

**MINUTES  
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA  
MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 13, 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, Alderman Smith and Alderman Burgess. Alderman Rancher made a motion to amend the agenda to add #9- Rachele Owens, second by Alderman McDowell. 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 draft financials ending February 2023. Alderman Rancher 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. He also commended Abery Love for recognizing an issue with the booster pumps and being proactive to head off a major problem.

**Item #5- David Doughty-**Mr. Doughty was present. He charged the board in finding a date when they can meet with him in regards to the Lawarson Act and Open Meetings Law.

**Item #6- Jamie Mayo, M5 Consulting –** Mr. Mayo gave an overview of some activities proposed for the town. Some consisted of the Kenny Natt camp, Fight the Blight and the National League of Cities Data Analysis.

**New Business:**

**Item #1 Introduce 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 of the April of April 10, 2023. Alderman Rancher made a motion to introduce said ordinance, second by Alderman McDowell. Roll call vote as follows:

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

**Item #2- Resolution:** FY 2021 LCDBG Water Project- Alderman Burgess made a motion to approve said resolution, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #3- Approve Travel- LAMSA March 29-31-Alexandria LCMC April 13-14, New Orleans- N. McDowell** Alderman McKinney made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman McDowell. Upon being put to a vote. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #4-Mayor Washington**

- **Sean Parker-Step Increase-Wastewater Operator 1-** Alderman McDowell made a motion to increase Mr. Parker's pay by \$1.00 for completing WW1 operator certification, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- **Resignation of Floyd W. McDade-Zoning Administrator-** Alderman Rancher made a motion to accept Mr. McDade's resignation, second by Alderman Burgess. Upon being put to a vote. The motion passes. The vote was unanimous.
- **Replacement of Alderman Bernard McDowell-Zoning Committee-**Mayor Washington advised Alderman McDowell to seek a replacement in his district.

**Item 5-LSU –** Dr. Cater- Dr. Cater addressed the board concerning the roof at the livestock barn. The cost to repair is approximately \$180 to \$200,000. Dr. Cater was informed that the Town of Delhi cannot donate the property. This matter will be deferred to the town attorney for options.

**Item #6- Cherie Jordan-M&T Property Management-**Absent

**Item #7- Carolyn Slacks-NOVA** Ms. Slacks informed the board that she will be the NOVA representative in our area. She will be located at the Recreation and Learning Center for those seeking help in obtaining skills to enter the workforce. She was accompanied by former representative Juanita Woods and Executive Director, Paul West.

**Item #8-BCG-Non Profit Organization-** Ms. Yunecia Criss was on hand to advise the board what her organization brings to the Town of Delhi. BGC stands for Breaking Generational Curses. Its vision is to improve education and financial literacy in Louisiana.

**Item #9- Rhonda Gee- Delhi Police Department-** Attorney David Doughty advise this item not be discussed. With any discussion on personnel, the employee must be informed in writing prior to the meeting.

**Rachelle Owens-**Addressed the board and would like clarification on policies and procedures of DPD.

**Item #10-Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams**

- **Hiring of Mr. Ronald Faves- Animal Control Officer-** Alderman Rancher made a motion to hire Mr. Faves as the Animal Control Officer, second by Alderman McKinney. Upon being put to a vote. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.
- **Approve Travel-Officer Joe Campbell-Lafayette LA Basic Critical Incident Stress Management Training-** Alderman McDowell made a motion to approve travel, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote. The motion passes. The vote was unanimous.
- **Discuss pay rate for officers at off duty events at Town of Delhi facilities.** Chief Williams made a recommendation to raise the security fee to \$125 per officer with the amount of officers needed be at his discretion. Alderman Rancher made the motion to approve Chief's recommendation, second by Alderman Smith. Upon being put to a vote. The motion passes. The vote was unanimous.
- **Discuss pay increase for Officer's Craig Frasier & Joe Campbell-** After discussion-No action taken.

**Item #11 – Public Works –** A written report was provided.

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

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Jesse Washington, Mayor

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