

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
DELHI CIVIC CENTER
5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021. 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 Whitney and Alderwoman Oliver was absent. Alderman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Old Business:

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

Item #3- CENLA-Cenla created a spreadsheet to be used at the treatment plant to track the use of the belt press.

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

- **Resolution- Award Bid-2021 Street Project.** MMLH made the recommendation to award bid to the lowest bidder, Amethyst Construction in the amount of \$204,000. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the recommendation, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.
- **SCADA System-**Should be online by the end of July.
- **SAPA Dr. Ext.-** Started surveying. The environmental assessment should start next week.
- **LCDBG-** Will resubmit application.
- **LWI-**The first round of funding will be announced early next month.

Item # 5-David Doughty- Mr. Doughty was on hand. All items were listed on the agenda.

New Business:

Item #1- Mayor Washington

- **Introduce Ordinance 722-An Ordinance of the Town of Delhi, LA relative to the recreation facilities being designated as Drug Free Zones.** Alderman Houston made a motion to introduce said ordinance, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.
- **Introduce Ordinance 723-A Supplemental Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of water system revenue refunding bonds, series 2021, of the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said bonds, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said bonds, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the paying agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.** Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce said ordinance, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Oliver's absence.
- **Introduce Ordinance 724- An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) sewer system revenue refunding bonds, series 2021, of the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for the matters in connection**

therewith. Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce said ordinance, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Oliver's absence.

- **Demolition-** 212 Richmond Street- Mayor Washington reported that the lot on Richmond Street has been cleaned. No future action is needed.

Item #2- Alderman Rancher- Discuss City Park

- Alderman Rancher proposed using poles to line the playground area for the park to restrict vehicles from accessing the area. Mayor Washington will look into the past plans for the area.

Item #3- Alderman Houston-Follow-up on last month's agenda item regarding employee loyalty. A special meeting will be called when all employees have been informed.

Item #4- Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams-

- **Hiring-** Chief Williams made a recommendation to hire Mr. Joe Willie Campbell as a full-time officer. After discussion Alderman Houston made a motion to accept Chief Williams' recommendation to hire Mr. Campbell as a full time officer at a rate of \$11.00 pending all pre-employment screenings, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.
- **Executive Session-Personnel (Mary Williams)** Alderman Whitney made a motion to go into Executive Session, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to 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 Rancher. Upon being put to vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.
- **Chief Williams made a recommendation to accept Mary Williams' resignation.** Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept Chief's recommendation, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderwoman Oliver's absence.

Item #5-Public Works-Mr. Abery Love provided a written report on behalf of the Public Works Department. The dept. will also be replacing a fire hydrant and will schedule when it will not affect the school.

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

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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