

**TOWN OF MANY**  
**Regular Council Meeting January 23, 2024**  
**Postponed from 1/16/2024 due to icy weather**

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order by Mayor Hable at 5:00 p.m.
2. Prayer led by Councilwoman Anita Darwin
3. Pledge led by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call-PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie Jackson, Councilwomen Mary Perry, Anita Darwin, and Mary Brocato. ABSENT: Cherry Williams. ALSO PRESENT: Amie Brown, Clerk; Lisa King, Deputy Clerk; Jeremy Koss, Town Operations Manager; Suzanne Williams, Grant Writer; Police Chief Cheryl Wooley; Lauren Thompson, Events and Cultural District Committee; Miles Greer, Airport Manager.
5. Approve Minutes: December 19, 2023 – Regular Session on motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.
6. Amend Agenda: Motion to Amend the Agenda to include 3 items: Resolution #1 of 2024-Authorizing Mayor to sign CWF Grant Application in the amount of \$35,000 to be used for rehabilitation and painting of two elevated and two ground storage tanks; Resolution #2 of 2024-Authorizing Mayor to sign LGAP Grant Application in the amount of \$35,000 to be used for rehabilitation and painting of two elevated and two ground storage tanks; Resolution #3 of 2024-Donation of Dump Truck to Sabine Parish Police Jury. Motion to amend agenda by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion passed.
7. Open for Public Comment relating **to any item on agenda** which requires council vote. NONE
8. Guests: Ken Freeman

**Departments**

1. Water: Began lead and copper inventory survey; going to send out letters to customers.
  2. Sewer: Did a tap at Sabine High School and made repair at Robby Street.
  3. Street: Took Christmas decorations down and replaced with Mardi Gras decorations; flagging street lights; bridge railings on Ritter was done; received 1 gallon of glow-in-the-dark paint; Mrs. Brocato suggested using it at the 5-way intersection.
  4. Animal Control: 3 dogs and 2 cats picked up for the shelter; doing welfare checks on animals during the cold weather. Mrs. Brocato asked about the dogs under the shed at Lou's.
  5. Airport: Slow from the weather but sold about 550 gallons of fuel; inspection on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month at 10:30 am. Bruce came out and did some electrical work; may need some weed-eating done.
  6. Grants: Suzanne provided a written report for January.
  7. Chief's Report- Report for 12/15/23 to 1/23/24 provided by Chief Wooley; also provided a first of the year report.
- Added: Garbage: Bad injector and filter on truck was replaced; route starts now at 5 a.m. instead of 2 a.m.

**Old Business**

1. El Camino Real Update: Ken Freeman said there was about \$3,500 in a bank account at Hancock Whitney Bank. He had been going to Washinton DC to lobby for the 4-laning of the highway. Nothing has been done for the past 4 years; the money is still there. Freeman suggests the council recreate the El Camino Real committee and get it back in practice.

**New Business**

1. Ordinance #1 of 2024 – Amend the personnel policy of the Many Police Dept.-Tabled with a motion by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.  
Amendment: Resolution #1 of 2024 - Authorizing the Mayor to sign CWF grant application in the amount of \$35,000 to be used to rehab and paint 2 elevated tanks and 2 ground storage tanks. Motion to approve by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.  
Amendment: Resolution #2 of 2024 - Authorizing the Mayor to sign LGAP grant application in the amount of \$35,000 to be used to rehab and paint 2 elevated tanks and 2 ground storage tanks. Motion to approve by Brocato, second by Perry. Motion passed.  
Amendment: Resolution #3 of 2024 - Donation of dump truck to Sabine Parish Police Jury approved with motion by Jackson, second by Darwin
2. CDC Annual Membership Dues of \$2,550.00 for 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 approved with motion by Brocato, second by Darwin. Motion passed.
3. Updated pictures on condemned homes from last year's list-Council was provided before and after pictures.

**Reports**

1. Financial:
  - a. Budget – November and December
  - b. Payables
  - c. Bank Statements
  - d. Overtime
  - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
  - f. Verification of Insurance Paid

Motion to accept reports as presented by Darwin, second by Perry. Motion passed.

2. Sales Tax: Increase of 5.46% over December 2022-Mayor Hable stated next report will have December sales and predicts a similar report.
3. Tourism: Jackson reported. Suzanne reported the Commission won first place in the State for their budget category.

4. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report: Lauren provided meeting minutes from 1-9-24 and a schedule of upcoming events. Mrs. Brocato provided information on a June 8<sup>th</sup> Music Festival “Louisiana Summer Fest 2024” being held at the fairgrounds from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. Mixture of music with admission of \$25. Donations will go to the Sabine High Revitalization project. Mrs. Darwin announced the annual autism walk will be on April 13 at the MHS track.
5. Fire Board: Mayor Hable said that Central only spent \$9,000 in helping with the wildfires near Florien; renovations to station should be complete soon. Reminded everyone to thank a volunteer fireman.
6. Remarks from Council Members: Perry- all good. Darwin-Would like to be updated on work orders she calls to request. Mayor Hable told her we just had a meeting on the same subject. Jackson-Mayor Hable told her we don’t have an update rom LaDOTD. She would like to thank the guys for installing bridge at Ritter; requested barrier of some sort on Dillon as there is a big drop off there. Brocato-She and the Mayor met with Toye Taylor in December and was supposed to meet with someone in Rural Development, but the new Governor fired everyone before they could have a meeting.; Asked Lauren to remind her next year in time to invite Billy Nungesser to Mardi Gras paraded with a state float; need to work on a letter to legislature about Highway 6.

Adjourn at 6:27 p.m. on motion by Brocato, second by Jackson. Motion to adjourn passed.

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Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

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Amie Brown, Clerk