

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, July 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, Moerbe, and Roberts. A quorum was present.

**Invocation** was led by Billberry.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was conducted in unison.

**Ordinance 414 – Trash Rate Increase** was discussed by Mayor Wilson. She explained to the council and audience this ordinance proposed a \$3 increase to the garbage fee to prevent the account from going in the red. She opened up the floor for public comments. No motion was made during this time.

**Public Comments** Several from the audience expressed their disliking of the trash rate increase and felt it was not needed.

**Regular Monthly Meeting** began at 6:30 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda** Motioned by Graham and seconded by Billberry to adopt agenda. Motion carried.

**Adoption of the Previous Minutes** Roberts motioned to accept previous minutes from 06/21/2021. Dunn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of the June 2021 Financials** Moerbe asked what was the LCDBG payment for \$6000? The town clerk explained it was for our engineers who completed a portion of the project and received payment. She explained the invoice was in the bills on the table before him. Graham asked why was the APS online banking payment on the financials twice? Mayor Wilson explained it was a duplicate and that APS will reimburse the payment which should reflect on the July financials. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Graham to adopt the financials. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 414 – Trash Rate Increase** Mayor Wilson asked the council if there was any more discussion regarding the trash rate increase. Nothing further was discussed. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry to pass Ordinance 414. Motion carried.

**Town Employee Health Insurance – Chris Norwood** Mr. Norwood stated he was there to present major medical health insurance for town employees under Blue Cross Blue Shield. He informed the council it would be under a community-based rate which is a great rate. He also informed the council they can look at other plans as well besides

BCBS. He provided the council and mayor with cards and stated let him know if they want to proceed.

**Ball Park – Attorney Breedlove** The town attorney stated she created a resolution to assist the town in creating a commission for the ball park. She provided the benefits of having a commission to promote the ball park through promotional ads and fundraisers while supplying activities for the children of Dubach. Mayor Wilson explained to the council that the people they will appoint will have to be committed members who will have the time to plan and organize events. Mrs. Carola Hartley spoke about making it a historical site in which the town could then qualify for grant monies. She asked the council to consider a name so that when she submits the historical site application, it can have a proper name. She suggested keeping the historical name it once had which was the Big 8 Ball Park. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Moerbe to accept Parks Commission Resolution 415. Motion passed unanimously.

**Dilapidated Homes, Blight, and Abandoned Vehicles (Update)** Mayor Wilson informed the council the abandoned vehicles reported and some that had not yet been reported have all been moved. She stated some blight has been rectified. No motion was made.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of North Louisiana** Eldonte Osborne, director of the Boys & Girls Club of North Louisiana, expressed excitement to be in collaboration with the Lincoln Parish School Board and the Dubach School principal. He asked for the town's support in assisting with the start-up costs for one school year in the amount of \$29,640. The school board superintendent stated he will do all he can to continue to keep Dubach school open and thriving. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Dunn to allow the town to pay for the start-up cost for a Boys and Girls Club in Dubach. Motion passed with jubilation.

**LMA Travel** Mayor Wilson explained the town needed to move \$4500 from the general fund to the town's debit card to pay for our hotel stay for the upcoming LMA convention. Motion was made by Billberry and seconded by Dunn to move the monies to the town's debit card. Motion carried.

**ARPA Funds** Mayor Wilson stated she recently mailed letters to all council informing them of ways the funds can be spent and asked for their intake. She stated we can all research more at the LMA convention to see all areas we can utilize the monies. No motion was made.

**Public Comments** Nick Wagner asked about the water violation notices received in the mail. He expressed concerns for the water quality and the long-term health of Dubach citizens when receiving the notices year after year. Former mayor Ruby Dawson expressed concerns as well stating the town has been in violation for years and that the water smells. Attorney Breedlove explained the letters are state required and not to worry due to the low levels on being slightly off from the required numbers from the state.

**Mayor Comments** Informed the council and audience that this October, the town will have to vote on the library tax renewal. She stated it is not a new tax but a renewal and need to pass in order to keep the library open. She also informed everyone that when it didn't pass last election, they had to lay-off several employees and if it doesn't pass this fall, it may shut down.

**Council Comments** Moerbe asked if we know anyone who is interested in being on the ball park committee to please come and talk with us.

**Adjournment** was made by Billberry and seconded by Roberts. Motioned carried at 7:51 pm.

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**Mona Wilson, Mayor**

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**Charla Thompson, Town Clerk**