

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024**

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

Invocation was led by Graham.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Adoption of Agenda Mayor Wilson added 8A for an executive session and 9A for R.L. Branch. Billberry made a motion to adopt the agenda. Graham seconded.

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Roberts made a motion to adopt the previous minutes. Billberry seconded. Motion passed. Graham inquired about whether the town has received the solid waste funds from the parish. The clerk informed her that the town received two payments for the month of March and the payments will be reflected in next month's financials. Dunn made a motion to adopt February 2024 financials. Roberts seconded

Adoption of the January 2024 Financials Graham inquired about whether the town has received the solid waste funds from the parish. The clerk informed her that the town received two payments for the month of March and the payments will be reflected in next month's financials. Dunn made a motion to adopt February 2024 financials. Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes Changes Mayor Wilson told the council and the public that we will be changing the agenda to align with the state requirements. She stated that the public will be allowed to comment on any matter that requires a vote before the vote is made.

Resolution to Award the Park Project Mayor told the council that James L. Davis Construction was awarded the project. She stated that if all the money is not used, the rest can be used for other park related upgrades. The grant the town received is \$125,000 and James Davis Construction placed a bid for \$78,000. A motion was made by Billberry to award the bid the James Davis Construction and seconded by Roberts.

Discuss Ballpark with Trip Thompson informed the public that he is the chairman for the ballpark committee. He told everyone that they are interested in creating a path to the park from the ballpark. He stated that this will be no liability to the town. Graham suggested having the land resurveyed to be sure that the town does not use anyone else's land. She also suggested the path being large enough for emergency vehicles.

Discuss and Vote on hiring new officer Chief Dufour wants to rehire Russell Croxton. Dufour stated that Croxton has 17 years of experience and will be able to start on April

12. He told the council that Croxton will work the same shifts the previous officer worked, plus every other weekend. Dufour is asking to pay \$14 hourly and will have work meetings with Croxton 5 days a week. Graham made a motion to rehire Russell Croxton. Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Vote on Mayor's full-time position Graham stated that if the mayor is granted the full-time position, every meeting will be included in her salary increase. Mayor told the council and the public that she will commit to 7 hours daily or 35 hours a week. Graham made a motion to make the mayor's position full-time. Billberry seconded. Motion passed with 5 years and 0 nays.

Easter Egg Drop Mayor told everyone that the Easter Egg Drop will be on March 23rd at 11 am on Main Street.

Love the Boot Everyone was reminded of the Love the Boot trash pickup day on April 20th at 10 am.

Council Comments Roberts inquired about the status of resolving the water issue on Graham St. Mayor said that she has written to the parish three times and she was told that she will be put on the list, but has not heard back yet. She stated that she has a meeting on March 19th and will try to have answers for the next meeting.

Adjournment was made by Billberry and seconded by Roberts. Motioned carried at 7:35 pm.

Mona Wilson, Mayor

Shekenna Nathan, Town Clerk