

**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024  
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, November 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an 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.

**Public Hearing: Ordinance 753-Lamb Weston Rates**

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

Mayor Washington called for comments, there were none. Alderman McDowell made a motion to close the floor for comments, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Adopt Ordinance 753-** Alderman McDowell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 753, second by Alderman Rancher. The roll call vote is as follows: Alderman McKinney, (Y), Alderman McDowell, (Y), Alderman Rancher, (Y), Alderman Smith, (Y) and Alderman Burgess, (Y). Motion passes.

**Business**

**Item #1- Approve Minutes-**

Alderman McDowell made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #2-Financials-** The board was provided finalized August and draft financials through September 2024. After discussions, 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-Absent**

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

**Item # 5-David Doughty-**Mr. Doughty was present.

**Business Continued:**

**Item #1- LA Rural Water-Discuss Rate Study**

Susan Robbins for the LRWA was on hand to discuss the current rate study for water and sewer rates.

**Item #2- Mayor Washington-**

**Resolution-**A Resolution Authorizing the Opening of a Water Sector Water 20-Year Contingency Fund and a Water Sector Sewer 20-Year Contingency Fund for the Town of Delhi

Alderman McDowell made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Introduce Ordinance 754-An Ordinance in the Town of Delhi amending the water and sewer rates.**

Alderman McDowell made a motion to introduce Ordinance 754, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Introduce Ordinance 755-**An Ordinance in the Town of Delhi to amend the facility rental rate. (Delhi Civic Center \$350, Delhi Recreation Center \$125, Delhi Country Club \$200).

Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce Ordinance 755, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #3- Alderman McKinney-Discuss business and residential zoning.**

Alderman McKinney discussed a business on Broadway Street renting residential space in the business. Mr. Doughty will look at the zoning in the area.

**Item #4-Alderman McDowell-Discuss blighted property.**

Alderman McDowell expressed concerns for property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Chatham. Mr. Doughty will send a letter to property owners. Mayor Washington will visit the tax accessor's office for more details on ownership of other related property.

**Item # 5- Alderman Smith-Discuss martial law.**

Alderman Smith expressed he received information from attorney Doughty. No discussion.

**Item #6- Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams.** Discuss the hiring of Willie Gaines, Jr. and Jerry Davis as patrol officers. Alderman Rancher made a motion to promote Willie Gaines to patrolman at the rate of \$11/hour, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman McDowell made a motion to hire Jerry Davis as a full-time officer at the rate of \$11/hour pending all pre screenings, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #7-Public Works- Sean Parker-** Mr. Parker was present and provided a written report.

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

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Jesse Washington, Mayor

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