

TOWN OF MANSURA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Mansura met in regular session at the Mansura Town Hall on Monday, January 9, 2023, at six o'clock.

The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon Mayor Kenneth Pickett's recommendation a motion was made by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley, and unanimously carried announcing the following appointments:

Town Attorney-Alissa Piazza Tassin

Town Magistrate- Chad Guillot

Official Journal- Weekly News

Auditor- Kolder, Slaven & Company

CPA- Aloysia Ducote

Tax Collector- Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office

Engineering/Consultant Firm- Pan American Engineers, INC

Holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Juneteenth.

Finance Commissioner- Bruce Jackson

Police Commissioner- Glenn McKinley

Public Relations and Grant Commissioner- Judy James

Sewer Commissioner- Roderick Perry

Street & Drainage Commissioner- Judy Bazert

Town Clerk- Kayla Bannister

Street Supervisor- Chris Sampson

Sewer Supervisor- Jerrick Perry

All supervisors from each department are to attend the Town Hall meetings.

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

Nays: Judy Bazert

Motion Passed

Mr. Douglas Burke from Kolder, Slaven, and Company addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman to go over the audit report. The Town finish July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 good financially. Overall the town had a good audit report.

Gwen Burke from Avoyelles COA Program Director addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the Senior Center. Anyone 60 and over can join the Mansura Senior Center. Open Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. lunch served. In need of transportation, call the center at (318)253-9771. The center is also having a strawberry fundraiser and a Mardi Gras event for seniors on February 2, 2023, at 1pm inside the Cochon De Lait Center for the Seniors.

Mitizi from Faith House addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the Old Riviere de Soleil nursing home becoming a Battered Women's Shelter. They will be doing a tour of the building on Thursday, January 12 at 1pm.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried for the town to pledge 50 thousand to help with the purchase of the building.

Florensa Pickett addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the Mansura Youth Camp. The first meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Town Hall. If anyone wants to volunteer and be involved with the camp, please come out to the meeting.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about Kerotest non-compliance tax exemption and for town attorney to resend them a letter.

Sheila Dupas' assistant addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about moving their business from Bunkie to Mansura. They would like to lease out the old Cleco building. Mayor Pickett and the Board of Alderman would like to run an ad to lease out the old Cleco building so she can bid on the building.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that the FY 2021-2022 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) was approved in the amount of \$25,000.00. These funds will be used to replace or install roadway drainage conduits, including excavation of drainage laterals and roadway ditches of drainage structures.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about the Martin Luther King Jr. Program on Monday, January 16, 2023, at the Cochon De Lait Center. A March will start at 8:30a.m. at the Family Dollar to the Cochon De Lait Center. Program will start at 9a.m.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to approve \$150.00 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Program to purchase the cake, drinks, and plaques.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about the Mid-Winter Conference in Baton Rouge February 7-8, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to approve December bills for payment.

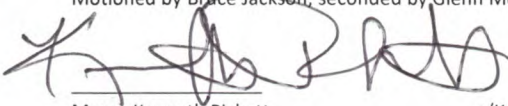
Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about the engineering report with ongoing projects, water system improvements, Bayou Lacombe Project and Louisiana Love Outdoors.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to approve the resolution for the lowest bidder to Rylee Contracting, Inc. for the 2022 water system improvements.

Financial statement for December was viewed by town council.

General fund, Sales 01, and Sales 02 was compared to budget.

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

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Mayor Kenneth Pickett, and the signature on the right is for Kayla Bannister. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Kenneth Pickett

s/Kayla Bannister, Town Clerk

The Town of Mansura wishes to lease out an office business building on 2104 Cleco Street in Mansura \$600 (minimum bid). Bids are due by 3pm February 13, 2023. Six months annual lease. For more information contact Mansura Town Hall at (318) 964-2153.