

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday April 19, 2020 6:00 PM

Washington Town Hall 405 N. Washington St. Washington, LA

Mayor William Dwight Landreneau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Councilmembers Tanya Doucet, Wilbert "Bobby" Ledet, Rogers Malveaux and Mona Wilson

Absent: Beau Wilson

Mayor Dwight Landreneau recognized a quorum had been established.

Councilmember Tanya Doucet led the prayer. Following the prayer Councilmember Wilbert "Bobby" Ledet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Landreneau requested a motion to accept the minutes of the previous months regular Council Meeting held on March 15, 2021. No discussion was engaged. Councilmember Bobby Ledet motioned to approve the minutes, motion was second by Councilmember Rogers Malveaux; motion to approve minutes was carried.

Mayor Landreneau gave an update regarding the Water Consumption Report. The Consumption Report is completed every quarter and monitors the unmetered amount of water. The loss of water rates was between 60-70% when Mayor Landreneau took office. The town has been working with some of the different grants to correct leaks. The town has one leak remaining to fix which is near the bridge going over Bayou Courtableau. The last report the rate is 28% which is right where we need to be. You will have some loss of water due to flushing to keep the quality of water. The Mayor complimented Mr. Jimmy Alfred, Supervisor and the maintenance staff for the work completed.

Mayor Landreneau announced the Trolley has been sold. Councilmember Rogers Malveaux was with the Mayor during the process. Luxury Limousine from Lafayette, LA bought the trolley for \$31,017.

Mayor Landreneau announced the caboose and fire truck are out for auction at this time. An auction site has been set up with LaMATS (Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau) through May 30th. If anyone is interested they can go to our website or lamats.easybuy.com/advertisements.

Mayor Landreneau explained there was a committee meeting last month for the Washington Community Festival. It was a meeting to gather the interest to have the festival March 2022. Mrs. Vickie Thibodeaux the chairman of the festival wanted to welcome residents to the next

meeting on April 26th. If anyone is interested in getting involved please attend the meeting. Volunteers are needed. The festival will be down Main Street like the old festival.

Mayor Landreneau announced citizen Matilda Comeaux turned 102 years old. Mayor Landreneau has a key to the city that we will be presented to Ms. Matilda and her family. A certificate of recognition was given from the governor's office and was presented to her at her birthday party in March.

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz addressed the Mayor and council. Sheriff Guidroz questioned if the Chief was in attendance. Mayor Landreneau explained she was out due to a medical procedure and is operating out of her house at this time. Chief Trent has been communicating with her office. Sheriff Guidroz welcomed questions or concerns the residents, council or Mayor may have. Sheriff explained he was offering suggestions, recommendations and solutions to problems. Mayor Landreneau thanked the Sheriff for his deputies responding while we have been shorthanded. Mayor Landreneau explained during the last council meeting the council approved to hire up to 5 part-time officers to assist the Police Department. Since that meeting the town has hired 2 additional part time police officers. It seems to have helped having the presence of additional Police Officers. Sheriff Guidroz explained the Sheriff Department will be here to assist however it will come to a life or death situations for the Sheriff's Department to assist. The Sheriff would like to discuss with the Chief scheduling. Sheriff Guidroz explained he could review the times and volume of calls the Sheriff's Department receives to assist the Chief with scheduling. Sheriff invited Chief Trent to reach out to himself or Deputy Chief David Meche to meet and discuss assistance with leadership and scheduling. Discussed perpetrators know when enforcement is absent. Sheriff must cover his area first before sending deputies to the town's calls/complaints. Mayor explained as soon as Chief returns he would encourage her to schedule a meeting with the Sheriff Department.

Catherine St Cyr and Stephanie Tompkins presented a new Town brochure they had been working on for the past 2 years. The brochure was presented to the Mayor. St. Landry Parish Tourism Commission printed 7000 brochures printed with the assistance of a grant. These will be available in the Town Hall and at St. Landry Parish Commission. Mayor Landreneau thanked them for working on the brochure.

Mrs. Johnnie Fontenot and her husband will be having another Washington garage sale in May to help cover the Bodemuller bill. If anyone has donations please see the Mayor or Halli, Town Clerk to make arrangements. We started with a 5 digit amount due. Now we are down to 3 digits owed. Please come out and support the town there will also be food and drinks.

Next on the agenda was Tommy Dejean concerned about the water rates. Tommy was absent.

Mayor Landreneau met with Jessie Bellard, Parish President to discuss assistance to the town with equipment and man power. Mayor Landreneau requested approval for the Mayor to have the authority to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Roger Malveaux motioned to give the authority to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the parish to receive assistance. The motion was second by Wilbert "Bobby" Ledet. Motion was approved.

The Mayor presented a report from business office regarding citations issued.

Feb-March 11 citations issued

March- April 86 citations were issued

This shows an improvement since hiring the 2 part-time officers.

Residents discussed they wanted to discuss with the Chief Trent issues including four wheeler's in town.

Mayor Landrenau requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn by Roger's Malveaux. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.



William Dwight Landreneau , Mayor



Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk