

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

The Town of Clinton Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting on the ninth day of April 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 Young, Mayor Kemp, and Town Clerk Shropshire. Alderman Blackledge and Alderman Dunaway were absent.

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Alderman Betrece requested that under public comments let the record reflect the comment that she made concerning the liability of the repairs that needed to be done on Bayou Street.

Mayor Kemp expressed to notate on the guard rails that was needed on the various streets, the one that's said 11623 Old South it should be 11659 Old South.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the minutes with the necessary changes seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jemel Muse commented on the address of 10763 Bayou Street, that it is not the correct address. Ola Spears said that all the addresses on Bayou Street begin with 108.

A. Final Information on Gas Regulator Stations

Mayor Kemp presented the final information on the Gas Regulator Stations that we are dealing with the 10-uprate plan with the State; There were eight Regulators Stations that needed to upgrade, pictures of the regulator stations are numbered, also added signage if an emergency who to contact, the piping has been painted bright yellow making aware there is a gas lines, adding locks to the valve to secure the stations tampered proof. All the work has been completed. There was a regulator station that wasn't notated on the 10-Uprate Plan which is across from IPS on Jackson Street, which was taken out. The station had to be assessed and we will be receiving a report from Feliciana Welders. The next step other than the regulator station on Marston Street will be replacing the old PVC pipe with new PE pipe. Contacted Professional Engineering Consultant and they have a plan for us, and we must move forward with the plan within the 10-year time span, a great amount of work has been completed in a short matter of time there should be about 5 to 6 years left on this plan to have the remaining of the work to be done. Alderman Betrece expressed that this should be a priority to seek for some additional resources to move forward with this project, there should be some type of assistance that we could get. These gas leaks are serious, dangerous and it is a liability. Alderman Young suggested to get a grant writer.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the final information on the gas regulator station what was presented seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

B. Gas Leak Information off Clay Street

Mayor Kemp gave information of a gas leak on the backside of the property of 12807 Woodville Street, which is at the corner of Woodville and Clay Street at the home of Lisa Shaffer. The maintenance crew has been there at least twice to repair the leak, it is still not fixed. Tim Gautreaux with Feliciana Welders will come out Thursday or Friday to see what is needed to repair the leak. From Clay Street back behind Lisa Shaffer's resident ends at Autumn Lee White's house the last house on the right. Feliciana Welders will give a quote when they detect the leak.

Alderman Young moved to accept the gas leak information off Clay Street seconded by Alderman Betrece. Motion passed.

C. Updated Information on Drainage Culvert across from 10873 Bayou Street

Mayor Kemp expressed that the excavator is in the repair shop, and this is the only thing stopping us from completing the job.

Alderman Young moved to accept the information on the drainage culvert on Bayou Street seconded by Alderman Beauchamp. Motion passed.

D. Update Solid Waste Ordinance (i.e., Burning Trash)

Postponed. Alderman Betrece seconded by Alderman Young to move to postpone the update Solid Waste Ordinance (i.e., Burning Trash).

E. Committee Reports

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Police Chief Davis

March police report of 13 citations were issued, 4 tickets dismissed, there were 22 calls made, 3 arrests, 0 summons, 0 burglary/thefts, there are 1545 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 \$2,747.69, total fines collected including AMS was \$11,383.69. Mayor Kemp suggested

checking into the legalities of listing names and the city that they're from of outstanding warrants and citations issued that were never taken care on the website and this could be a way to get people to pay their citations and or warrants.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Chief Beauchamp

Chief Beauchamp gave the March report that they are training every Thursday for the next few months to give all the members a chance to get the number of hours they need for PIAL ratings. Michael Harvey is meeting with the individual's addition to the first and third Thursday trainings. Will have training Thursday on catching hydrants. Purchased a new Rosenbauer Pumper from Bonaventure out of Rayne, LA that will be delivered this Friday. It is a 1500 GPM Pumper with 1250 gallons in the tank which is larger than what they currently have. They are not going to get rid of the older one, which is a red 1997 pumper, which is still in working condition and will be used as a reserve pumper for the extra points with PIAL. They will have a reserve pumper and reserve service truck at a half point each to help with the ratings. Would not have to finance it, it is paid out right, the money will come from the millage money not from the town's funds.

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

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There are three aerators that are currently working; aerator number five is in the repair shop to replace the barrens for the motor. An excavator was rented to repair a gas leak in McManus. Installed two new gas services. Had to relight pilots for gas. Changed service line at Carter's Restaurant due to a gas leak. Filled potholes, removed a tree on Williams Drive that had fallen onto the road.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Blackledge/Alderman Young

No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Alderman Betrece/Alderman Dunaway

No report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT -Tim Butler

Mr. Butler reported that the tax penalties from past years were paid earlier in the year of \$17,674 but were not budgeted. The gas system with the repairs on the risers that spent \$212,536 and only budgeted \$14,000 this will be monitored. Spent \$74,000 on the aerators at the pond.

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

ATTORNEY REPORT - Mr. Graham Arnold

No report

COUNCIL/OTHER BUSINESS

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING

Seeking names to put on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Kemp asked Jemel Muse if he was interested in being on the Planning and Zoning Committee, Jemel's response was no, not right now.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Mayor Kemp enlightened that some of the Automatic Meter Reading equipment has been received for the gas meters and expecting the remainder of the equipment to come in May. Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. is the software company that is going to be training and they have been contacted. Meters that are usable will be used and if can't be used then the meters will be replaced. A list of the guard rails and location will be given to the Maintenance Supervisor that needs to be installed and he will get measurements of each side of four feet of railing to work on. There will be a meeting next week with Amy Fontenot to discuss the sewer rate study. The meeting with Bianca Hillhouse of Professional Engineering Consultants is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th to look at the aerators on the sewer pond. Roger Hull will be here on the 18th to look at the upgrade that's needed for the regulator station on Marston Street and will present a quote.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept unfinished business and general orders seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kemp spoke with Krystal Hays from CivicPlus that acquired Municode which was a company from Florida who oversees ordinances for the town to encounter the guidelines. Ordinances are our law. The last ordinance that was prepared by Municode was in 1996, maybe due to the town's financial strains. The Wine, Beer and Liquor Ordinance was the last ordinance addressed, which was February 14, 1996. A copy of the ordinances will be sent to CivicPlus in which they will give a proposal and with the assistance of the Town's Attorney.

Alderman Betrece moved to accept the information on new business seconded by Alderman Young. Motion passed.

H. MAYOR'S COMMENT

No comment

Alderman Beauchamp expressed that Jack Kilcrease passed on yesterday morning, he was a former Alderman for years and he worked in the Maintenance Department. Alderman Mary Bunch Dunaway's niece funeral services is tomorrow April 10th. Letter of condolence will be sent to the families.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/Anjanetha Shropshire, Clerk

/s/Mark Kemp, Mayor