

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CLINTON, LOUISIANA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Town of Clinton Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting on the eleventh day of February 2025 at 11209 Bank Street, located at the Town Hall, Clinton Louisiana.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark L. Kemp at 6:00 P.M. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were delivered in unity.

ROLL CALL: The following council members in attendance were Alderman Beauchamp, Alderman Betrece, Alderman Matthews, Alderman Morris, and Mayor Kemp. Alderman Young was absent at roll call.

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderman Betrece moved to approve the agenda as printed seconded by Alderman Morris. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

Alderman Betrece moved to approve the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

A. APPROVAL FOR CLASS A AND CLASS R LIQUOR LICENSE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE)

Beverage) THE BREAKROOM RESTAURANT – PLANK ROAD – DEIDRICK T. LEWIS AND JASMINE M. JACKSON

Mayor Kemp stated that Deidrick Lewis and Jasmine Jackson have completed all the necessary documents with the town and requested Class A and Class R Liquor License for the Breakroom Restaurant.

Alderman Betrece moved to approve Deidrick Lewis and Jasmine Jackson, Class A and Class R Liquor License for The Breakroom Restaurant located at 10413 Plank Road seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

B. ISSUES CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY -SHEILLA FLOWERS

Sheila Flowers stated concerns about smelling strong gas odors in the community. Asked if there could be new streets signs in the community? There are streets that have lots of potholes that need to be repaired. The sink holes on Bayou Street, what is causing it?

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the information given by Sheila Flowers seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

Alderman Young joined the meeting at 6:08 P.M.

C. FRANCINE DAMICO AND MELANIE MILLER WITH CLINTON IS HOME FOUNDATION – UPDATE ON WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON

Francine Damico stated that the Clinton Is Home Foundation that was founded in 2024. They aim to initiate projects to benefit the community and committed to the efforts with the support of town governmental, local businesses and volunteers. They will attend the March Community Market and distribute questionnaires to vendors to seek information on how to promote and improve the market. The vendors' fees which will be agreed upon have to be addressed by the Town Council due to ordinances in place that possibly need to be rewritten if institute vendors' fees on market day. Discussed placing Hanging Flower Baskets on Main Street and planting flowers in the existing planters to beautify Main Street. It would be beneficial if someone from the town council could walk around Main Street with them to discuss possibly place the baskets and how to move forward with the project. Have a proposed Calendar of Events for 2025. Hosting a Clinton Is Home Community meeting at the Green Door, Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. there will be sign-up sheets for volunteers and information for the public on the upcoming events to encourage the public to get involved.

Alderman Young moved to accept the information presented seconded by Alderman Morris. Motion passed.

D. DANTON GLASCOCK WITH TDS LAND SERVICES- BRIDGE ON SPRING STREET

Danton Glascock and the mayor viewed the guard rails on Spring Street, which is listed as a bridge but actually it is a three-box culvert. The water is currently running underneath the box culvert. An estimate of \$50,000 basically was given. Rim Schmidt is a 30 plus years veteran with DOTD, an engineer that works with Danton on these types of projects, and a certified civil engineer. Mr. Schmidt gave information as to how the water had eroded under the culvert box. There is an 8x8 foot Triple Barrel Box Culvert. The segment was built in pieces and jacked together which was backfilled, the segment would run in excess of \$750 to \$1,000 each the box culvert. To eliminate the problem and repair this box, a towall will have to be built, off the box down deep, drill in, and attach the rebar in a cage set when building the towall, which is a significant fix. There is a pretty significant elevation drop on top of the street to where the work would be done. It is a complicated fix, high dollar structure, time, effort, and lot of equipment to pump through.

Alderman Beauchamp moved to obtain bids for this project seconded by Alderman Morris. Motion passed.

E. MARSHA KEMP - INFORMATION ON OLD CLINTON WATER TOWER LOCATED ON JACKSON STREET

Marsha Kemp offered information on the Old Clinton Water Tower at the Maintenance Building, which the tower is deteriorated significantly. She asked the mayor if the town might be interested in reacquiring the tower if it was structurally sound as a historic iconic emblem of the community which has been here since 1931. It is a liability and will have to come down. East Feliciana Rural Water acquired the tower when the town donated the water system; the tower, pumps, pipes are connected to the water system. The plaque that is on the building is a possibility that it could actually be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and there would be some funding to restore the brick building.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the information offered by Marsha Kemp seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPLY FOR 2024-2025 LGAP – CHIEF DAVIS

Alderman Beauchamp moved to authorize Chief Davis to apply for the 2024-2025 LGAP grant seconded by Alderman Morris. Motion passed.

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTED OFFICIALS IS CERTIFIED TO SIGN THE 2024-2025 LGAP - MAYOR KEMP

Alderman Beauchamp moved to authorize Janice Betrece to sign the 2024-2025 LGAP grant seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

H. Committee Reports

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Police Chief

Assistant Chief Kilcrease gave the January police report of 17 citations were issued, 3 tickets dismissed, there were 8 calls made, 1 arrest, 0 summon, 1 burglary/theft, there are 1549 outstanding warrants in state, and out of state, 2 cases was forwarded to the District Attorney, 0 juvenile ticket forwarded to District Attorney's office, fines collected by AMS was \$1,698.84 total fines collected including AMS was \$5,210.84.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the police department report seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT –Fire Chief

Chief Beauchamp reported there were 33 calls during January, 17 EMS calls and 16 Fire, Alarms, Gas Leaks, MVA's. 14 calls in the town district and 14 calls out of the town district but within the town area and 5 Mutual Aid calls, 10 fires 3 in the town district and 3 out of the district 4 Mutual Aid. Responded to a house fire Friday on Pine Street, was able to put the fire out, and didn't destroy the house. The PIAL rating packet will be turned in next week, an inspection will be scheduled for evaluation.

Alderman Morris moved to accept the fire department report seconded by Alderman Betrece. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The January maintenance report was given by Mayor Kemp, that for the freeze the water lines were wrapped at the sewer pond to prevent freezing, Repaired the driveway going into the lift station off William Drive. Cleaned floats in the tanks at the sewer pond. Located gas lines from the 811 tickets. Read gas meters, repaired gas meter lines on Roosevelt Street and Highway 10. Removed Christmas lights in the town with the assistant of the Policy Jury. Placed barricades and signs around town for the Mardi Gras parade. Picked up barricades, signs, and trash cans around town after the parade. Emptied trash cans around town. Cut grass around town, at the park and the sewer pond. Replaced light bulbs at the DMV office. Cut limbs on Old South Drive. Patched potholes. A gas line repaired on Taylor Street. Two employees attended the gas class at Pipeline Integrity in Slaughter, they are gas certified. Will send two more employees to the gas class when the dates come available. Alderman Matthews asked when the employees go to class for certification will their salary increase. Mayor Kemp replied, when the certification is received, and the employee will alternate on weekends to perform rounds.

Alderman Young moved to accept the maintenance report seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Betrece/Morris

No report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthews/Young

Alderman Betrece asked had the position for the maintenance supervisor been advertised. The mayor replied that he is trying to see what he could do with Kerry first, getting people trained would help. Kerry has stated that he could run the excavator, but he could not dig a hole or do manly labor. It was discussed that this is a liability on the town and have Kerry turned in a doctor's release stating that he could return to his employment. This is something that the board needs to discuss in the executive session.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT -

Mr. Butler stated that the majority of the property tax monies have been received. The first month that the Utility Fund has made money, which is \$20,000 to the goods due to the sewer increase and the significant gas increase. The town has \$3.6 million in the bank.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the accountant report seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT - Mr. Graham Arnold

No report

COUNCIL/OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Betrece stated that she, Alderman Young, Alderman Matthews, and Alderman Morris attended the Mid-Winter Conference on January 27 -28, 2025. She gave a brief overview of a few of the many workshops that she attended.

Alderman Young moved to accept the council/other business seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

David Corsen with PEC Engineering is assisting with the aerators at the sewer pond and recommended a company that has gotten measurements of the depth of the water in the sewer pond which measured from 3 1/2 to 4 feet deep. The aerators that have been put out for bid will work. The bids for the aerators will be opened on February 25, 2025,

and the town will be notified. The new aerators will be positioned out in the pond by cables, they will no longer be on the levee and the electrical services will have to be revamped.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MAYOR'S COMMENT

Some bridge railings have been installed on Maple Street, Feliciana Drive by the lift station, Old South Drive and acquiring a bid on Woodville Street by Judge Jones residence, bid for the rails on Roosevelt Street at the entrance of the sewer pond.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the mayor's comment seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Betrece moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

/s/Anjanetha Shropshire, Clerk

/s/Mark Kemp, Mayor