TOWN OF MANSURA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Mansura met in regular session at the Mansura Town Hall on Monday, November 13, 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, and Alderwoman Judy James.

Absent: Judy Bazert

Spencer Gauthier from Pan American Engineers updated the Mayor and Board of Alderman with the engineers' report on Bayou Lacombe, Water System Improvement Project, and Splash Pad. Engineers will have more information on the Splash Pad bids at the next meeting. Bids came in higher than expected.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy James and unanimously carried to add Mrs. Gwen Burke on the agenda. Gwen Burke from Avoyelles COA addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about two ladies, Mrs. Charlene Brown and Mrs. Sandy Weaver, working at the Mansura Senior Citizen Building on a program.

Mr. Robert Gros, Service Officer for Avoyelles Parish, addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about using the meeting room to help veterans with their claim's benefits. It will be once a month starting in January. Mr. Gros will get with the mayor to verify dates and time when it gets close.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy James and unanimously carried to add Kenny Bordelon to the agenda.

Mr. Kenny Bordelon addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about stepping down as Fire Chief. Mr. Bordelon has been Volunteer Chief for 14 years. Mr. Bruce Jeansonne will be the new Volunteer Fire Chief starting January 1st, 2024.

Motioned by Judy James, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to add Suzanne Maddox Jones to the agenda. Mrs. Suzanne addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman about some concerns in town.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that the Town of Mansura Christmas Parade will be December 2, 2023, at 10:30am.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to purchase candy in the amount of \$400.00 for Christmas Parade.

Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Alderman that the Bernard Street sewer issues has been fixed.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to set a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 5:45p.m. to introduce the Pavilion Rental Ordinance.

Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Bruce Jackson, and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the minutes of the October 9, 2023, meeting.

Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy James and unanimously carried to approve October bills for payment except for Chicken Palace due to not having receipts. Also to make a payment on Chicken Palace and Y N Stop's last month's bill. Town didn't pay due to not having all gas receipts.

Community Health Fair will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the Cochon de Lait Building at 9am.

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

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

Mayor Pickett thanked Alderwoman Judy James for doing a great job with the Veterans Day Program.

Mayor Pickett wished all the council a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Bruce Jackson, and unanimously carried having ro further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Kenneth Pickett

s/Kayla Bannister, Town Clerk