## Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman Regular Monthly Meeting Monday, April 19, 2021

**Public Hearing** was called to order by Mayor Mona Wilson at 6:15 pm. Present were the following council members: Billberry, Dunn, Graham and Moerbe, and Roberts. A quorum was present.

Invocation was led by Graham.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Ordinance 412 – Revoking the Dedication of Portion of Road and an Alley was discussed by Mayor Wilson. She explained to the council and audience this ordinance pertained to the revoking of a portion of a road and an alley that relates to two parties. No motion was made during this time.

**Public Comments** Debbie Heard from DRABO thanked the new mayor for participating in a recent meeting and is looking forward to working with the town.

Regular Monthly Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda** Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Roberts to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Dunn motioned to accept previous minutes from March 15, 2021 and April 01, 2021. Roberts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the March 2021 Financials Discussion was made between the town clerk and council regarding the financials. Councilman Moerbe and Councilwoman Graham asked if the financials could be more explanatory. Councilman Graham provided a previous financial report prepared by the former clerk and asked if it could resemble it going forward. Council asked if the packets can be provided on the Wednesday before the council meeting to provided sufficient viewing time. Council also asked if a report can be provided for the Police Department for transparency. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Billberry to accept March 2021 Financials. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 412 – Revoking the Dedication of Portion of Road and an Alley Mayor Wilson asked if this item can be tabled until the Sibley Agreement has been signed by all parties first. Dunn motioned and Roberts seconded to table. Motion passed.

**CENLA to ULM Switch** Moerbe asked Shelby Kelley to explain the switching of the company. Mr. Kelly explained he was giving the okay by former Mayor Mary Claire Smith. There was discussion about the mileage used to transport the sewer water to ULM in which Mr. Kelley stated he only charges the town from Ruston to Monroe and

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back and nothing more. Council collectively determined Mr. Kelley should continue transporting our sewer samples to ULM. Also discussed was how the town can pass the LDH samples that we continuously fail. Mr. Kelley stated it is two totally different samples whereas he takes sewer samples to ULM it is our drinking water that is failing. He stated he has done everything the engineering company has asked of him and stated the engineering company should be held accountable for the repeated failures. Council asked if the engineering company can be brought back soon before the council to ask questions. Motion was made by Moerbe and seconded by Dunn to retain Mr. Kelley for collecting our sewer water and taking it ULM for observation. Motion carried unanimously.

**Town of Dubach Handbook** Mayor Wilson explained there was additions she would like to add and asked that it be tabled until it can be further revised. Moerbe asked if under "Goals and Objectives" that the addressing of blight and community development be goals listed. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry to table. Motion passed.

Online Water Payments Mayor Wilson stated that she wanted to move the Town into the 21st century by allowing the citizens of Dubach to have a choice in paying water bill payments online as well as tickets and later adding property taxes. She provided the council the costs entailed and stated APS will provide training to all in Town Hall on how to operate and access the online payments. Motion was made by Moerbe and seconded by Billberry to allow the town to engage APS in online water payments and training but only after the town clerk has completed the financials and budget for next month's meeting. Motion carried.

**Grapple Truck** Mayor Wilson provided council with informational printouts on grapple trucks since our grapple truck is disabled. Moerbe asked if future printouts can include more details such as VIN#'s, etc. so that he may research them ahead of time. Mr. Shelby Kelley informed the council that he knows someone who is skilled at examining potential grapple truck buys to ensure a quality purchase and will perform the task for a minimal fee. No motion was made.

**Veteran's Lunch** Mayor Wilson informed the council the town will host its first Veteran's Lunch on Friday May 28. She stated that First Guaranty Bank will provide a monetary donation, a tent, and will assist Town Hall in serving our guests. Mayor also informed the council to stay tuned for more details. No motion was made.

Public Comments Maggie Brown stated she would like to see blight addressed and notified everyone to participate in cleaning up the town from blight.

Mayor Comments Mayor Wilson thanked Ms. Billberry for planting flowers in the flower bed at Town Hall and thanked everyone for coming.

Council Comments Moerbe would like to see council meetings on the water bills and led sign. Graham informed the council and audience that she is still on the board with

| Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful and will need to be renthanked Billberry for planting flowers at Town Hall and the town clean up on May 15. |                             |
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| <b>Adjournment</b> was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry. Motioned carried at 8:06 pm.  |                             |
| Mona Wilson, Mayor  | Charla Thompson, Town Clerk |