

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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, June 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderwoman Oliver was absent. Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the agenda, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Item #1- Approve Minutes- Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #2-Financials- The board was provided with financials through the month of April. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #3- CENLA-Absent

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

- **Resolution Authorizing 2019 Street Improvements-Cincinnati and Coats Streets-**Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the resolution, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item # 5-David Doughty-Absent

New Business:

Item #1-Approve Travel-LRWA Water Certification Class-July 15-19, Lake Charles, LA-Marcia Watkins & Kenneth Smith- Alderman Houston made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #2-Adopt Millage Rates for Tax Year 2019-Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the millage rate at 11.75 mills for the tax year 2019, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #3-Adopt Official Journal-Alderman Whitney made a motion to adopt the Richland Beacon News as the official journal, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #4-Public Hearing: Ordinance 715-An Ordinance for the Town of Delhi, Amending Section 8.06.090 of the Municipal Code, Providing for changes in garbage rates. Mayor Washington read the heading and open the floor for comments. After discussion, Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the floor, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence. Alderman Rancher then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 715, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #5-Mayor Washington

- Mayor Washington recommended Mrs. Gloria Chocklin as Zoning Administrator. Alderman Houston made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation, second by Alderman Whitney. Mayor Washington called for a vote, following are the roll call results:
 - Alderman Houston Yes
 - Alderman Rancher Yes
 - Alderman Washington Yes
 - Alderman Whitney Yes
 - Alderwoman Oliver Absent

Item #6:- Alderman Rancher-Alderman Rancher discussed possibly changing the time for town employees. No action was taken. He also provided a list of abandoned houses and lots in his district that needs to be attended to such as mowing or possible demolition. He charged all other Aldermen to access their areas.

Item #7- Alderman Houston-Alderman Houston discussed a particular residence in his district with a lot of excess things on the property. There was no action to be taken if the yard is being properly maintained.

- He also discussed the hiring and firing procedures for police and town employees. Under the Lawarson act the chief must bring his employees before the Board of Alderman. The town employees are at the Mayor's discretion.
- **Signs & Stop Lights-**Mr. Houston asked about placing a stop sign on Teer St. Chief advised that the board has to approve Stop signs and they have to be recorded with the Richland Parish Clerk's office.
- **Discuss upgrading recreation in some areas-**Alderman Houston was made aware of some improvements that have already taken place as more to come at the Recreation Center.

Item #8-Alderman Whitney

- Discuss dog problem-Alderman Whitney stated that he is having an issue in his area with vicious dogs roaming or have been left behind by the owner. Chief advised that we do have an ordinance in place. The Board will look into making revisions to the Ordinance to ensure our citizens are safe.
- Address Audit Report-Alderman Whitney commended the Town of Delhi on its Audit report of the last fiscal year.

Item #9-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams-Chief Williams brought forth Mr. Michael Gilmore to meet the board. Mr. Gilmore was approved for hire at the February 2019 meeting, but was not able to start at that time. The Chief plans to put my Gilmore to work this month.

- Chief also gave a report on the vehicle he was inquiring to add to his fleet.

Item #10-Public Works-Mr. Abery Love gave a report for the public works department.

Item #11- Personnel-Alderman Whitney made a motion to go into executive session, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence. Alderman Whitney made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

- Mr. Richard Jones opted not to go into executive session in relation to his job performance. After discussion. No action was taken.

Adjournment-Alderman Whitney made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Oliver's absence. Meeting adjourned.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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