

## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 15, 2020 6:00 PM

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

Mayor William Dwight Landreneau called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance: Councilmembers Mona Wilson, Beau Wilson, Rogers Malveaux and Tanya Doucet

Absent: Bobby Ledet

Mayor Dwight Landreneau and Town Clerk Halli Polotzola recognized a quorum has been established.

Councilmember Beau Wilson led a prayer. Following the prayer Councilmember Tanya Doucet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Landreneau offered discussion regarding the prior meeting minutes and if no discussion requested a motion to accept the minutes of the previous months regular Council Meeting held on February 15, 2021. No discussion was engaged. Councilmember Beau Wilson motioned to approve the minutes, motion second by Councilmember Rogers Malveaux; motion to approve minutes was carried.

Mayor Landreneau announced new faces at town hall. Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk started on the previous Monday March 8th. Jon' Terrinee Lewis started the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. Jon' Terrinee is paid through Acadiana Workforce Solutions and is approved to work 500 hours. This is no cost to the town. Mr. Wayne Solieou is a regular volunteer who assist with answering phones Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mayor Landreneau and Rogers Malveaux opened bids at the town hall Monday March 15, 2021 for the town trolley. The bids were opened in a meeting with Mayor Landreneau, Councilmember Rogers Malveaux and Town Clerk Halli Polotzola. The town clerk recorded all the bids. None of the bids came back at the estimated value. All bids were rejected. Mayor Landreneau contacted LaMats to ensure the proper procedures were followed to get counter offers or to reopen the bids. At least \$30,000 was desired for the trolley. Councilmember Mona Wilson asked about the procedure followed for opening of the bids. At a previous meeting the council had approved the sale of the trolley and authority was given to the Mayor to sale the Trolley.

The ladies from the "Garage Sale Junkies" presented a total of \$1,311.05 from there last garage sale. The funds were donated to the town. The money will be used to pay a portion of the Bodemuller bill. After applying the donation the bill will be approximately \$700. The Bodemuller bill has been reduced previously by Ms. Johnnie Fontenot's donations from previous

garage sales. Another garage sale is scheduled for April by Ms. Johnnie Fontenot which may cover the remaining bill.

The Mayor introduced Mrs. Jerrie Ledoux who is the legislature liaison for Congressmen Mike Johnson. Jerrie assisted the town with getting the grant for fixing the gas pipeline. Their office handles federal agencies including the Social Security Administration, IRS and Immigration.

Audit for June 2019- July 2020 report from Kolder, Slaven, and Company LLC was reviewed. The Mayor went over the findings page. The Mayor explained the finding will improve by our next audit as things have been done to improve many of the listed findings on the audit. There was one less finding than the previous audit. This audit was from the past administration. Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk went over the budget comparison completed by the auditors. The income was short by 9,121 compared to the budget however the expenses was less than budgeted by 112,627 which made the revenue and expenditures variances very pleasing. Also reviewed was the Schedule of Utility Income/Loss per customer which has showed significant improvement comparing 2020 to 2019. It was explained progress has been made and the auditor believes the town is going in the right direction. This audit was completed on time. The auditor advised he can see the big picture of things improving but the town still has things to improve. The auditor received a verbal from the LA Auditors that they are satisfied with the progress. The mayor requested a motion to accept the audit completed by Kolder Slaven & Co. Councilmember Beau Wilson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Tanya Doucet seconded the motion for approval. The motion was carried.

Adopt Resolution No 3 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Resolution. The MWPP report was not completed since 2018. Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk read the resolution provided to council members. An extension was requested by Jimmy Alfred. The extension was granted. Motioned by Tanya Doucet and Councilmember Beau Wilson seconded. All were in favor of adopting resolution. No opposition. The motion was carried to adopt Resolution No 3 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention.


Mayor Landreneau requested approval to use the Visa Credit Card for general office supplies to attempt to get better prices. Beau Wilson motioned to approve the use the credit card for general office supplies in an attempt to save money. Rogers Malveaux seconded the motion. No opposition. The motion was carried for the approval to allow the usage of the Visa Credit Card for general office supplies when necessary.

Chief Latoya Trent recommends termination of employment of Ziyda "Eddie" Mashni. A certified letter was sent to the Ziyda "Eddie" Mashni. Ziyda "Eddie" Mashni notified Mayor Landreneau Sunday to advise he would not come to the council meeting. Chief Trent explained her reasons for termination were included in last month's packet for the Councilmembers. Chief Trent welcomed any questions the council may have. Mayor Landreneau requested approval of the termination of Ziyda "Eddie" Mashni from the council. Tanya Doucet made the motion to approve termination of Ziyda "Eddie" Mashni. Beau Wilson seconded the motion. No opposition. The motion was carried.

Chief Latoya Trent advised part-time officers from the Marshall's office started tonight (March 15, 2021). Councilmember Beau Wilson requested an update on Blue Lines. The last heard was waiting on permits. The police department has 4 units running. Chief Trent reported the radar is not working in one of the units. Mayor Landreneau received a call from the Mayor of Rayne offering their surplus cars. Once the cars are available the Mayor of Rayne will contact Mayor Landreneau.

Mayor Landreneau requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beau Wilson motioned to adjourn. Tanya Doucet seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

  
Williams Dwight Landreneau, Mayor

  
Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk