

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting
February 17, 2026

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Hable
2. Prayer led by Mayor Hable
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call - Present: Mayor Pro Tem Anita Darwin, Council members James Kennedy, Rylie McLendon, Lane Isgitt, and Mary Brocato. Also Present: Clerk Amie Brown; Deputy Clerk Lisa King; Chief of Police Cheryl Wooley; Grant writer Suzanne Williams; Airport Manager Miles Greer; Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss; Events in Many Secretary Lauren Gentry Thompson.
5. Approve Minutes: January 20, 2026 – Regular Session – Approved as written on Motion by Brocato; seconded by McLendon; motion passed unanimously. January 27, 2026 – Special Session – Approved as written on Motion by Brocato; seconded by McLendon; motion passed unanimously.
6. Amend Agenda: Add Ordinance #2 of 2026 and Ordinance #3 of 2026 in reference to animal control on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on the agenda which requires a council vote: none.
8. Guests: La'Miracle Harrington; Linda Maxie; Rev. Jacob Maxie; Victoria Reed.

Mayor Hable presented a proclamation to La'Miracle Harrington for the first baby born in 2026, Nessiah Norwell Hamilton.

Departments-Koss presented the iWorq report for January

1. Water: Installed check valve on Andries meter; replaced Hwy 6 well meter; installed 2" valve at water plant; repaired service line leak at water office; repaired sample tap on Hwy 171 South; installed meter on Newton Rd; repaired soda ash line at water plant; worked on 3" water pump; stayed on top of line locates and work orders.
2. Sewer: Repaired manhole on Middle Creek Rd; replaced backflow preventer at sewer plant; jetted on Louisiana and Church; also jetted Florien High School, W. Georgia, San Antonio and Middle Creek Rd; Sycamore St; Many Jr High; stayed on top of work orders and line locates; placed root killer and degreaser where needed.
3. Streets: Got trackhoe back; cleaned out ditches on Georgia across from Wayne Robinson's; still working on Capitol Street sidewalk/ditches/cemetery-building header wall this week; got all mowers serviced with one still in shop for repairs; cleaned up properties at 150 Garner Lane, 1360 Mississippi, 490 Washington and 580 MLK Dr.; filling potholes across town with milling as cold patch is supposed to arrive today; took down the rest of the Christmas lights; worked the Mardi Gras parade and street clean up following; cut grass at the ballparks and fairgrounds; put up port cover at barn; hired Ethan Langford for clean up.
4. Animal Control: Picked up 22 cats and 4 dogs for the animal shelter
5. Airport: Miles Greer reported that everything is going well. The only project going on now is the hangar, and it should be going up in the summer. All was good during the freeze.
6. Grants: Suzanne gave a verbal report and will put written report in council baskets tomorrow.
7. Chief's Report: Chief Wooley provided a report for January 2026.

Old Business

1. Vote on Independent Contractor Agreement for Leah Suzanne Williams for Searching and Writing Grants; tabled on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon; motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #1 of 2026 – Authorizing the Issuance by the Town of Many of its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond (DEQ), in an amount not to exceed \$570,000 to apply for a loan from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program to provide funding for constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, and replacements to the system – Introduced on motion by Darwin, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
2. Adopt Resolution #2 of 2026 – MWPPP (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan) for the monitoring period of 2025 – Adopted on motion by Isgitt, seconded by McLendon; motion passed unanimously.
3. Vote on Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease between GEP Haynesville II, LLC and the Town of Many; Tabled to wait to get more information on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
4. Renew Vehicle Property Damage Insurance with Rod Prejean & Assoc, Inc. for the period of 3/10/2026 to 3/10/2027 for \$32,294.26 (increase of \$2,234.46 from last year) – Approved on motion by Brocato, seconded by Darwin; motion passed unanimously.

5. Vote to close American Rescue Plan Act Checking account and transfer the funds of \$14.59 to the Waterworks Checking account – Approved on motion by McLendon, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
6. Public Hearing for condemned home letters mailed to property owners:
 - a. Thomas G. & Faith Williams – House – 1010 W. Alabama Ave. – Received reply letters from the owner stating they will perform the remediation themselves and request a continuance of the public hearing – Council will give 90 days to submit a plan to start and finish by 10-31-26 on motion by Darwin, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
 - b. McArthur Newton C/O Charlotte Kingston – Homes at 443 & 447 Washington Street - \$7,050.00 for both; Discussion: Brocato-if we don't hear back from her, tear it down; Mayor Hable-will make a phone call to her tomorrow with Lisa; on motion by Darwin, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
7. Update on Condemned Homes:
 - a. Cara Barrett - 490 Washington Street – Trailer and storage building - TOM demolished – Owner paid
 - b. Town of Many – 150 Garner Lane – Trailer - TOM demolished
 - c. Town of Many – 1360 E. Mississippi Ave. – Home - TOM demolished
 - d. Tandra Jackson Palmer – 436 Washington Street – 2 Trailers - \$6,000.00 for both – Requested more time to condemn; Give until 10-31-26 on motion by McLendon, seconded by Darwin; motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget- Mayor, Clerk and Council reviewed the budget-to-actual for monthly and quarterly on all proprietary funds
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid

All reports accepted as presented on motion by Brocato; seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
2. Sales Tax: Decrease of <19.61%> % from January 2025
3. Tourism: Verbal report by Brocato-approved January 2026 minutes and financials; on budget with everything; America 250 events are growing; March 14th Rickey Robertson will be presenting at the Depot; most marketing is through social media and digitally; state chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be at Cypress Bend in July.
4. Events Committee: Lauren presented minutes from 2-3-26 ; great reviews on Mardi Gras parade; Allison Singletary will chair Bloom on Main which is April 4th; Central Sabine FD egg hunt and Easter Egg Drive Thru.
5. Fire Board: Mayor Hable reported new millage; ordered 3 trucks for Wards 3 & 4; bought property by BJ's to put a new fire station.
- 6a. Amendments for 2-17-26: Introduce Ordinance #2 of 2026 - An ordinance prohibiting the sale of live animals inside the city limits of Many – Take out the word giveaway and introduced on motion by Brocato, seconded by Isgitt; motion passed unanimously.
- 6b. Introduce Ordinance #3 of 2026 - An ordinance adopting microchipping requirements – Introduced on motion by Brocato, seconded by Darwin; motion passed unanimously.
6. Remarks from Council Members: Kennedy-None; Darwin-She has addressed this several times regarding but work orders never get done unless she calls the Mayor or Jeremy Koss; McLendon-praise for the Garbage department because the neighbor didn't put his trash can out but they (garbage crew) walked up and got it; love the improvements on Capitol Street; Isgitt-None; Brocato-New librarians assigned to all book nooks; phone call from Rodney Harrington with Amazing Rhythm Disciples who want to do a summer concert; keys for theater must be checked in and out with Alesha Westfall; new locks will be installed and new keys will be issued; all contracts will be signed.

Adjourn at 7:18 p.m. on motion by Brocato, seconded by McLendon; motion passed unanimously.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk