

**MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
TOWN HALL
TIME- 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington. Mr. Bennie McGurk led the invocation and pledge. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderman McKinney, Alderman McDowell, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Smith and Alderman Burgess. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

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

Item #2: Financials-The board was provided with finalized financials ending September 2022. The Mayor encouraged members to come by the office if they have any questions or concerns. Alderman McKinney made a motion to accept the financials, second by Alderman Burgess. 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 go over the ongoing projects for the town.

Item #5- David Doughty-Absent

Item #6- Jamie Mayo, M5 Consulting – Mr. Mayo gave an overview of some contact engagements. He also announced the DHH letter grade of A-80/80 for the Delhi Water Supply.

New Business:

Item #1-Public Hearing Ordinance #737: “An ordinance providing for the continued levy within the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2030, of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Town and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Town on December 10, 2022.”

Alderman Rancher made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Alderman McDowell. There were no comments. Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Alderman McDowell.

Item #2- Adopt Ordinance 737- Mayor Washington read the heading of the ordinance. Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 737, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Item #3- Resolution- A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of not exceeding One Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,370,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Town of Delhi, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item #4-Mayor Washington – Recommendation –Mayor Pro Temp- Alderman Larry Rancher

Mayor Washington present his recommendation. Alderman McDowell made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item 5-Alderman Rancher – Discuss abandoned (blighted) properties in various locations.

Alderman Rancher urged the board to look throughout their districts and make a list and turn in blighted properties.

Mayor Washington advised the first step is to contact the home owner if known.

Item #6-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

- **Hiring of Mary Williams-Full Time Officer-** Chief Williams made a recommendation to hire Mary Williams as a full time officer. Alderman McKinney made a motion to accept Chief's recommendation, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote the motion passes with the following roll call vote:

Alderman McKinney	(Y)
Alderman McDowell	(Y)
Alderman Rancher	(Abstain)
Alderman Smith	(Y)

Alderman Burgess (Y)

Alderman McDowell made a motion that Officer Mary Williams' rate of pay be \$13.50, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

- Promotion of Officer Craig Frasier-Assistant Chief of Police- After discussions- No action was taken. This item should be put on next month's agenda.
- Promotion of Officer Joe Campbell- Major- After discussions- No action was taken. This item should be put on next month's agenda.

Item #7 – Public Works - Mr. Bennie McGurk-Supervisor- Mr. McGurk provided a written report and reviewed those items. He also showed on screen equipment that will soon need to be repaired or replaced.

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

Jesse Washington, Mayor

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