

**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, May 12, 2025
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, May 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge led by Alderman Smith. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Smith and Alderman Burgess. Alderman McKinney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 758- An Ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana amending Section 8.06.090 of the Delhi Municipal Code of the Town of Delhi to Provide for Changes in Garbage Rates.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to open public hearing, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Washington read the heading and asked for public comment. It was expressed that the rates would be raised by .50. Alderman McDowell made a motion to close public hearing, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance 758- Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 758, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. Roll Call vote as follows: Alderman Burgess (y), Alderman Smith (y), Alderman Rancher (y), Alderman McDowell (y) and Alderman McKinney (y).

Business:

Item #1- Approve Minutes-

Alderman McDowell 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 March financials. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #3- CENLA- Audrey Richard and Christina Hall provided the board with an update on the treatment plant.

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

Resolution- Award Bids for Water and Wastewater Improvements to LA Hwy 183:

Contract 3 Dixie Overland Construction, LLC \$5,529,400.00

Alderman McDowell made a motion to award the contract 3 bid to Dixie Overland Construction, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Contract 4 – New Water Well Contractor: Layne Christensen Company \$779,000.00

Alderman McDowell made a motion to award the contract 4 bid to Layne Christensen Company second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item # 5-David Doughty-

Condemnation Hearing- 808 First Street

Alderman Burgess made a motion to condemn the property of Ken and Susan Mooney, 808 First Street, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Laidley Contract-This contract was not ready at the time of the meeting. Will bring it back to the next meeting.

CEA Agreement-East Richland Water District- Alderman McDowell made a motion to accept the cooperative endeavor agreement, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Business Continued:

Item #1-Mayor Washington

Recognition of DHS/DCS Track Teams-The coaches from each school presented the athletes and their accomplishments on the state level. Mayor Washington and the Board of Alderman acknowledges their achievements.

Chad Parker- Mr. Parker was present to answer any questions regarding zoning of RV parks. He stated that all plans must be inspected before any work can be done. Not adhering to this regulation will result in higher fees.

Cooperate Endeavor Agreement-East Richland Water Service- This item was discussed under Attorney David Dougherty.

Item #2- Public Works-Sean Parker-Submitted written report. Alderman Rancher asked to review vehicle logs.

Item #3- Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams-

Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Delhi Police Department, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Alderman Rancher made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Discuss the placement of the META traffic cameras- Alderman Rancher made a motion to place the motion cameras at the Cave Theatre and Superior Drive, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Promotion of Jerry Davis to Major- Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept Chief Williams' recommendation to promote Officer Davis to Major with the rate of pay \$13.24, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Hiring of Marzavian Washington-Full-Time Officer

Alderman McDowell made a motion to accept Chief William's recommendation to hire Marzavian Washington as a full-time officer at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, second by Alderman Smith. Roll call vote as follows: Alderman Burgess (y), Alderman Smith (y), Alderman Rancher (y), Alderman McDowell (y), Alderman McKinney (y).

Hiring of Khiara Burrage-Dispatcher

Alderman McDowell made a motion to accept Chief William's recommendation to hire Khiara Burrage as a full-time dispatcher at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, second by Alderman Smith. Roll call vote as follows: Alderman McKinney (y) Alderman McDowell (y), Alderman Rancher (y), Alderman Smith (y) and Alderman Burgess (y).

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

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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