

**MINUTES  
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 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 Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Houston was absent. Alderman Rancher arrived just after roll call. Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

**Item #1: Approve Minutes-** Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderwoman Oliver. 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 January 2022. Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the financials, second by Alderwoman Oliver. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

**Item #3: CENLA- Resolution- 2021 MWPP- Municipal Water Pollution Prevention-** Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan, second by Alderwoman Oliver. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

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

**Resolution-** Authorizing the Mayor to get quotes for the School Street Water Improvement LGAP/CWEF program. Alderman Rancher made a motion to authorize the Mayor to get quotes for the School Street project, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

**LCDBG-**Good standing to be funded. No official letter at this time.

**Warden Street-** Lines have been laid. Waiting on supplies at this time.

**Downtown Drainage-**Survey is complete. Started on the design phase.

**Airport-**Engineering report has been submitted for DOTD review.

**Water Sector-** Portal should open in July to submit application.

**Crawfish Boil-**March 31

**Item #5- David Doughty-**Will go into Executive Session.

**Item #6- Robbie Waxman- Discuss EDA Grant-**Mr. Waxman was on hand to discuss the EDA grant to extend Hydro Way service road. .

**New Business:**

**Item #1- Myra Akers- Mary Bird-Perkins Cancer Center-** Mrs. Bird presented information regarding Prevention on the Go in the Delta Region. This includes Free Breast, Skin and Colorectal Cancer Screenings.

**Item #2- Mayor Washington**

**Amend 2020-2021 Budget-**

After receiving the finalized financials for the 2020-2021 Budget, Mayor Washington deemed it necessary to amend the budget to include the addition on the Council on Aging to the Learning Center. This amendment will increase the revenues in General Fund by \$143,626. Also, in the Water Service it is necessary to decrease the revenues by \$24,370. Alderman Rancher made a motion to amend the 20-21 Budget, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

**Item #3: Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams**

**Hiring of Willie Gaines-Full-Time Dispatcher-** Alderman Rancher made a motion to hire Mr. Willie Gaines as a full-time dispatcher at the rate at \$10.00 per hour, pending all pre-employment screenings, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Alderman Rancher wanted it noted that the board is working with the police department to make our town safe.

**Hiring of Demarcus E. Teague-Reserve Police Officer –** Mr. Teague has not been interviewed by agreed upon members. Chief will bring him back.

**Item #5: Public Works-** Supervisor Bennie McGurk provided a written report. Mayor Washington allowed Consultant Mayo to speak at this time. He reviewed the National League of Cities membership as well as other opportunities for the Town.

Alderman Whitney made a motion to go into executive session to speak with Attorney Doughty, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to give Attorney Doughty full authority to file suit to keep Skidmore Lane a public street, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Houston's absence.

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.

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Jesse Washington, Mayor

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