building Insurance – Phares Lites & Walsworth - \$11,131.92:** Passed with a motion by Peterson and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 9. Vote for Mayor to approve who has access to Quickbooks accounting software:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Peterson. Vote Unanimous.
- 10. Reports:** Council was presented with the **Profit & Loss Performance Budget** for September, 2017; the **Payables Log** for September 2017 with evidence of invoices paid; balanced & reconciled **Bank Statements** for September 2017; **Overtime report** through September 2017; Verification of Federal & Louisiana **Taxes paid** for September 2017; and Verification of **Insurance paid** for September 2017. All reports were accepted as written with motion by Gay Corley and seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous.

- 11. Todd McNeely – Detective Pay Raise:** Detective McNeely informed the Mayor and the Council that he had approached the Chief for a pay increase and was denied. Mayor Freeman advised Detective McNeely that the Chief, being an elected official, has control over the police department and its budget.
- 12. Chief's Report:** Police Chief Freeman presented a report to the Mayor and Council on activity for the last 30 days for Many Police Department
- 13. Sales Tax Report:** Gay Corley reported a decrease of (0.49%) over September, 2016 and that she has been working close with the Sales & Use Tax Office and making sure businesses get registered and for the ones that have not paid demand letters have been sent out. Alderman Kennedy suggested we need to get new businesses brought into the Town. Mayor Freeman appointed Alderman Kennedy as chairman of the Economic Development Committee and make recommendations to the board.
- 14. Tourism:** Barbara Peterson gave a report and stated that the Tourist Commission will be providing the Town with littering signs
- 15. Airport:** Mayor Freeman reported there was a meeting in Natchitoches with the FAA and we are going to be put back into their funding sometime next year and they will be spending another \$4,500,000.00 to finish the runway where jet planes can land, and put a new fence around the property, and we will try to get them to include the road.
- 16. Zoning:** None
- 17. Grant Report:** A list of current grants was provided
- 18. Street:** Supervisor Charlie Brown stated that they are continuing to dig out ditches and clean out culverts, and they have patched a few potholes.
- 19. Animal Control:** Charlie Brown and Kenneth Meyers gave a report that they are still catching cats and have transported several to the Animal Shelter
- 20. Water:** Superintendent Kenneth Meyers reported they are currently reading meters, and they have had a couple breakdowns at the water plant that have been repaired and have repaired leaks on the 12" main.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on November 21, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

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

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KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

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AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK