

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge led by Asst. Chief, Jermaine Esters. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to add Alderman Houston to the agenda as #7 and move Public Works to #8, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Item #1- Approve Minutes- Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of the reason of the Executive Session second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #2-Financials- The board was provided September, October and November 2018 financials. After discussion of some items, the Mayor encouraged the board to come in and review the adopted budget.

Item #3- CENLA-Mitzi LaSalle and Susan Staples was on hand to go over CENLA's involvement with the Town of Delhi. Clyde Irvin joined the presentation via telephone.

Item #4- MML&H- Josh Barrett was on hand to give the updates on the ongoing projects for the Town of Delhi.

- WWTP Aeration Equipment Installation-Alderman Whitney made a motion to award the bid to Greenbriar Digging Service in the amount of \$17,000, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Resolution-A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents require for the construction of the WWTP Aeration Project. Alderman Rancher made a motion for the just stated resolution, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Item # 5-David Doughty-Mr. Doughty was present.

New Business:

Item #1-Mayor Recommendations 2019-2023 Term

Clerk-Nandeaner M. McDowell

Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Nandeaner M. McDowell as Town Clerk for the 2019-2023 term, second by Alderman Washington.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Temp-Alderman Whitney

Alderman Washington made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Alderman Lennon Whitney as Mayor Pro Temp for the 2019-2023 term, second by Alderwoman Oliver.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney-David Doughty

Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of David Doughty as the Town Attorney for the 2019-2023 term, second by Alderman Washington.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Magistrate- Joy Jackson

Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Joy Jackson as the Town Magistrate for the 2019-2023 term, second by Alderman Washington.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Engineer-Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson

Alderman Washington made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation as Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson as the Town Engineer for the 2019-2023 term, second by Alderman Whitney.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Auditor-J. Walker & Co. APC

Alderman Houston made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of J. Walker & Company, APC as auditor for the 2019-2023 term.

Roll Call Vote: Alderwoman Oliver, yes; Alderman Houston, yes; Alderman Rancher, yes; Alderman Washington, yes; Alderman Whitney, yes. Motion carried.

Item #: 2- Public Hearing-Ordinance #: 712: An ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana amending Chapter 8.06, garbage and trash removal. The Mayor read the header a loud and called for public comment. After comment from the public, Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the comment section, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman Whitney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 712, second by Alderman Houston. . Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item # 3- Approve Travel-Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve travel for Craig Frasier, Dog Handler's Course, Lafayette, LA, N. McDowell, LMCA Clerk's Conference, Bossier City, LA and Chief Williams, LACP Chief's Conference, Lake Charles, LA, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #4- Alderman Rancher-Responsibilities/positions for employees-Alderman Rancher expressed concerns of the duties of the employees and the working together effectively and efficiently.

Item #5-Alderwoman Oliver-Damage at the corner of Kentucky/Jackson Street-Alderman Oliver provided handouts of the area mention where the road was eroded. She expressed concerns to have the area looked at and repaired before it became most costly.

Item #: 6-Police Department-Chief Williams- Chief made a recommendation to hire Linda McDowell-Banks as a volunteer dispatcher. Alderman Houston made a motion to accept Chief's recommendation as Linda McDowell-Banks as a volunteer dispatcher without pay, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Chief also stated that going forward all parties will be required to hire two officers for security.

Item #7-Alderman Houston- Alderman Houston addressed the Mayor and board as a newly elected official asking for respect and assistance as he learns his duties as alderman.

Item #8-Public Works-Director Richard Jones-Mr. Jones provided a written report and reviewed each item.

Adjournment-Alderman Whitney made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk

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