

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CLINTON, LOUISIANA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Town of Clinton Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting this 9th day of January 2024 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.

The following council members in attendance were Alderman Beauchamp, Alderman Betrece, Alderman Blackledge, Alderman Dunaway, Alderman Young, Mayor Kemp, and Town Clerk Shropshire.

**AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Alderman Betrece moved to add a resolution for the surplus property that was discussed in the last month's meeting seconded by Alderman Dunaway. Motion passed.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AND DECEMBER 27, 2023, PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING**

Alderman Dunaway moved to accept the minutes as printed seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

**a. 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the 2024 Holiday Schedule with the Town Council Election year along with the General Election year which was noted November 5<sup>th</sup> seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

**b. Quote from Feliciana Welders, Inc. -Town of Clinton 10 Year Plan**

Recently we had a gas review of the 10 Year Uprate Gas Plan, and it was strongly suggested to move forward with the plan. The regulator stations are the majority of the 10-year plan.

Quotes from Feliciana Welders, Inc. as to the eight regulator stations in the amount of \$142,100 and to remove the regulator station and tank found during the annual regulator station inspection done by PIP is \$2,750. The price does not include any welded line stoppers for the removal. Postponed.

**RESOLUTION: LPS SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM MODEL RESOLUTION**

It was discussed and approved in last month's meeting to surplus movable property which is no longer needed for a public purpose and requires a resolution and a starting price.

- Aquatic Weed Harvester Lemna Boat that was used at the sewer pond to harvest duck weeds.
- 2005 Dodge ¾ ton Pickup truck that cranks and runs, starting price \$1,500.
- JCB 214 Series 2 M7 Backhoe Front End Loader with Bucket, cranks and runs, starting price \$10,000-\$20,000.
- 3610 Ditch Witch Trencher 3M0278/3610DDLSB cannot find a starter for it and does not work, starting price \$1,800 -\$3,000.
- Broce Street Broom RJ350-Serial 403251 cannot locate parts and the broom needs to be replaced, starting price, \$5,000 - \$8,000.

Postponed the Resolution for additional information.

**c. SURPLUS PROPERTY**

- JCB 214 Series 2 M7 Backhoe Front End Loader with Bucket, cranks and runs, starting price \$10,000-\$20,000.
- Maintenance Truck -2005 ¾ Ton Dodge Pickup Serial Number 1D7KS28D05J5730562005, the truck cranks and runs, starting price \$1,500.

**d. Quote - Dell Technologies - Dell Latitude 5540 Laptop - use for training and RMM Tool "Remote Access"**

Alderman Blackledge moved to purchase a Dell Laptop computer seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

**e. Committee Reports**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Police Chief Davis**

Police Chief Davis shared the December police report as to 39 citations were issued, 8 tickets dismissed, there were 28 calls made, 1 arrest, 0 summons, 3 burglary /thefts, there are 1521 outstanding warrants in state, and out of state, 1 case was forwarded to the District Attorney, 4 juvenile tickets forwarded to District Attorney's office, \$696.14 in fines collected by AMS, total fines collected including AMS was \$7,667.79. There were burglaries on Oak and Feliciana Drive, there was several photos, and footage of the subject the best footage came from a citizens security camera and along with another subject that had warrants through the East Feliciana Sheriff's Office that was stealing out of Family Dollar both the subjects were arrested at Main Street Market.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Fire Chief Beauchamp**

Fire Chief Beauchamp reported that there have been few changes in officers within the fire department, Mark Chelette has resigned as assistant chief, staying on with the department as fire ground officer and hasn't been able to participate in the last month due to family medical reasons. The new assistant chief is Fred Ey. He and wife Janell are two active members and have responded to over 380 ambulance calls in 2023. Mr. Ey has attended the State Fire Marshall Academy, he has Firefighter I and Firefighter II, Hazmat Awareness and Operations and a Certified EMT. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in computer science, and currently works for the Department of Health in the Medicaid Technology Division. Mr. Ey said that he is looking forward to continuing working with the fire department and in the community. Michael Harvey is an official training officer as of January 1 and a new EMT, Sophia Hicks. There are five EMT's in the department. Changed out all the fluorescent lights to LEDs in the training room, changed out several lights in the bays to LED's. Sprayed the installation on the wall and in between the doors toward the jail. The front porch awning was rotted in places, and it has been enclosed with vinyl and four recess lights.

There are a few other projects that need to be done, that include installing more lights, painting the training room, closing the vents in the ceiling of the bay, insulating it, and installing a large fan with a thermostat. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus was ordered and were trained on them. There are fifteen new packs at a cost of \$121,000. Scraping the old truck behind the station, taking it to the junk yard.

Alderman Betrece thanked the fire department for their services. Alderman Young expressed her gratitude for their services as well as Alderman Dunaway.

Alderman Dunaway moved to accept the fire department report seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Several sewer lines had to be blown out. Repaired gas leaks all over town. Worked at the Oxidation Pond. The chlorine tank went down it has been repaired and back running.

Alderman Betrece reported a bad gas smell at the meter at Hymnal Church. Alderman Dunaway reported a loud gas smell outside the town hall building. Alderman Young stated that the ditches needed to be cleaned out at the corner of Spring Street and Koch Alley.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Blackledge/Alderman Young**

Alderman Young expressed that the finances are looking incredibly good, and the property taxes compared to last year's taxes is an incredibly good increase. Alderman Blackledge stated due to the struggle in the Utility Fund for the last few years that at the year-end has a \$35,000 revenue. Alderman Blackledge expressed to create an updated list for new gas meters, regulator stations, pumps, sewer pond, replace PE pipe, 10-year gas plan for the \$141,000 and obtain a quote for the replacement of the gas lines with the PE.

Alderman Blackledge suggested to set up a Rainy-Day Fund for the Maintenance Department for the maintenance upkeep of equipment.

Alderman Blackledge moved to proceed with the regulator stations seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Betrece/Alderman Dunaway**

No report

**ACCOUNTANT REPORT -Tim Butler**

Preparing for the audit and compiling the year-end adjustments for the auditor. Alderman Young moved to accept the accountant report seconded by Alderman Blackledge. Motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT - Mr. Graham Arnold**

No report

**COUNCIL/OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Seeking to appoint a new board for the Planning and Zoning Committee.

**f. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

None

**g. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**h. MAYOR'S COMMENT**

None

**i. 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