MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
TOWN HALL
TIME- 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington. Mr. Bennie McGurk led with an invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

## **Public Hearing:**

• Ordinance #733 – An ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana amending ordinance No. 728 to change the flat and/or commodity rates for Lamb Weston's water and sewer use.

Mayor Washington read the heading of the ordinance. Alderman Rancher made a motion to open for public comment, second by Alderman Washington. There was no comment. 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.

• Ordinance # 734- An ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana, to adopt General Fund and Sales Tax budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

Mayor Washington read the heading of the ordinance. Alderman Houston made a motion to open for public comment, second by Alderman Houston. 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.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 733, second by Alderman Houston. The motion carried. The roll call vote is as follows:

Alderwoman Oliver (y)
Alderman Houston (y)
Alderman Rancher (y)
Alderman Washington (y)
Alderman Whitney (y)

Alderman Houston made a motion to adopt Ordinance 734, second by Alderman Whitney. The motion carried. The roll call vote is as follows:

Alderwoman Oliver (y)
Alderman Houston (y)
Alderman Rancher (y)
Alderman Washington (y)
Alderman Whitney (y)

## **Old Business:**

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

Item #2: Financials-The board was provided with draft financials ending June 2022. 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.

Item #3: CENLA- Jeff Staples was on hand to discuss the environmental analysis. The Town has submitted the permit renewal for sanitary sewer. And the town continues to review and work on the compliance order.

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

Water Sector Program-2 applications have been submitted.

CDBG-Project set to start by the end of the year.

Hall/School-Substantially complete. Dress up work needed.

Cedar Street-Contract work is underway.

Hydro Way- Corp of Engineers for permitting.

Item #5- David Doughty-Mr. Doughty addressed the board regarding alcohol permits. The town has a set of guidelines in place. Any business may apply. There is board approval in those guidelines. If a permit is not granted the business has the right to pursue legal actions.

Item #6- Jamie Mayo, M5 Consulting – Mr. Mayo gave an update of opportunities for the Town of Delhi.

Mr. Mayo also elaborated on the monthly column and briefly discussed the fire rating.

## **New Business:**

Item #1- Introduce Ordinance #735- An ordinance of the Town of Delhi Setting Salary for Mayor, Clerk & Chief of Police.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce Ordinance 735, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item#: 2- Introduce Ordinance #736 – An ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana, establishing cross-connection control requirements to protect the public potable water supply and providing penalties for violations.

Alderman Houston made a motion to introduce Ordinance 736, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #: 3- Resolution-A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing with other issues in connection therewith.

Alderman Houston made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Alderman Whitney. The motion carried. The roll call vote is as follows:

Alderwoman Oliver (y)

Alderman Houston (y)

Alderman Rancher (y)

Alderman Washington (y)

Alderman Whitney

## Item #: 4-Mayor Washington

Surplus property bids-Mayor Washington provided a list of the bids submitted. Alderman Houston made a motion to accept all bids, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #5-Family Dollar Store – Application for a Class B Retailer Dealer License (Permit to sell beer) This application was missing the police and Fire Marshall report. We will contact them and place them on the agenda for Sept. 26, 2022.

Item #6-Delhi High School – Ramona Drungo, Principal- Place this item on October agenda.

Item #7-S-Mart – Broadway Street Property-Attorney David Doughty covered this item.

**Item #8- Danny Parker** – Waste Management

Representatives addressed the board regarding issues with trash pickup. They explained the new technology being used and asked to express any concerns. Waste Management will provide the town information to be put on our website.

**Item #9- Police Department** – Chief Nathaniel Williams

Approve travel – LACP Conference – October 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Alexandria, LA

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.

Item #10 – 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 Houston. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Jesse Washington, Mayor Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk

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