MINUTES
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF DELHI, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME- 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Delhi, Louisiana, met in a regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington with an invocation and pledge led by Rev. Lipe. The roll was called with the following answering: Mayor Washington, Alderwoman Oliver, Alderman Houston, Alderman Rancher, Alderman Washington & 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.

#### **Old Business:**

## **Item #1- Approve Minutes**

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

### Item #2- Financials

The board was provided financials through January 2020. Alderman Rancher made a motion to approve the financials, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Washington encouraged the board to come in and ask questions regarding the financials if there are any concerns.

### Item #3-CENLA- Absent

### Item #4—Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson

Josh Barrett was on hand to give updates on the Town of Delhi projects. He reviewed pictures taken at the Cedar Street where a repair is needed. MML&H will be looking into funding opportunities.

Item #5- Attorney David Doughty—Absent

### **New Business:**

**Item #1: Resolution-2019 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan (Environmental Audit)**-Alderman Whitney made a motion to accept the 2019 MWPP provided by CENLA, second by Alderman Rancher. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Item # 2-Public Hearing Ordinance #: 719-An Ordinance of the Town of Delhi, Louisiana, to amend Ordinance 707-2018-2019 Operating Budget General Fund and Sales Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019-Mayor Washington read the heading of said proposed Ordinance. Alderman Rancher made a motion to open the floor to a Public Hearing and Mayor Washington called for comments. Having none, Alderman Rancher made a motion to close the floor to public comments.

**Item #3: Adopt Ordinance 719-**Alderman Rancher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 719, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

**Item #4: Robbie Waxman-Sapa Drive Ext-**Mr. Waxman was on hand to give an update on the progress of the Sapa Drive Ext. project. Mr. Waxman stated that he along with the Mayor has met with Mr. Jason Wilson from the US Dept. of Commerce regarding the project and he is interested. The project will take different funding opportunities to complete.

**Item #5: Mickey Carroll-Richland Parish Hospital-**Mr. Carroll introduced Mrs. Kisha Davis and she discussed the Behavioral Health clinic available to our citizens. Dr. Grandon gave an overview of the coronavirus crisis and left pamphlets to give out to the public and Mr. Carroll talked about the Hospital tax renewal.

## Item #6: Mayor Washington

# Recreation Department-Replacement for Willie Moore

Mayor Washington advised that Mr. Willie Moore has retired and he would like to advertise to fill a vacant slot in the facility maintenance department. Alderman Houston made a motion to give the Mayor authority to advertise for the position, second by Alderman Whitney. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

## Mayor Frank Jones, Jr. Sheriff's Department

Major Jones addressed the drug problem in the Town of Delhi. He assured that the Delhi Police Dept. as well as the Richland Parish Sheriff's Department are aware of the situation and is working diligently to reduce the issue.

## Item #7: Police Department-Chief Nathaniel Williams

**Repair-police station-**Chief stated that the roof and the police stations has some areas in which is leaking. He would like to take quotes on the repairs. Mayor Washington advised to get quotes to patch those areas for now and to budget the repair in the next fiscal year.

Item #6: Public Work-Superintendent Lorenzo Brown-Mr. Brown provided a written report of recent activities and reviewed them with the council.

Alderman Whitney made a motion to go into Executive Session with Chief Williams, second by Alderman Houston. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Alderman Rancher made a motion to come out of Executive Session, second by Alderman Washington. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment-Alderman Whitney 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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