

TOWN OF MANY
November 21, 2017
Regular Session

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in regular session, Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Ken Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Peterson; Council Members: Gay Corley, Bobbie Jackson, James Kennedy and Anita Darwin. Also present were Town Clerk Amie Brown, Police Chief Roger Freeman, Asst. Police Chief DeWayne Brumley, Officer Carla Nicks, Joshua Darden representing the Street Dept., and Town attorney Billy Pickett.

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

Minutes: Minutes for October 17, 2017 Regular session meeting was approved as written with a motion by Gay Corley; seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous. Minutes for November 7, 2017 Special session meeting was approved as written with a motion by Gay Corley; seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous. Minutes for November 10, 2017 Special session meeting was approved as written with a motion by Gay Corley; seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote Unanimous.

Amend Agenda: Add Item #19 – Approve mayor to sign the auditors’ (Payne, Moore & Herrington) compliance questionnaire, motion by Gay Corley; seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous. Add Item #20 – Chief’s recommendation to hire George Ryan Moore, motion by Gay Corley but failed due to lack of a second. Add Item #20 – Agreement for engineer KSA, motion made by Gay Corley; seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous. Add Item #21 – Water tapping procedure; motion made by Gay Corley; seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous.

Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda: None

Guest(s): Lanny Buck with KSA

Old Business:

- 1. Update on Ordinances for Annexations:** Report given by Town Clerk Amie Brown that there has been no change since last month.
- 2. Adopt Ordinance #10 of 2017 – The owner of a rental property is responsible for picking up trash:** Passed with a motion Barbara Peterson; seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous.

New Business:

- 1. Introduce Ordinance #11 of 2017 – Fire Protection Responsibility-GPS Hydrants:** Passed with a motion by Kennedy and seconded by Peterson. Vote Unanimous.
- 2. Introduce Ordinance #12 of 2017 – Tapping into the Town’s water system without prior approval:** Passed with a motion by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 3. Resolution #12 of 2017 – Apply for funding through Disaster Recovery CDBG Program:** Passed with a motion by Peterson and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 4. Appoint Variance Committee – Kent Lee, Mary Brocato, Shantrece Underwood-Hooker:** Passed with a motion by Darwin and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 5. Increase Fees for Clerk of Court Filings on Ad Valorem Taxes (Redemption Deeds & Adjudications):** Passed with a motion by Darwin and seconded by Jackson. Vote Unanimous.
- 6. Inventory Procedure:** Passed with motion by Peterson and seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
- 7. Employee Insurance Renewal:** Passed with motion by Kennedy and seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
- 8. Reports:** Council was presented with the **Profit & Loss Performance Budget** for October, 2017; the **Payables Log** for October 2017 with evidence of invoices paid; balanced & reconciled **Bank Statements** for October 2017; **Overtime report** through October 2017; Verification of Federal & Louisiana **Taxes paid** for October 2017; and Verification of **Insurance paid** for October 2017. All reports were accepted as written with motion by Gay Corley and seconded by Barbara Peterson. Vote unanimous.

- 9. 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. Mayor Freeman asked for security at the train depot for the night of November 29th for the KCS Holiday Express train event.
- 10. Sales Tax Report:** Gay Corley reported an increase of 3.26% over October, 2016 and that once again she was voted in as Vice Chair of the Board for the Sales & Use Tax Commission and has been working with them to track down home-based businesses to pay their taxes.
- 11. Tourism:** Barbara Peterson gave a report and stated they are trying to increase room sales and quality for visitors through support of events and development of tourist infrastructure. They are also working on programs to develop tourism including enhancing Highway 6 with flags.
- 12. Economic Development:** James Kennedy gave a report and stated he is working on getting others involved because he knows we can make a change.
- 13. Airport:** Mayor Freeman reported we are going to be put back into the federal FAA funding sometime next year which means that 90% of expenditures will be funded through the federal FAA and the other will be funded through state FAA.
- 14. Zoning:** 145 Lincoln, Darious Brumfield, Placement of 14x70 mobile home-Needs to be put before the Variance committee per the zoning board. Amie Brown stated that now since we have appointed a variance committee a meeting between the zoning commission and variance committee will meet one day next week.
- 15. Grant Report:** A list of current grants was provided
- 16. Street:** Mayor Freeman advised the council that Josh Darden is taking over the street department for now.
- 17. Animal Control:** Mayor Freeman advised council that we are still working on calls for dogs and cats and cages are being put out
- 18. Water:** Mayor Freeman advised council that he has offered the Superintendent position to engineer Rick McCurdy and made him an offer to run the water department and that Mr. McCurdy is very interested and we are hoping to have an answer from him after the first of the year.
- 19. Approve mayor to sign the auditors' (Payne, Moore & Herrington) compliance questionnaire:** Passed with motion by Corley and seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous.
- 20. Agreement for engineer KSA:** Mayor Freeman stated that he had Town Attorney Billy Pickett look over the agreement and cost estimate. Town Attorney Billy Pickett gave a brief synopsis on the agreement. Mayor Freeman stated that since the council was just given a copy of the agreement today we will table the motion until next meeting. Lanny Buck with KSA explained the agreement and answered questions from the board.
- 21. Water tapping procedure:**

PROCEDURE FOR TAPPING INTO THE TOWN'S WATER LINES	
Anyone needing a tap needs to come in and pay fees before tapping into the Town's water line. Once the service has been paid, a city employee or our agent of the city will perform the tap at customer's expense. If a meter is to be installed you must come in first and set up an account and pay the deposit. The city must provide the meter or alternatively approve the meter that is being tapped into our system. Only a licensed plumber approved by the city may tap into the Town's water lines. This pertains to residences as well as businesses.	
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Passed with motion by Kennedy and seconded by Corley. Vote unanimous.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on December 19, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:02 p.m. was made by James Kennedy and seconded by Bobbie Jackson. Vote Unanimous.

KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK