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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council were held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 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 Ms. Wilson to approve the minutes of the last meetings and seconded by Mr. Ledet. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The mayor gave a quick update before getting into the full agenda items. The mayor had a discussion with Mr. Coreil the town's attorney who said that we were in compliance with all the auditor's reports. He also suggested that we do Mayor's Court on a quarterly bases and arrangements once a month starting March 16, 2021. The mayor also mentioned that the money donated back to the town from the council members Beau Wilson, Rogers Malveaux, Tanya Doucet, and Wilbert Ledet was \$4,000 and that money was used to pay four months of bills to the gas system.

A motion was made by Ms. Doucet and seconded by Mr. Ledet to appoint Ms. Hallie Polotzola as the new town clerk. She will receive \$19.00 an hour and after she completes her 6 months probationary period and clerk certification training, we will offer her a \$2.00 increase. All were in favor except Ms. Wilson who abstained, and motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Wilson to adopt the retention schedule. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor said that we had discussed surplus property before and that we would bring it back to the table this year and according to the auditors there are some town property that we should consider selling like the caboose, fire truck, skate park property and the trolley. A cost analysis was done on the trolley and it makes money, but the expenses associated with it are high. A motion giving the mayor the authority to sell the surplus property was made by Mr. Malveaux and seconded by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor except Ms. Wilson who voted nay. The motion carried.

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

Chief Trent was scheduled to report on a personnel issue, but the person was unable to attend so the discussion was tabled.

The mayor said Chief Trent and Mr. Shelvin with the Marshalls Office has off duty deputies that will be willing to come and work for the town, but we would have to commission those officers. They are Officer Easton Shelvin, Louis Armstrong, Lucian McKinney and Anthony Veal. They will work as part-time officers and patrol the interstate and work in town. They will be hired as needed and not work all at the same time. Chief Trent requested that we waive the physicals and drug testing requirement because they have completed them for the Marshalls Office. This would be a cost saving measure for us. Hiring part-time officers would help the chief and help the town. Mr. Wilson asked if they are already post-certified and trained. They will be under the jurisdiction of the town and supervised by the Chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Doucet to approve and give Chief the authority to hire the part-time officers. All were in favor and motion carried.

The mayor spoke about the 2022 Catfish Festival. Ms. Vicki Thibodeaux volunteered to be the chairperson of the Catfish Festival. Ms. Vicki Thibodeaux spoke about bringing the Catfish festival to Main Street, she said we want to show off what we have in Washington by having it on Main Street.

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



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Annette Rosette, Clerk