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A Public hearing was held at 5:30 pm to consider levying or increasing millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. Kolder, Slaven & Company also discussed the Town of Washington Financial Report-Audit as of June 30, 2019. Mayor Landreneau called the public hearing to order; a roll call of the councilmembers was done by Annette Rosette. All council members were present. Mayor Landreneau explained the process of the millage rates to the council and the audience.

Mr. Kolder gave the report of the audit findings. He discussed the major findings that the town did not have in place such as Segregation of Duties, Recordation and Reconciliations of bank records, adequate control of the Utility System and the overall accounting process. He addressed the council on the late submission of the audit and the fines that should be submitted to the state on a monthly basis. He also spoke about budget violations. Mr. Kolder said that the town needs to correct these findings and show that we are doing something to get out of the situation so that the state will not send an Administrator to run the town. Mr. Kolder said that we are in a deficit and that we should try and get some revenues to the town. Mayor Landreneau adjourned the Public Hearing and started the regular meeting.

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council were held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Washington Town Hall, 405 N. Washington, St. Washington, La.

Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Malveaux, Ms. Doucet, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Ledet

Members Absent: None

Before the meeting started, Mayor Landreneau wanted to add Mr. Kolder to the agenda to accept the findings of the audit. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Ledet. A Roll Call was done.

Yeas: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ledet, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Malveaux, and Ms. Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

District Attorney Charles Cravins spoke about getting some revenue to the town. He said that getting an allocation from the State is a complicated issue. Mr. Cravins said that we should go to the legislature and lobby and said that we need to come together as a community. He asked the council and the audience for their support by voting for him.

Historic Steamboat Town Founded in 1720

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Tanya Doucet, Wilbert Ledet, Rogers Malveaux, Beau Wilson, Mona Wilson
Latoya Trent, Chief of Police Annette Rosette, Town Clerk Jimmy Alfred, Public Works Supervisor

A motion was made by Mr. Ledet to approve the minutes of the last meetings and seconded by Ms. Wilson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Kadrina King from the Acadiana Planning District representing St. Landry Economic Development Planning Commission spoke about the I-49 Midway Corridor Project in conjunction with other towns to come together with their visions of what they would like to see on the corridor. The commission needs the support of the residents, business and property owners to join together in good faith to plan the corridor.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson to Introduce Ordinance #5, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Towns of Grand Coteau, Sunset, Opelousas and the Town of Washington and St. Landry Parish in support of the I-49 Midway Corridor Project ; seconded by Ms. Doucet and motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to adopt Resolution #1, the adjusted millage rate for tax year 2020 and seconded by Mr. Ledet. All were in favor to adopt the resolution and motion passed

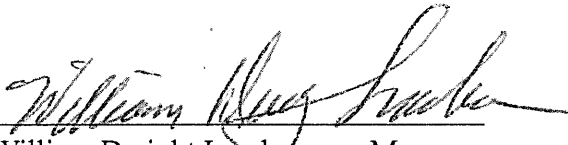
A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept Resolution #2-set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate for tax year 2020 and seconded by Mr. Malveaux. All were in favor and motion passed.

Mayor Landreneau asked the council for their approval to develop memorandum of understanding or a full contract to manage the RV site on the festival grounds. A motion by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Doucet to further negotiations and develop a MOU or contract for someone to manage the RV site. Council Members, Mr. Malveaux, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Doucet and Mr. Ledet were in favor. Ms. Wilson abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Landreneau told the council that the town had received a grant to fix the gas line over the bridge and that we would receive monies from Solid Waste to fix potholes. The mayor talked about the recreational center as a multi-use building; he spoke about using the 10x10 room as a technology center. He said they will be able to put as many as 15 computers. He said that churches members would provide chaperones to help the kids with homework. Mayor Landreneau said that a company will provide a server. The mayor also informed the council that the town received a CWEF Grant in the amount of \$16,000 to repair water lines and make improvements to the water system.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept the audit report; seconded by Mr. Malveaux. All were in favor and motion passed.

A motion to adjourn by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Ledet. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned by mayor.



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Annette Rosette, Clerk