

**MINUTES  
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 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, January 8, 2024. 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 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.

**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 the financials. Alderman McKinney 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.

**LCDBG Project-** 1<sup>st</sup> bid submitted

**Downtown Drainage-**USDA Review

**Water Sector-**1<sup>st</sup> contract to start next week depending on weather.

**Nevada/Baker-**Preconstruction Meeting next week. Start date 1/29

**Item # 5-David Doughty-**

Mr. Doughty was present. He is working on the Airport and Downtown Drainage projects.

**Business Continued:**

**Item #1- Mayor Washington & Mr. Randy Watts**

Mayor Washington is concerned with the derelict building on Broadway St. Mr. Watts expressed his long concern for the safety of the area. Mr. Doughty will look into the ownership of said buildings.

**Item #2-Mayor Washington**

- Discuss resignation of Gloria Chocklin, Zoning Administrator & Deborah Thomas-Fousseni, Recreation Department.

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

Mayor Washington stated he will not fill the Zoning Administrator position at this time and asked all Alderman to monitor their districts closely. The Recreation & Learning Center position will be advertised.

**Item #3-Alderman Rancher**

- Discuss placing Police Department on line item budget.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to place DPD on a line item budget, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes with the following roll call:

McKinney (N), McDowell (Y), Rancher (y), Smith (Y) and Burgess (Y).

**Item #4-Alderman Smith**

- Discuss the 15 mile radius for police vehicles to be taken out of the city limits

After discussion, no action was taken on this item.

**Item #5-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams**

No report

**Item #6**-Public Works-Sean Parker

Written Report submitted.

**Executive Session-**

Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Public Works, 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 Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment**-Alderman Rancher made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman McDowell. 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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