

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023
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, December 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge. Led by Alderman McDowell. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Smith & Alderman Burgess. Alderman Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to change number 4 to 3 second by Alderman Rancher. 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 Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous

Business:

Item #1- Approve Minutes-

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

Item #2-Financials- The board was provided with a draft copy of September 2023. Mayor Washington explained at this time the CPA is working to close out the fiscal year. The financials have been reviewed for possible amendments. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Smith. 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 to give the updates on the ongoing projects for the Town of Delhi.

Resolution – Award Bid 2022-2023 LGAP/CWEF Water Main Replacement Nevada/Baker

Josh recommended to award the bid to Don Barron in the amount of \$66,005.75. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the recommendation, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution: Authorization for advertisement for bids ARPA/WSP elevated tank repainting-

Alderman McKinney made a motion to authorize the advertisement for bids, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution: To adopt the required CDBG_DR program policies & procedures

Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt the resolution with the following being named to the various positions:

Fair Housing Coordinator: Alderman Smith

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Alderman Burgess

Section 504 Coordinator: Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk

Labor Compliance Officer-Alderman McKinney

Residential Anti-Displacement Officer-Alderman Rancher

Section 3 Coordinator- Jesse Washington, Mayor

The motion was second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Josh Barrett gave an overview of other projects for the town.

LCDBG Project-Substantially Complete

Downtown Drainage-USDA Review

Pre-Construction Meeting Dec 20 at 10am

Item # 5-David Doughty-

Mr. Doughty was present and informed the board of the demand letters being sent with a hearing in January.

Business Continued:

Item #1- Delhi Fire Department 2024 budget request

Mrs. Gina Jones was on hand to review the 2024 budget request. Alderman Burgess made a motion to grant the Fire Dept. the budget request of \$27,550 to begin in January, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #2-Mayor Washington

- Advertise surplus property at public works

The Mayor advised of 5 tool boxes and 1 commercial stove to be declared as surplus. Alderman Rancher made a motion to declare these items as surplus to be advertised for sale, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

- Discuss 22-23 Budget-Discussed under financials

Item #3-Public Works – Sean Parker

Mr. Parker provided a written report.

Item #4-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

- Discuss Demarcus Teague and Kevin Fair’s employment status

Alderman McDowell made a motion to enter into Executive Session, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman McDowell 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.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to reinstate Officer Teague, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman McDowell made a motion to dismiss Officer Kevin Fair, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

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

Jesse Washington, Mayor

Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk

