TOWN OF MANSURA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 11, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Mansura met on Monday, March 11, 2024, at six o'clock.

The meeting opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Kenneth Pickett, Alderman Bruce Jackson, Glenn McKinley, Roderick Perry, Alderwoman Judy James, and Judy Bazert.

Mr. Thomas David from Pan American Engineers presented the Mayor and Board of Alderman with the engineer's report on FY 24/25 LCDBG Application, Water System Improvements, Love Louisiana Outdoors, Bayou Lacombe and Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements.

Town Attorney Alissa Piazza Tassin addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about Conterra (Broadband) Internet. She has been looking into the franchise fees. She also mentioned an accident that happened with someone going into the ditch.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to go ahead and open up an insurance claim for the accident that the town attorney mentioned.

Meyhan Chenevert addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the Cochon De Lait festival. They are planning a kid zone in the area by the playground. She also asked about getting extra help for the police department, and said the festival will close at 9pm Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Mitzi from Faith House addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman with updates about the Woman's Battered Shelter. She started by saying that there is six thousand dollars in damage from the recent storm. That includes a burst pipe that damaged all the furniture and left two inches of water inside the building. She is not sure what the insurance will cover but is asking the town to wave the building permit fee of \$3,239.52.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to get with the CPA on the budget to see if they will be able to wave the fee.

Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to approve police pay increases. Part time post police officers will now receive \$16.00 an hour, part time non post officers will now receive \$14.00 an hour. Full time post officers will now get \$17.00 an hour. Other raises approved includes a \$2.00 raise for the Police Secretary and full time police officers and a \$5.00 raise for Chief of Police. Those pay raises will start on the next pay period.

Mayor Pickett addressed the Board of Alderman about the rate increase with Louisiana Water Company. Mayor would like the town attorney to send a letter to LAWCO about someone meeting with them about the water quality and to see if they are honoring their franchise fee agreement.

Alderwoman Judy James addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about time sheets and timecards. She asked which workers use timecards and time sheets and asked about an incident with one of the timecards.

Alderwoman Judy James excused herself from the meeting due to feeling ill.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson, and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to approve February bills for payment. Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to accept and adopt Ordinance No: 2-12-24 Fee Schedule.

The financial statement for February was viewed by the town council.

General Fund, Sales 01 & Sales 02 were compared to budget.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/Kayla Bannister, Town Clerk

Mayor Kenneth Picket