

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022
TOWN HALL
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Houston was absent. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderwoman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #1: Approve Minutes- Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #2: Financials-The board was provided the financials ending September 2021. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the year end financials, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #3: CENLA- Absent

Item #4: MML&H- Resolution- Josh Barrett was on hand to go over the ongoing projects for the town.

Water Sector Application- The town did not get funded for this project. In scoring the town fared pretty close. The next round of funding will be in July.

Warden St.-Project should begin on Feb. 15, 2022. Equipment has already started to be delivered.

DEQ-Continued weekly meeting regarding the treatment plant.

Hydro Way Ext. and Downtown Drainage- Surveying is complete.

Item #5- David Doughy-Absent

New Business:

Item #1- Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire- Resolution: Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the Questionnaire, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried.

Roll call vote as follows:

Oliver	(Y)
Houston	(A)
Rancher	(Y)
Washington	(Y)
Whitney	(Y)

Item #2-Approve Travel-LMCA Spring Conference April 7-8, Lafayette, LA-N. McDowell

Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderwoman Oliver. . Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item 3: Public Hearing- Ordinance 731- An Ordinance adopting a plan of reapportionment for the City Council of the City of Delhi, LA based on the 2020 Decennial census count.

Doug Mitchell was on hand to review the reapportionment guidelines. Mayor Washington read the heading of the Public Hearing. Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter into Public Hearing, second by Alderman Washington. Mayor Washington called for public comment. There were not comments. Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #4: Adopt Ordinance 731- Alderman Whitney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 731, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. Roll Call vote following:

Oliver	(Y)
Houston	(A)
Rancher	(Y)
Washington	(Y)
Whitney	(Y)

Item #5- Mayor Washington

-The Mayor invited Jamie Mayo to give a review his consultation work to date. He spoke on National League of Cities, and micro grants that may be available to the town.

Sean Parker-Water 1 Certification- The Mayor commended Mr. Parker on passing the required test for Water 1 certification. Alderman Rancher made a motion to give Mr. Parker a 1.00 per hour rate increase for his certification, second by Alderwoman Oliver. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was as follows, noting Alderman Houston's absence:

Oliver (Y)
Houston (A)
Rancher (Y)
Washington (Y)
Whitney (No vote recorded. Alderman Whitney stepped away.)

-The Mayor also recognized that Bennie McGurk completed the last of the Water 1 certification as well.

Approve Quote: Watson Well Drilling & Construction, LLC- Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the quote from Watson Well Drilling for work to be completed at Well # 5, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Approve Quote-Jabar Corporation-Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the quote for Jabar Corporation for work to be completed at Water wells located on Hwy 17, end of Pickett and Hobby Newton Roads, second by Alderwoman Oliver. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #6-Alderman Rancher- Discuss abandoned vehicles on the roadside. Alderman Rancher asked the Chief to address the abandoned vehicles in the area of Baker, McCall and Detroit Streets. Chief will get letters out to the owners.

Item #7: Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

Approve Travel:

LACP Conference-Kinder LA- March 8-10- Chief Williams

K-9 Conference-Jonesboro, LA- March 23-24-Officer Craig Frasier

Officer Training-Monroe, LA-March 7-8-Officer Joe Campbell

Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve travel for all three conferences/classes, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Item #5: Public Works- Supervisor Bennie McGurk provided a written report. He was not able to attend the meeting.

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 Alderman Houston's absence.

Meeting adjourned.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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