Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman Regular Monthly Meeting Monday, September 20, 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, Moerbe and Roberts. A quorum was present.

Invocation was led by Graham.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Addition to Agenda Mayor Mona Wilson stated the LCDBG Sewer Grant Bid Award needed to be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Roberts to add item as 5A. Motion passed.

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

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Billberry motioned to accept previous minutes from 08/16/2021 and 08/27/2021. Roberts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

LCDBG 2020 Sewer Grant Bid Award Oliver Neal stated the bids came in over the allotted budget but that Don Barron came in as the lowest bidder and should be awarded the project contingent on the passing of the change order which will reduce some of the project's rehab work. Graham asked for an explanation of the rehab work. Neal stated the extensive cleaning of all older pipes may be reduced to fit the project's budget. Graham motioned to award the project to Don Barron and Roberts seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Riser asked if the town can approve the change order to the reduced project amount. A separate motion was made by Graham and seconded by Roberts to accept the change order being reduced from \$668,425.00 to \$613.013.00. Motioned passed unanimously. Riser also provided the town an update regarding the town's water tanks and how to reduce the amount of violation letters the state requires the town to mail out for improper TTHM levels. She stated an engineer checked the water tanks and determined the water levels are too low and suggested we raise them higher for better results. The engineer forwarded the suggestions to Shelby via email and phone conversations.

Adoption of the August 2021 Financials Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Dunn to adopt the August 2021 financials. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds Mayor Wilson informed the council the funds have been received and a separate account was created specifically for those funds for accountability purposes. She stated our first report was also due by October 31, 2021. Mayor Wilson again informed the council it is her desire to provide premium pay to employees in the amount of \$2500 for those who worked during the pandemic to show her appreciation. She

energe of the income of the experience of fidelity and sidelity and the experience of the experience o

angeren (il. et i se l'armenante la confidence

myths of the spirith we completel 5 by a people

Augusten og ørgen sak kroppe føgen i Menter e med fra 1.01960 i fans og den 1.019 meller. ogene for kolona av mette fra eggenera frikere og nede holde by franklike mette eller og ning. De nothere aug fære og NA Medler og melle

en la company de la company de

The supplied to the class of the parties with interval and the parties. The parties of the parties of the composition of the co

A CONTROL OF THE STANDARD CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE STANDARD CONTROL OF T

asked the council for their thoughts. Moerbe stated it seemed like a pretty big gift to him and wasn't sure if \$20,000 should be provided but was in favor of providing a smaller amount. Graham stated she felt the same way. She asked the mayor what else did she allocate monies for. Mayor Wilson stated she think she can allocate about \$123K for revenue losses. Graham stated some towns are using their monies for generators and our town doesn't have one but needed one. She stated the garbage men should get paid more than the town hall workers and police because they worked outside more with the public picking up trash. Dunn stated she is in agreement with the premium pay and if \$2500 was too much then provide a number. Billberry stated she felt a bonus should be given but not all for the same amount. She stated we need some in reserve. Graham suggested the town give the outside workers \$1500 and the inside workers \$1000. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Billberry to allow \$1500 to be given to the garbage men and \$1000 to be given to town hall workers and police. Motion passed unanimously. Roberts asked if the council will receive monthly statements regarding the ARPA funds in which the clerk replied yes. Graham stated maybe we can look into a reasonable PA system so everyone can hear us at the council meetings.

Dilapidated Homes, Blight, and Abandoned Vehicles (Update) Mayor Wilson stated we have had some problems in the past few weeks but have sent out letters and some are currently being resolved. She asked the council if they notice any blight to please notify her immediately so she may notify the residents. Moerbe asked if we can use some of the ARPA funds to repair our town flag. Mayor Wilson stated she is not certain and has spoken with the company that could repair it. The company is currently working in south Louisiana following the hurricanes.

Public Comments T.J. Cranford from the Lincoln Parish Police Jury asked what exactly does the town need regarding the flag. Moerbe informed him we need a 100 ft broom truck to repair it. Mayor Wilson stated the wire is wrapped around the ball at the top of the flagpole. Mr. Cranford stated he will get with the parish fire chief to see if they can be of some assistance using their fire truck ladder. Maggie Brown stated she noticed some change at the Wynn St. apartments but more work needed to be done. Mayor Wilson stated she has noticed changes and has pictures. She stated the owners want the town to tear down there building but the town can not afford it due to the asbestos siding. Maggie Brown mentioned a fundraiser using bricks for a ball park project.

Mayor Comments Informed the council she approved the garbage men to pick up trash during the Chicken Festival.

Council Comments Graham asked about the recent CWEF grant the town was awarded for water/sewer improvements Shelby Kelley requested. She asked if the water/sewer fund will pay for the balance that was not awarded. Mayor Wilson stated she will get with him to see the exact amount needed for repairs. Moerbe asked if the town needed to prioritize his list of recommendations and maybe apply for another grant to pay for the difference. Moerbe asked if he can set up an appointment with Shelby Kelley to visit the town's water sites and see exactly what he does. He would also like to

The content of the co

And the second of the second o

provided that a consideration of the self-control of the self-cont

ter year Torengady block of the cosmolorum parayet the parayet the parady in the Dollar to the Common terms. Some parayet of the Alexand

The first transfer of the contract of the contract product of the contract of

see a succession plan in the event Shelby Kelley resigns or passes away. Graham asked about monies the town's LED sign brings in and how we can generate more. Moerbe asked if we can place an "Advertise Here" ad on the sign. Moerbe also asked T.J. Cranford for an update on expansion of our town lines and utilities to bring in new businesses.