

# TOWN OF MANY

## Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 2022

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor Robert Hable
2. Prayer by Mayor Hable
3. Pledge led by Alderwoman Bobbie Jackson
4. Roll Call- PRESENT: Councilwomen Mary Brocato, Cherry Williams, Bobbie Jackson, Mary Perry. ABSENT: Anita Darwin. Also present: Amie Brown, Clerk; Cecil Jordan, Street Supervisor; Josh Darden, Wastewater Supervisor; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Suzanne Williams, Grant Writer; Cheryl Wooley, Chief of Police; Mason Wiley, Asst. Chief of Police; Ashley Giddings, Admin. Asst.; Lee Woods, Airport Manager; Lauren Gentry, Events Committee; Corwin Washington, Water Consultant; John Testa, Zoning Chairman. Visitors present: David Black, James Wagley, Billy Lafitte, Tammy Fiscus, Cedric Floyd, Rose Floyd, Bob Geoghagan, RD Geoghagan, Phyllis Horton, and Wayne Turner.
5. Approve Minutes: August 16, 2022 – Regular Session. Motion by Jackson; second by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Amend Agenda: None
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. Billy Lafitte is concerned about property values in the neighborhood when mobile homes are placed and wanted to know why it was still on the council agenda after it was not passed at the Zoning meeting. Williams stated 12 residents in her district was against placing a mobile home there. Wayne Turner commented about now that the zoning ordinance has been gutted, what are we going to do.
8. Guests: Cedric Floyd with Data Center LLC provided 2020 US Census impact on the Many Town Election Districts and provided the Council with a sample resolution and agreement for redistricting services.

### Old Business: None

### New Business

1. Condemned Home Certified Letters Mailed to Property Owners:
  - a. W.C. McCraw Heirs Estate C/O Yolanda McCraw – 790 Highland Avenue
  - b. Adrienne C. James – 260 Washington Street
  - c. Monroe & Ida Mae Dunn C/O David Black – 175 Washington Street-said October 3-9 will fix up, return again, and remodel. Mr. Black was present and stated he will fix it up October 3-9 and will return again and remodel.
    1. Send letters to property owners on a. and b. above
    2. Create ordinance for next month's council meeting
2. Trick-or-Treating Date & Times – Halloween, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 3:00-5:00 PM Merchants, 5:00-7:00 PM Neighborhoods. Motion by Perry, second by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Update on Fall Trash Bash-Amie reported that 15 town crew members including the Mayor picked up 83 bags of trash, a couple of tires, and a drive shaft.
4. Reports:
  - a. Budget- Table report. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Payables
  - c. Bank Statements
  - d. Overtime Report
  - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
  - f. Verification of Insurance PaidAll reports (b-f) accepted with motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Chief's Report
  - a. Chief's Recommendation to hire Celeste Rivers as a full-time officer at \$16.00/hour. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Chief's Recommendation to hire Kenneth Wayne O'Con as a full-time officer at \$16.00/hour with a starting date of 9/21/2022. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Chief's Recommendation to appoint Brian Mattison as a Reserved Uniformed Patrol Officer as of 8/22/2022. Motion by Brocato, second by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Chief's Recommendation to change Officer Keith Jones from part-time to full-time status. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
  - e. MPD donated a refrigerator once used to hold biological evidence, but has not been used in several years, to Project Celebration to assist a needy client
6. Sales Tax Report: Mayor Hable reported an Increase of 3.64% over July 2021
7. Tourism Report: Alderwoman Jackson gave report
8. Historical Committee Report: Suzanne reported that she and Bruce Tatum, Depot Museum Manager, attended the Louisiana Association of Museums conference last week in Monroe, LA.
9. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report-Lauren Gentry provided minutes from the last meeting and reviewed events upcoming.
10. Christmas Committee Report: Amie reported and provided meeting minutes.
11. Fire Board Report: None per Mayor Hable.
12. Airport Report: Lee Woods reported that Miles Greer is providing flight lessons.
13. Zoning
  - a. Mason Wiley to place a 2023 model 16x80 mobile home on the vacant lot on the corner of Pace Street and Trace Street; no vote as it died for lack of a motion at Zoning Meeting.
14. Grants: Suzanne provided written report.

15. Street: Supervisor Cecil Jordan reported that Botan Road is completed; a different procedure is necessary for speed bump procedure.
16. Animal Control: Officer Cecil Jordan report 1 dog and 2 cats picked up.
17. Water: Supervisor Josh Darden reported he is getting quotes to get tanks cleaned out; currently in chlorine burn in advance of storage tank work at water plant.
18. Sewer: Supervisor Josh Darden reported they are cleaning up around the sewer plant; some manholes need repaired; Gil from LRWA is coming with camera tomorrow for Trace & Sorrell.
19. Garbage: No report.
20. Remarks from Council Members: Perry, none. Jackson, trash is being thrown out at Hill and Dillon streets; Williams, looking forward to getting skid steer; Brocato reported all 12 book nooks are repaired and have "librarians"; Art Guild is to paint on the doors "take a book, leave a book" on them; asked Council what they thought of building 3 more at no cost to the Town if she can find sponsors for them; she asked for council members to ride her around their districts and if an award could be given to "best looking" business or home; also asked if we are leaving ourselves open for legal action if we allow Gentry to place mobile home in R-1 district but don't allow others to place mobile homes there.

Adjourn at 7:11 p.m. on motion by Jackson; second by Williams, motion passed unanimously.

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Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

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Amie Brown, Clerk