

**MINUTES  
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023  
TOWN HALL  
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington. Rev. Daniel Dixon led the invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Smith and Alderman Burgess. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman McDowell. 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 approve the minutes, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #2: Financials-**The board was provided with unaudited financials ending September 2022. The Mayor encouraged members to come by the office if they have any questions or concerns. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #3: CENLA-** Absent

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

- Resolution- Award Bid-2022 LGAP/CWEF Water Improvements-Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.
  - Alderman Rancher made a motion to award the bid for the mentioned project to Don. M. Barron Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$30,709, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- Cedar Street Drainage- Lacks on item, waiting on materials.
- CDBG – Environmental Approved
- LWI-Salter Street-Working with engineers to fine tune the application.
- Hydro Way-Mayor to present to the Richland Chamber of Commerce

**Item #5- David Doughty-**Present

**Item #6- Jamie Mayo, M5 Consulting –** Mr. Mayo addressed the new Board of Alderman and gave an overview on what he does for the town.

**New Business:**

**Item #1- Introduce Ordinance #737:** “An ordinance providing for the continued levy within the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2030, of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Town and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Town on December 10, 2022.”

Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce Ordinance 737, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman McKinney	(Y)
Alderman McDowell	(Y)
Alderman Rancher	(Y)
Alderman Smith	(Y)
Alderman Burgess	(Y)

**Item #2-Canvassing of the 12/10/2022 election- Resolution**

Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the canvassing of the December 10, 2022 election for the one cent sales tax extension, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #3-Mayor Washington – LMA**

Mayor Washington informed the board of the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Baton Rouge on Feb. 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Each member is asked to get with the clerk if the plan to attend. He also informed them of the LLA classes available in Ruston on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available through the LMA website.

**Item 4-Alderman Rancher –** Discuss overtime (police department)- Alderman Rancher asked the board to review the OT for the police department. Chief stated that he will be hiring more officers and that should alleviate some of the OT.

**Item #5-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams**

- **Approve travel –** LACP Conference – March 7th through March 9th – Lake Charles, LA

Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

- **Executive Session** – Discuss employment status of Jermaine Esters

Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter into executive session, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to come out of executive session. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Chief Williams made a recommendation to terminate Jermaine Esters due to abandonment of post. Alderman McDowell made a motion to accept Chief Williams' recommendation, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman McKinney	(Y)
Alderman McDowell	(Y)
Alderman Rancher	(Y)
Alderman Smith	(Y)
Alderman Burgess	(Y)

**Item #6 – Public Works - Mr. Bennie McGurk-Supervisor-** Mr. McGurk provided a written report and reviewed those items.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

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Jesse Washington, Mayor

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