

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021
TOWN HALL
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge led by Rev. Danniell Dixon. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington and Alderman Whitney. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

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

Item #2: Financials-The board was provided a draft copy of the financials ending November 2021. Alderman Whitney made a motion to approve the financials, second by Alderwoman Oliver. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #3: CENLA- Absent

Item #4: MML&H- Resolution-Josh Barrett was on hand to review the ongoing projects for the Town of Delhi.

Water Sector Application- The legislative committee has requested details on scoring of the applications. Due to hear findings by the end of January.

USDA Downtown Drainage-Surveying is underway.

Item #5: David Doughty- Mr. Doughty was on hand to discuss the following:

Opioid Litigation: Mr. Doughty reviewed the information on this litigation. No action was taken.

Skidmore: Waiting on Abstract.

New Business:

Item #1- Resolution-A resolution authorizing the Town of Delhi through its Mayor to make application for the FY 2022 Louisiana Community Development program for a grant in order to make improvements to the town water system. Alderman Houston made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #2-2022 Budget –Delhi Fire Department

Gina Jones was present on behalf of the Delhi Fire Department to present their 2022 budget. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the budget of \$28,705 monthly contingent on the proceeds from the ½ cent sales tax, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #3-Mayor Washington

Discuss District Reapportion-Mayor Washington has contacted Doug Mitchell and is waiting to hear back.

Handbook-Vacation Time Wording to include Fiscal Year- Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the change of wording in the handbook to read Fiscal Year, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Discuss overtime (Police Dept.)- Mayor Washington expressed concern of the amount of OT paid out in the police department.

Item #4-Alderman Houston-Discuss Street lights on Hwy 17 North

Alderman Houston wanted to see if there was anything that could be done to increase the lighting on Hwy 17 North. Mayor Washington will contact our representative at Entergy to possibly change to LED lighting on current poles.

Item #5- Alderman Rancher-Discuss Covid-19- Alderman Rancher expressed concerns of our employees being vaccinated with the rise of the Covid-19 infections. Attorney David Doughty relayed to the board that there are several legal battles going on in the courts and advised to wait on those verdicts.

Item #4: Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

Hiring of Noah Foreman (full time officer)-Chief Williams made a recommendation to hire Mr. Noah Foreman. After discussion, no motion was made on this item.

Pam Sykes-Dispatcher Pam Sykes is seeking to retire. Upon retirement Chief is recommending she take the contract position as Animal Control Officer. Attorney David Doughty will write up the contract for Chief's review.

Item #5: Public Works- Supervisor Bennie McGurk provided a written report of the ongoing projects for the public works department.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jesse Washington, Mayor

Nandeaner McDowell, Clerk

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