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William Dwight Landreneau, Mayor
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A Public hearing was held at 5:45 pm to hear views on Ordinance No. 7, an Ordinance adding and enacting Article 5 of the Electronic Traffic Enforcement Program. The mayor gave a brief summary of the ordinance and what it is designed to do. He explained that a laser system will be set up which will have a designated area in town with signs and information letting the people know that we are using a laser system for speeders and that citations will be mailed to the owner of the vehicles. The mayor went on to explain that the equipment, and the educational training will be provided by the company and in return the town will receive 60% of the proceeds from the tickets and the company will receive 40% and of the 40% the company pays the salary of the officer who is on duty using the system. The floor was opened to the audience for questions or comments about the program. The question was asked if the violation was a criminal or civil violation, the mayor stated that it was a civil violation. Mr. Jay, with Blue Line Solutions went on to explain how the civil process works. Mayor Landreneau adjourned the public hearing.

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

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

Members Absent: None

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

Mayor Landreneau gave an FYI on some of the storm debris that is being picked up. He stated that due to Covid percentages being so high Solid Waste was having trouble getting a crew together to pick up debris and that we would have to wait on Solid Waste to establish a work crew before debris would be picked up. The Town of Eunice p/u debris and the mayor of Krotz will also send a crew to remove debris. The mayor also mentioned that we received word that it is time to apply for CWF and LGAP grants; he asked the council to give suggestions and ideas on what they want to use the grants on so that we can let Aucoin and Associates know what to apply for.

A motion was made by Ms. Doucet to accept Resolution 4 of 2020, The Delta Regional Authority to appoint Mayor Dwight Landreneau as the designated person to perform certain duties and administration of said award to replace a leaking gas line under the bayou; seconded by Mr. Ledet, all were in favor and motion passed.

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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 Ms. Doucet to adopt Ordinance No. 7 of 2020-The Speed Electronic Enforcement Program and seconded by Mr. Ledet. All were in favor except Ms. Wilson who abstained. Motion passed.

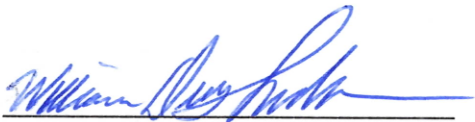
A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept Resolution No. 3 of 2020, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and seconded by Ms. Wilson, all were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Coreil as the Legal Counsel for the Town of Washington and seconded by Ms. Doucet. All were in favor and motion passed.

Chief Trent said that she did not have a report other than that she is short of staff and down to one officer. Mr. Wilson made a motion to get a monthly report of the activities of the police department and make it a part of the monthly meeting; seconded by Mr. Ledet. All were in favor and motion passed.

Ms. Verdi Bell Lavergne addressed the council regarding a police issue. She spoke of an incident regarding a four-wheeler and Chief did not respond to the call. She said it took 20 minutes for the Sheriffs Department to get here. Ms. Verdi Lavergne said that Chief is not patrolling and not protecting the people of Washington. Chief responded and said that she cannot work 24 hours a day. When she's off that the Sheriff Department will be responding to many of the calls until she can get some help. Ms. Mary Ann Lavergne commented about doing what is right. She said that the community needs to work together. She suggested that we get people from each district to form a committee and work with the chief.

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



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Annette Rosette, Clerk