

**MINUTES  
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020  
DELHI CIVIC CENTER  
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Rancher arrived at 5:32 pm. Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

**Item #1- Approve Minutes-** Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #2-Financials-** The board was provided with financials through April. After discussions, Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Whitney. 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.

- Award Bid 2020 Street Project: Alderman Rancher made a motion to award the bid for the 2020 Street project to Amethyst Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$228600.00, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- LCDBG project is closed out.
- Looking at a downtown drainage project.

**Item # 5-David Doughty-**

- Mr. Doughty discussed the Open meetings law complaint. The Attorney General's office determined that there was insufficient cause to institute enforcement proceedings under the Open Meetings Law.
- Mr. Doughty sent a letter to Officer Frasier to submit documentation for the K-9 request. No documentation has been submitted to date.

**New Business:**

**Item #1- Adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2020-**Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt the rate of 11.75 mills for the 2020 tax year, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #2- Rebecca Ziegler (Core & Main)-update software-**Ms. Ziegler was on hand to review with the board need for an upgrade to the Neptune system. She presented the 3 year cost estimate.

**Item #3- Mayor Washington**

**Vehicle tracking systems-police units**

The Mayor presented to the board the dates in which the systems were to be installed, but was declined by Chief Williams. Chief Williams stated that he has sent off for an AG opinion on this matter.

**Discuss Water Booster Station**

The Mayor advised that parts have been ordered to replace the system at the Booster Station. This should fix the issue that resulted in the boil advisories.

**Lamb Weston Rates**

The Mayor informed the board that our CPA, Mike Martin has reviewed the Lamb Weston rates and advised there was no need to raise the rates at this time.

**Zoning/Land Use Regulations**

Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Gloria Chocklin was on hand to charge the board to access their districts and report where building permits are needed.

**Item #4- Alderman Houston**

**Proper procedure for street signs in a municipality-**The Mayor stated that any sign needed to go through him.

**Item #5- Alderwoman Oliver**

**Cell Phone Policy**-Alderman Oliver wished to address the employee cell phone policy. The Mayor asked that 2 board members review the policy with the Public Works at the morning meeting.

**Item #6- Alderman Rancher**

**Discuss vehicle policy**-After discussion, Alderman Rancher asked Mr. Doughty to draft an ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting.

**Item #7-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams**-No report

**Item #8-Public Works**-Mr. Aberly Love submitted a written report and gave updates of the public works department.

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