

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021**

Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mona Wilson at 6:30 pm. Present were the following council members: Billberry, Dunn, Graham, and Moerbe. Roberts was absent. A quorum was present.

Invocation was led by Graham.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

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

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Dunn motioned to accept previous minutes from 07/19/2021 and 07/23/2021. Graham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the July 2021 Financials Graham asked if Karen, Marcus, Channing, and Billy are all being paid from the water sewer fund and if so, will it affect the budget. The town clerk responded yes. The latter two individuals have been moved to that fund as of July 2021. Regarding the budget, the CPA stated right now we are still in compliance with the payroll expenses portion of the budget but will need to amend it before the year is complete to remain in compliance. Graham asked if employees are paid bi-weekly and the town clerk responded yes. Graham asked if monies were left on the town debit card from our LMA trip. The town clerk informed Graham there are monies remaining but will be placed back into the general fund minus the travel expenses turned in by the council members who were in attendance at LMA. Motion was made by Graham and seconded by Moerbe to adopt the financials. Motion carried.

Don McGehee, CPA Engagement Letter Mayor Wilson explained to the council this letter is needed for Don McGehee to proceed with our yearly audit. With approval it will be submitted to the legislative auditors. Graham asked about the costs involved. Mayor Wilson stated the audit will not exceed \$14,000. Moerbe asked if we can do a competitive bid for an auditor going forward for anything over \$10K. Motion was made by Moerbe and seconded by Dunn to engage Don McGehee to perform the town's 2021 audit. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds Mayor Wilson asked the council if there is anything the council would like to use the funds for. She informed the council we recently were awarded the CWF grant for over \$16K for water improvements. Caleb from the Ruston Daily asked if we can use it for the purchasing of a grapple truck and Mayor Wilson replied not that she is aware of at this point. She stated we have until October to come up with a plan on how the town will use the funding. Graham asked that we reach out to the gentleman from LMA at no charge for finding us a grapple truck to use from another municipality.

Billberry asked if we can use the funds to update our Dubach sign with a Welcome to Dubach sign.

Ball Park Update Graham stated she ran into a gentleman that can assist with answering of the questions given by Carola Hartley. She mentioned the five people from the sign in sheet that can serve on the ballpark committee. She asked if we can vote them in now. Mayor Wilson stated we will be having a special call meeting soon and we can vote them in at that time. She asked that everyone come and retrieve the resolution, carefully read it, and will be committed members.

Parks and Recreation Grant Mayor Wilson stated we will be applying for a grant up to \$125K. She stated she will like for us to enhance the park by the Dubach Pond with new playground equipment and repair the amphitheater. The town clerk stated that Thomas Magee said it would not be beneficial to use this grant for the purchasing of lights for the ballpark due to the expensiveness of the lights. Moerbe asked if we can use it for a parking lot by the baseball park and maybe putting a basketball goal there. Billberry would like to use it for updating the birding trail. No motion was made.

Public Comments Maggie Brown updated the council that she is in the market to sale her home. Due to the neighbors with several dogs and the stench coming from them, it is hard to sell her home. She asked if there is an ordinance in place preventing homeowners from having too many dogs. Mayor Wilson informed her she is not aware of an ordinance preventing the number of dogs but more so along the lines of prohibiting loose dogs.

Mayor Comments She stated the LMA meeting was eventful and a success. She thanked Moerbe for providing her with his notes.

Council Comments Moerbe asked what are our ordinances for animals. The town clerk stated there are two ordinances on the books for animals. Moerbe informed everyone there were many vendors speaking about loans that municipalities can utilize. He stated he is usually not for taking out loans but at the low interest rates for the purchasing of a grapple truck should be considered. He asked Mayor Wilson about the status of the repairing of our flag pole. She stated she will reach back out to the one company that has a large enough truck to repair it. Moerbe asked if we can expand the perimeters of Dubach through zoning to increase businesses and what services can we provide if expanded. Graham asked for the town to be careful about accepting building donations to prevent the town from encountering unknown and excessive expenses from such donations.

Adjournment was made by Billberry and seconded by Moerbe. Motioned carried at 7:24 pm.

Mona Wilson, Mayor

Charla Thompson, Town Clerk