

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021**

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

Invocation was led by Billberry.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Ordinance 396-001 (Budget Amendment for FY ending 6/30/2021) and Ordinance 413 (2021-2022 Budget) was discussed by Mayor Wilson. She explained to the council and audience these ordinances have previously advertised and pertain to the amended budget that will end the fiscal year June 30, 2021 and the new budget that will begin July 01, 2021 and will end June 30, 2022. She opened up the floor for public comments regarding the two ordinances. No motion was made during this time.

Public Comments No comments were made.

Regular Monthly Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Additions to Agenda Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Moerbe to add LCDBG Resolution to Advertise Bids as 10a. and Fire Hydrant Repair as 13a. Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda Motioned by Dunn and seconded by Roberts to adopt agenda. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Graham motioned to accept previous minutes from 05/17/2021, 05/21/2021, & 06/01/2021. Roberts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the May 2021 Financials Graham asked about the audit fees paid to Don McGehee. The town clerk informed the council the audit fees were broken down and paid from three funds. Mayor Wilson explained to the council the police budget report in which Moerbe was pleased to have a better understanding of the police financials. Moerbe then asked about the garbage fund and its monthly decrease. Mayor Wilson explained we will be moving an employee from one fund to another to reduce the amounts coming from the fund and explained this is the purpose of the introduction of ordinance 414- trash rate increase. Motion was made by Moerbe and seconded by Dunn to adopt the financials. Motion carried unanimously.

LCDBG Resolution to Advertise Bids Marcelin Joseph from MML&H spoke before the council and audience and explained this resolution was required and needed to be passed by council in order for the Town of Dubach to advertise for bidding on the

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LCDBG sewer project. Jennifer Riser from MMH&L added that after receiving bids from qualified construction companies, they will open the bids at Town Hall. After thorough review, they will present a recommendation of award before the council. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Billberry to pass the LCDBG Resolution to Advertise Bidding. Motion carried.

Ordinance 396-001 (Budget Amendment for FY ending 6/30/2021) Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Roberts to adopt ordinance 396-001. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 413 (2021-2022 Budget) Mayor Wilson informed the council they've had opportunity to review this ordinance in its entirety and asked for a motion to pass. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry to accept ordinance 413. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Ordinance 414 – Trash Rate Increase Mayor Wilson explained this ordinance is in response to the steadily depleting garbage fund. She asked the council for a \$3 increase in garbage fees going from \$5 to \$8. She reminded the council she will be moving one employee from the garbage fund to the water/sewer fund to eliminate the depletion. Moerbe asked about the late fee listed in the ordinance. The town clerk explained to the council it is up to them to add a late fee if they so desire. Councilwoman Billberry expressed her disdain for an increase. No motion was made. Will be voted on July 19.

Fire Hydrant Repair Mayor Wilson expressed to the council hydrant repair is needed at one of the town's oldest fire hydrants at 175 Boulevard St. Water is constantly leaking and is a continuing problem for the residents nearby. She explained Shelby Kelley contacted a viable vendor that will come and repair it for \$1400 within two weeks. Moerbe asked if it will be cheaper to replace the entire hydrant. Marcelin Joseph interjected and stated a new hydrant will cost around \$3500. No motion was made.

Ball Park Councilwoman Graham stated Mrs. Carola will not be in attendance but explained that expertise is needed to move the ball park forward regarding fund raisers, etc. The town clerk stated she will reach out to the attorney to see about the creation of a board. No motion was made.

Dilapidated Homes, Blight, and Abandoned Vehicles Mayor Wilson stated she has had a total of four people to bring in complaint forms along with photos for dilapidated homes, cars, and blight. She stated she has hand-delivered warning letters to comply. She informed the council the initial cost to remove vehicles, blight, etc. will be solely on the town and if we wanted to take on that task. We can assess the costs to the residents on their taxes but it may take a while to re-coup funds. Councilwoman Graham asked that we certify the letters to be certain residents receive the warning notices. No motion was made.

10001 review stated: "I don't know if it's a typo or not, but I think it should be '10001' instead of '10000'." The reviewer also noted that the document contains several errors and suggested that the document be revised.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of North Louisiana Mayor Wilson informed the council she has met with the Dubach School twice regarding the Boys & Girls Club. The club has sent a proposal for the Town of Dubach requesting funding for after-school care for Dubach children in grades 1-5. The school board has agreed that if Dubach had after-school care, they would stop recommending the children of Dubach to the Ruston location for the Boys & Girls Club. Graham asked if we had the children in place to attend the after-school care. The Boys & Girls Club is requesting \$29,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Mayor Wilson asked the council to ponder on the proposal and we'll come back in a few weeks to render a vote. No motion was made.

Public Comments Cedric Floyd from the Data Center presented the council and mayor with a reapportionment and redistricting proposal for service to perform. There he recommended to perform a redistricting plan and asked the council to consider him in due time. Maggie Brown asked if the Sibley agreement has been signed. Mayor Wilson responded no. Traci Whit provided a briefing before the council regarding properties she owns that town hall received a complaint about them being dilapidated. Cleavon Anderson asked if public comments could be after each agenda item listed to ask questions and voice opinions. Greg Rupert asked if anyone has experienced any decrease in water pressure since the February snow storm.

Mayor Comments Informed the council there is a lady who would like to have a food truck. She informed them the lady is looking at different locations that the town owns but no commitment has been made by the town.

Council Comments Moerbe asked if we could reduce the number of special call meetings to save the town money if possible. Graham informed everyone town hall still has surplus computers / printers and if anyone is interested, they may stop by town hall to place a bid. She also stated she wanted to see bright colored stickers on the abandoned vehicles so that they know how soon to remove them.

Adjournment was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry. Motioned carried at 7:47 pm.

Mona Wilson, Mayor

Charla Thompson, Town Clerk