

**Minutes of the Town of Dubach Board of Alderman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 15, 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 Billberry.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in unison.

Adoption of Agenda Mayor Wilson added 10A to discuss and vote on the playground

Adoption of the Previous Minutes Roberts made a motion to adopt the previous minutes. Dunn seconded. Motion passed.

Adoption of the March 2024 Financials Graham inquired about whether the ARPA balance shown was the correct amount after paying an invoice from Shelby Kelley. The clerk told her that the balance was correct. Graham made a motion to adopt the March 2024 financials. Billberry seconded.

Trash Receptacles Grant Mayor Wilson told the council and the public that she applied for this grant last year and did not receive it, but was recently contacted to see if the town was still interested. The grant is in the amount of \$10,000 and will fund 10 receptacles. She stated that the receptacles will be placed in the playground and ballpark area.

Love the Boot 4/20/2024 the trash clean up will be held on 4/20 at 10 in the morning. Mayor told everyone that supplies will be provided. Everyone is allowed to pick the street they want to work on, but are asked to return the trash bags to Town Hall for pictures. She stated that refreshments will be provided. On Friday afternoon, Mayor Wilson be at Dubach School with the Boys and Girls Club to clean up on Enloe Street and they will be given activity books upon completion.

Ballpark Committee Report Mayor Wilson updated everyone on the progress of the ballpark. She stated that the committee is waiting to get the tin put over the stand, but the group who agreed to the project has not been able to complete the job due to the weather. She informed everyone that the electrical work is completed and only needs Entergy to connect service once the inspection is done. The trail has been cut and is about 100 yards from right field.

Discuss and Vote on the playground The Mayor present the council with a rough diagram of what the park will look like. She stated that we have an estimate of \$78,000 from the construction company and \$109,000 to spend. She said she has had multiple meetings with the contractor and engineer to come up with ideas. There are plans to build a new pavilion and remodel the one that is currently there. There will also be an

infant/toddler play area, as well as, other new equipment. The boat ramp that will be installed will be 50 feet out of the water. There are plans to put concrete under each pavilion so that they can be rented out for events. There will be a walk around that is 440 feet. Mayor stated that we are currently \$5,000 over budget and there are the options to take items off the list or pay the balance out of the ARPA fund. Signs will be placed at the park that will list the park rules. Mayor said that the signs are less than \$100 each. Graham made a motion to pay the \$5,000 balance out of the ARPA fund. Roberts seconded. Motion passed with 5 yeas.

Mike Smith update Smith has hired Joseph Anderson to relevel the trailers. He has met with Entergy to retrieve permits to go forward with putting electricity there. Water and sewer lines are present. She said that once the energy is done at the property, they will begin renovations.

Public Comments a resident asked when will the roads be fixed on Hico St. Mayor informed them that she is currently waiting on a response from the state. They also inquired about the water use at the cemetery and whether it can be used to clean. The public inquired about multiple properties flooding during the rain and whether there are any grants that will help resolve the issue. Mayor Wilson ensured everyone that she will look for grants that can be utilized to repair the town's water drainage issue.

Council Comments Roberts inquired about the status of resolving the water issue on Graham St. She stated that her back yard continues to flood due to the rain and poor drains. Graham informed Mayor Wilson that her yard continues to flood as well as the clerks yard. She stated that much of her property washes away due to the water sitting in one spot for several days. Mayor Wilson stated she is willing to come up with a plan along with anyone who wants to join to resolve this issue

Adjournment was made by Billberry and seconded by Roberts. Motioned carried at 7:30 pm.

Mona Wilson, Mayor

Shekenna Nathan, Town Clerk