

**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington. Alderman McDowell offered the invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Burgess and Alderman Smith. Alderman Rancher made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Public Hearing of Ordinance 770 after public works, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Business:

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 769- An ordinance of the Town of Delhi to re-zone Dozier property located at 312 Chatham Street from R1 to R2 and amend local ordinance of spacing from 40 feet to 30 feet to allow duplex units to be developed in this area.

Alderman McDowell made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Washington called for public comments. There were none. Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance 769- Alderman McDowell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 769, second by Alderman Rancher. Roll call vote as follows: McDowell (y), McKinney (y), Rancher (y), Burgess (y) and Smith (y). The motion carried.

Item #1- Approve Minutes-

Alderman McKinney 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 November financials. After discussions, Alderman Burgess 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- Jeff Staples was on hand to provide updates on the treatment plant.

Item #4- MML&H- Josh Barrett was on hand and provided a written report and reviewed updates on the ongoing projects for the Town of Delhi.

Item #3- David Doughty-

CEA-Delhi Hospital-This item was discussed later in the meeting

Entergy Water and Wastewater Agreement-Mr. Doughty presented the agreement. Alderman McDowell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous

Business Continued:

Item #1-Alderman Rancher-Discuss overtime of police department

Alderman Rancher asked about the overtime for the dispatchers. Chief Williams responded in order to cover 24 hours overtime was needed for the safety of his officer and timely delivery of dispatches.

Item #2- Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

- -Resignation of Officer David Feroben-Alderman Burgess made a motion to accept the resignation, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- -Pay Increase for Assistant Chief Jerry Davis-No action was taken on this item.
- -Promotion of Willie Gaines, Jr. to Lieutenant-Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve this promotion, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #3- Public Works- Written report provided.

Executive Session-Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter into executive session to meet with hospital personnel, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman McKinney made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #4- Public Hearing

Ordinance 770 – An ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana, abandoning portions of Nevada Street and Cincinnati Street, and transferring and conveying certain municipal property to the Richland Parish Hospital Service District No. 1A as part of its critical access hospital replacement facility.

Alderman McDowell made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Washington called for public comments. There were none. Alderman McDowell made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance 770- Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 770, second by Alderman McDowell. Roll call vote as follows: McDowell (y), McKinney (y), Rancher (y), Burgess (y) and Smith (y). The motion carried.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to give the Mayor authority to sign the CEA with Delhi Hospital, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment-Alderman Rancher made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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