

TOWN OF MANY
Regular Council Meeting, February 20, 2024

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Mayor Robert Hable at 5:00 pm
2. Prayer was given by Councilwoman Bobbie Jackson
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call-PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie Jackson, Councilwomen Cherry Williams and Mary Brocato. ABSENT: Councilwomen Mary Perry and Anita Darwin. ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Amie Brown, Deputy Clerk Lisa King, Police Chief Cheryl Wooley, Airport Manager Miles Greer, Town Operations Manager Jeremy Koss, Grant Writer Suzanne Williams, Town Counsel Chris Sylvia, Ashley Brown, HR Manager.
5. Approve Minutes: January 16, 2024 – Regular Session on motion by Jackson, second by Williams. Motion passed
6. Amend Agenda to add Resolution #4 of 2024 - To adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG grant. Motion to Amend by Jackson, second by Williams. Motion Passed. To be added to New Business #4.
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. None.
8. Guests: Lane and Sara Isgitt, James Wagley. Mr. Wagley thanked the Town of Many for Responsible Server Training and other training sessions related to Sabine Prevention Alliance.

Departments

1. Water: Fixed leak on Highland tank; working the lead and copper survey for LDH; working with Lisa on Neptune and Munibilling to get the consumption report correct.
2. Sewer: Moved building behind city hall to the sewer plant; Corwin to email an update by Friday.
3. Street: Mowed ballparks; building up the parking lot extension where the building used to sit.
4. Animal Control: 4 dogs, 14 cats, and 2 horses were picked up.
5. Airport: Things are picking up with the weather being nice; sold 675 gallons of fuel, LADOTD came out and did their inspection and found a few odds and ends that need to be attended to within 45 days. He has 2 young men that want to learn to fly and make a career out of it. There are 9 planes based in Many.
6. Grants: Suzanne gave a report for 1/16/24 to 2/20/24 with a list of money & grants that were funded for FY 2020-2021 through FY 2023-2024. She also announced the winners of the 2nd Annual SPA Poster Contest winners; reminded the Council about Speaker Johnson's visit on 2/23/24 to see the old Sabine High School.
7. Chief's Report: Report for 1/20/24 through 2/20/24 provided by Chief Wooley.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Vote to Renew Vehicle Physical Damage Insurance with Rod Prejean & Assoc., Inc. - \$30,745.62 (increase of \$3,076.30 from last year) with motion by Williams, second by Brocato. Motion passed.
2. Chief's Recommendation to Hire Patrol Officer Avery Williams at \$15.00/hour with a starting date of February 24, 2024, was approved on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
3. Chief Wooley has picked out the next round of condemned homes to mail out certified letters to for demolition and the letters will be mailed soon – She has picked homes that have been targeted by squatters.
4. Amended item-Resolution # 4 of 2024 to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG grant. Motion by Brocato, second by Williams. Motion passed.

Reports- below accepted on motion by Jackson, second by Brocato. Motion passed.

1. Financial:
 - a. Budget
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid
2. Sales Tax: Mayor Hable reported an increase of 6.98% over January 2023
3. Tourism: Councilwoman Jackson reported; Fishing tournament last month was a success and another big one begins February 22.
4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report: Lauren provided a 2024 schedule; Councilwoman Brocato suggested we remove the June 8 music show until we find out if it is approved by Fair board.
5. Fire Board: Mayor Hable reported the open house should be soon (for addition)
6. Remarks from Council Members: Jackson: Still have creek issue; appreciates what was done with the railings on Ritter St.; Williams: do we have an update on Taco Bell? Mayor Hable said the money is in the bank from the person they sold the land to and they were here 2 weeks ago. Brocato: Jeremy Koss called her this morning about the neon paint and they agreed the 5-way might not be the best place to put it since it is well lit. Koss will look for another place to put it.

Adjourn at 6:03 pm on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk