

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 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 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.

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 financials through August 2023. Alderman Burgess made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Rancher. 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 for WWTP**

Josh recommended to award the bid to Womack & Sons in the amount of \$2,577,370.00. Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the recommendation, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Water Sector Water-Tank Repairs in the permitting and review stage.

LCDBG Project-Substantially Complete

Downtown Drainage-USDA Review

LWI-Meeting Thursday

Airport-Ongoing

Nevada Street-Going out for bids.

Capital Outlay- 2 applications submitted- Hydro Way & Civic Center Renovations

Item # 5-David Doughty-

- Alderman Burgess made a motion to give Attorney Doughty authorization to draft a letter to Mr. Levels to have the right a way on Milwaukee cleared within 30 days, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- Alderman Rancher made a motion to give Attorney Doughty authorization to draft a letter for the Cornist property located on Hwy 80 to be cleaned within 30 days, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Business Continued:

1. Alderman Rancher
 - Work Orders-Alderman Rancher stressed the importance of making work orders.
2. Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams
 - Hiring of Kolby Shiers-Chief Williams made a recommendation to hire Mr. Shires as a full time officer. Mr. Shires was present. Alderman McKinney made a motion to hire Mr. Shiers, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote, the motion failed. Roll call vote as follows. McKinney (Y), McDowell (N), Rancher (N), Smith (N), Burgess (Y).

- Alderman Rancher made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the remainder of Chief Williams’ personnel request, second by Alderman McDowell. 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 McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
 - Alderman McDowell made a motion to dismiss Officer Mary Williams from 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 place Officer Teague on suspension until all legal issues are resolved, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
 - Alderman Rancher made a motion not to hire Mr. Carlton Purvis as a reserve officer, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
3. Public Works – Sean Parker
- Mr. Parker was absent but provided a written report.

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

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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