

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
TOWN HALL
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with the invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher and Alderman Smith. Alderman Burgess was absent. 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, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Old Business:

Item #1: Approve Minutes- Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #2: Financials-The board was provided with draft financials ending March 2023. Alderman McKinney made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #3: CENLA- Absent

Item #4: MML&H- Josh Barrett was on hand to go over the ongoing projects for the town.

Item #5- David Doughty-Mr. Doughty was present. He advised the board he has reviewed the Blue Line contract.

Item #6- Jamie Mayo, M5 Consulting – Mr. Mayo gave an overview of some activities proposed for the town.

New Business:

Item #1 Public Hearing Ordinance 738- An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of One Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,370,000) of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2023, of the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest and entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bond Ordinance will be considered for adoption on April 10, 2023.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to open the floor for public comments, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence. There were none. Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the floor for comments, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #2- Adopt Ordinance 738: Mayor Washington read the title of said ordinance.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 738, second by Alderman Smith. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman McKinney	(Y)
Alderman McDowell	(Y)
Alderman Rancher	(Y)
Alderman Smith	(Y)
Alderman Burgess	(A)

Item #3- Hazard Mitigation Plan- Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt the Parish Mitigation Plan, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #4- Fair Housing Month- April 2023- Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt April as Fair Housing Month, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #5-Mayor Washington

- Appointment of Standing Committee/Delhi Police Department/Alderman Gerald Smith, , and Bernard McDowell- Alternate William McKinney
- Appointment of Standing Committee/Recreation Department/Alderman Larry Rancher and Nicholas Burgess

Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommended standing committees, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item 6-Alderman Rancher – Discuss hiring a recreation coordinator. Alderman Rancher made a motion to advertise for a recreation coordinator, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #7- Rhonda Gee- Delhi Police Department (Craig Frasier) Mrs. Gee discussed a traffic stop in relation to Officer Frasier. Chief Williams advised he will ask the LA State Police department to investigate the matter.

Item #8- Elizabeth Watts-Leash Law- Mrs. Watts was on hand to receive information regarding the Town of Delhi's leash law. She stated her dog has been attacked 4 times. Chief Williams will address the leash law in the official journal.

Item #9- Approve Travel- LASCPC Conference- Talitha McCall- April 19-21-Thibodaux, LA. Alderman McKinney made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Item #10- Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

- **Approve travel- LACP Conference** -Chief Williams and Assistant Chief Craig Frasier- -Marksville, LA-July 25- July 27 Alderman Smith made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.
- **Removing Justin Spillers as a part time officer-** Alderman Smith made a motion to remove Justin Spillers as a PT officer, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.
- **Blue Line Solutions-** After discussions. No action was taken.
- **Hiring Demarcus Teague-full time officer-** Alderman Smith made a motion to hire Mr. Teague as a full-time officer, second by Alderman McKinney. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman McKinney	(Y)
Alderman McDowell	(Y)
Alderman Rancher	(N)
Alderman Smith	(Y)
Alderman Burgess	(A)

Item #11 – Public Works – Sean Parker.- Mr. Parker provided a written report and reviewed each item.

Alderman McKinney made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous, noting Alderman Burgess' absence.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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