

TOWN OF MANSURA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Mansura met on Monday, April 8, 2024, at six o'clock.

The meeting opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Roderick Perry

Meyhan Chenevert addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the Cochon De Lait Festival. She would like the town workers to move stages from the back of the Pavilion and put up the festival sign. The Grand Marshalls for the parade will be Avoyelles Charter Basketball team, Marksville High Basketball team, and Pete Jeansonne. On Friday night there will be cooking of the pigs and a band will play. On Saturday two bands will play beginning at 5pm. The festival will close at 9pm both nights.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to add Florensa Pickett, Anthony St.Romain, and Carolyn Carter to the agenda.

Mrs. Florensa Pickett addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the upcoming Mansura Annual Youth Summer Camp in July. The first meeting will be held at the town hall on May 1, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Carolyn Carter addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about flooding on Nothofer Street. The mayor informed Carolyn Carter that he and the street supervisor would go assess the ditches.

Mr. Anthony St. Romain addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman with concerns about the State Representative opening up a recreation park in Bay Hills, and in a more central location like Mansura. Mayor Pickett instructed the town attorney to get in touch with the State Representative about coming to the next council meeting.

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

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to add resolution to agenda for Love Louisiana Outdoors (Splash Pad).

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Judy James and unanimously carried to award resolution for Love Louisiana Outdoors (Splash Pad).

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to award bids to Gibko Nursery & Signs, INC. for Love Louisiana Outdoors (Splash Pad).

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the resolution for Policies and Procedures (CDBG) Louisiana Watershed Initiative (Bayou Lacombe).

Mayor Pickett informed the Town Attorney about sending a letter to Louisiana Water Company about rate increases and to Conterra (Broadband) Internet about franchise fees.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman about the possibility of installing security cameras at all parks and recreation properties. This includes baseball park, basketball court, tennis court, and splash pad.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that the Police Chief should have had a separated motion at last month's town meeting for his increase in pay, which includes a \$5.00 raise.

Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to approve the \$5.00 raise for Chief of Police which took effect on March 11, 2024.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2024, meeting.

The financial statement for March 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 to approve March bills for payment and exempt Chicken Palace due to not having receipts.

Alderwoman Judy James informed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about the National Library Week event held at the Mansura Branch Library on Monday, April 8th at 11am. She also brought up concerns about grass cutting in town.

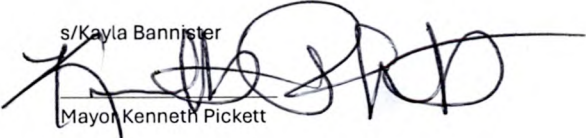
Mayor Pickett addressed the Board of Alderman about the Smoke Shop Grand Opening on Saturday, April 6. He and an alderman attend. He expressed he'd like all alderman to attend all of the town's Grand Openings.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session to discuss legal litigations.

Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to return into the regular meeting.

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

s/Kayla Bannister



Mayor Kenneth Pickett