TOWN OF MANSURA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 9,2023

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Mansura met in regular session at the Mansura Town Hall on Monday, October 9, 2023, 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 Bazert and Judy James.

State Representative Daryl Deshotel addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman to talk about new broadband project and sports complex for kids.

Mr. Marcus from Pan American Engineers came in place of Mr. Spencer to give Mayor and Board of Alderman the updated engineer's report on Bayou Lacombe, Water System Improvements, and Splash Pad. He added that water lines are due to be finished at the end of October for the Water System Improvements Project and that Splash Pad bids came in higher than expected so engineers will meet with contractors about bids.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution to select a project for the FY 2024/2025 LCDBG Program. (Sewer Treatment Improvements)

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution committing to use local funds to pay for engineering costs related to the FY 2024/ 2025 LCDBG Program.

Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Judy James and unanimously carried to adopt resolution committing to use local funds to pay for administration costs related to the FY 2024/2025 LCDBG Program.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that he would like for the town attorney to reach out to the new management of the apartments on Highway 1 for someone to come out to the town meeting since it's under new management. Town attorney will also look into the situation with the lose dogs in town and reach out to different animal shelters. She will also take a look at the franchise agreement with LAWCO.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that Avoyelles Tourism has two ladies working at the Desfosse House on a program. Mr. Wilbert from Avoyelles Tourism would provide heaters for the workers.

Mansura Police Department will host Halloween Trick-r- Treat on Monday October 30, 2023, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, but has not decided on the location yet.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to purchase candy in the amount of \$500.00 for Halloween.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about invoices for the town saying that the invoices will stay the same and no changes will be made on how bills will be paid.

Adopt minutes of the September 11, 2023, meeting.

Yays: Bruce Jackson, Judy Bazert, Glenn McKinley, and Roderick Perry.

Nays: Judy James

Motion Passed

Approve September bills for payment, except Y Not Stop and Chicken Palace due to not having gas receipts.

Yays: Bruce Jackson, Judy James, Glenn McKinley, and Roderick Perry.

Nays: Judy Bazert

Motion Passed

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

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

Veterans Day Program will be November 11, 2023, at 8am on the Walking Track.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to approve \$150 for Veterans Day Program. Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

s/Kayla Bannister, Town Clerk