

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

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 Mayor Mona Wilson.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Ordinance 413-003 (2021-2022 General & Water/Sewer Fund Budget Amendment) No comments were made.

Ordinance 428 (2022-2023 FY Budget) No comments were made.

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 Billberry to add 17A. Community Center Rent Increase; 17B. Employee Premium Pay from ARPA Funds; 17C. Ruston Daily Leader as the Official Municipal Journal; 17D. New Ordinances. Motion carried.

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

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Graham motioned to accept previous minutes from 05/16/2022 and 5/31/2022. Roberts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the May 2022 Financials Moerbe asked for an explanation of the varying garbage distribution deposits from the parish. Graham asked for the police financial numbers to descend oppose to ascend. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Moerbe to adopt the May 2022 financials. Motion carried.

Ordinance 413 – 003 (2021-2022 General & Water/Sewer Fund Budget Amendment) Motion was made by Billberry and seconded by Graham to adopt Ordinance 413 – 003 (2021-2022 General & Water/Sewer Fund Budget Amendment). Motion passed.

Ordinance 428 (2022-2023 FY Budget) Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Graham to adopt Ordinance 428 (2022-2023 FY Budget). Motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution 430 (2022 millage rate) Moerbe asked for an explanation of the millage rates and how they are determined. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Roberts to adopt the 2022 millage rate at 6.95 mil. Motion carried.

Adoption of Town Handbook Motion was made by Billberry and seconded by Moerbe to adopt the town handbook. Motion carried.

Ambulatory Services for Town of Dubach Mayor Wilson stated a letter was sent to council explaining the ambulatory services for Dubach. City of Ruston decided to no longer provide ambulatory services

for Dubach. The committee is considering consulting Entergy and Claiborne Electric about implementing a small surcharge on monthly bills to offset the costs for ambulatory services for Dubach. The council agreed with allowing the consultation with Entergy and Claiborne Electric to implement a small surcharge on the monthly bill. No motion was made.

Discussion with an option to vote on Dubach Apartments Water Rates Mayor Wilson explained the rates are already above what residential customers and commercial customers pay and it is her recommendation that the rates remain the same. Council agreed and no motion was made to proceed otherwise.

Discussion with an option to vote on Bulk Water Rates Mayor Wilson explained the rates are set at \$0.05 per gallon. Mayor suggested it be raised to \$.075. Moerbe asked if we can look at surrounding areas and see what their rates are first before the council make a decision to increase rates. No motion was made.

Community Center Rent Increase Discussion was made between mayor and council to raise the community center rates and have the cost higher on the weekends than the weekdays. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Moerbe to set the community center rates at \$125 with a \$75 deposit for the weekdays and \$200 for the weekends with a \$75 deposit. Motion passed. Motion was made by Moerbe and seconded by Roberts to add a cancelation fee of \$50 for the community center. Motion passed.

Employee Premium Pay from ARPA Funds Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Graham to award Public Works \$1000 and \$1500 to office staff / police officer for premium pay when the next ARPA funding is released. Motion carried.

Ruston Daily Leader as the Official Municipal Journal Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Moerbe to approve the Ruston Daily Leader as the Official Municipal Journal beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

New Ordinances Graham asked if we can look into ordinances for the prevention of nudity and sex toys stores in Dubach. No motion was made.

Public Comments Jeremy Anthement asked if the town has rules and regulations for the RV Park. He stated his discontent with how a resident is keeping their belongings while residing and provided the mayor and council pictures as proof.

Mayor Comments Informed the public someone has purchased the pallet mill and will turn it into a saw mill plant which will employ several people. As of now, the coming of a new truck stop is at a stand-still due to seller's asking price. She will keep the council posted.

Council Comments Moerbe asked about information on the installation of the radio-read water meters. Oliver Neal from Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix, and Hixson stated you need to first install the radio-read system which costs \$30,000. He stated the mayor and him are currently working on a grant for that.

Adjournment was made by Billberry and seconded by Roberts. Motioned carried at 7:55 pm.

Mona Wilson, Mayor

Charla Thompson, Town Clerk