

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CLINTON, LOUISIANA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Town of Clinton Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting on the 14th day of February 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 Blackledge, Alderman Young, Mayor Kemp, and Town Clerk Shropshire. Alderman Betrece and Alderman Dunaway was absent.

AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the agenda as printed seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the minutes as printed seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

a. ROOFING QUOTES FOR MAIN OFFICE BUILDING

Quotes received from three different companies. Quotes for Shingles Roof, Architectural Shingles. Calvin Sagely Construction, LLC quote was \$25,000. Alvarez Roofing, LLC quote was \$15,780 and Pride Roofing, LLC was \$22,750.

Quotes for Metal Roof; Calvin Sagely Construction, LLC quote \$30,000, Alvarez Roofing, LLC quote \$43,800 and Pride Roofing, LLC \$35,600 or Standing Seam quote from Pride Roofing, LLC was \$44,700 and remove old gutters and downspouts and dispose would be \$2,155.

Alderman Blackledge, Alderman Beachamp, Alderman Young voted for a metal roof. Alderman Betrece and Alderman Dunaway was absent.

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept Pride Roofing LLC bid to install a metal roof seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

The maintenance building behind the old town hall, the roof is leaking.

b. Committee Reports

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Police Chief Davis

January police report as to 39 citations were issued, 4 tickets dismissed, there were 41 calls made, 3 arrest, 2 summons, 8 burglary /thefts, there are 1523 outstanding warrants in state, and out of state, 7 case was forwarded to the District Attorney, 4 juvenile tickets forwarded to District Attorney's office, fines collected by AMS was \$2,311.76, total fines collected including AMS was \$7,705.76.

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the police department report seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Assistant Chief Ey

Mr. Ey reported that in January, the department responded to 29 calls, 21 medical calls, 3 public safety which was 1 fire alarm, 2 gas smells and chemical smell. Motor vehicle accident 1, which was a pick-up truck versus a parade float off Highway 10 on Highway 955. Four fires within the district, 1 kitchen fire on Johnson Street, 1 electrical outlet fire on Roosevelt Street, a kerosene heater related fire on Wilson Street which had couple of explosions a trailer that was behind it caught fire as well. A grass fire, burn fire pile which was contained by the homeowners on Bank Street, 2 mutual aid fires assisted in the Town of Wilson and Town of Jackson. Continuing the building maintenance efforts, the exterior of the building has been painted, upgraded lighting in the bays the high beam and low cost, continuing training schedule with the department and with other parish departments. A week ago, on Monday, in Jackson had training and tomorrow have a Library Training at Jackson Airport Training facility.

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the fire department report seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

Alderman Dunaway joined the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Repaired gas leaks on Woodville Street and Bank Street, rerouted a gas line on Toler Street.

Cleaned up after Mardi Gras parade with assistance from DCI.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Blackledge/Alderman Young

Alderman Blackledge reported that a deposit of \$50,000 was deposited into a CD at Landmark Bank. Entergy paid their franchise fee of \$24,069.21 which they pay quarterly. There was an unexpected expenditure from the previous mayor's administration for \$17,624.21 on employees' tax and was paid in full to the IRS. Alderman Blackledge requested to find out what was the \$51,669.04 for in the

wastewater system, account number 6242.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Betrece/Alderman Dunaway

No report

ACCOUNTANT REPORT -Tim Butler

The financial report was submitted in packet.

ATTORNEY REPORT - Mr. Graham Arnold

No report

COUNCIL/OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kemp requested assistance for guard rails that need to be replaced on Maple Street, Church Street and Marston Street. Alderman Dunaway raised questions for assistance from DCI crew on cleaning up. She also asked was there a bid for the roof and have we moved forward on the 10-year gas plan and the new gas meters.

Alderman Young moved to accept the discussion of council/other business seconded by Alderman Blackledge. Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Need to choose a new planning and zoning board, need suggestions.

c. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

There is information about the Louisiana Municipal Association Mid-Winter Conference that will be held On February 27-28, 2024, at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, if anyone is interested in attending. The People and Procedure Rules are the order of the meetings, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor provided the legislature and others with audit services, fiscal advice, and other useful information and important links and laws which could be viewed.

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the unfinished business and general orders seconded by Alderman Young.

d. NEW BUSINESS

Continuing the upkeep of the sewer system plant. Due to liquid chlorine on the property, now locking the second gate. Repaired a water leak with a two-inch water line and now have a shut off valve to maintain.

James Ringo, Jr. is working on the property at the sewer plant.

e. MAYOR'S COMMENT

Collecting and preparing information requested from the auditor for the audit. There are several outstanding items that need to be addressed which the mayor is working on it. There are four grant accounts at Landmark Bank that had no activity for several years, two accounts that had money in them and two that went dormant that were charged a \$5.00 fee. One amount was \$96.01, and the other amount was \$100, which was transferred into the General fund and has been closed.

Alderman Blackledge moved to accept the new business and mayor's comment. Motion passed.

f. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dunaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55P.M. seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

/s/Anjanetha Shropshire, Clerk

/s/Mark Kemp, Mayor