

VILLAGE OF HOSSTON

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VILLAGE OF HOSSTON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston met in regular session Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Village Hall, Hosston, LA.

Present: Mayor Kim Jaynes, Alderman Misti Banks, Alderman Henry Blunt, Alderman Tiffany Payton, Town Clerk Amanda Anglin, Chief of Police Ramona Anders.

Absent: None

Also Present: Sue Eubanks, Winifred Morant, Lydia Stewart, Brenda Green, Milton & Brenda Morgan, Karen McInnis, LeeAnne Blunt.

Mayor Jaynes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at which time a quorum was verified. Opening prayer was led by Alderman Banks and all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Banks made a motion to approve amending the agenda to include approval of the July 15, 2021 special meeting minutes, second made by Alderman Payton. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries. A public hearing was opened concerning the amendment. No public comments were given.

The next item on the agenda was public comments on agenda items. The purchase of a utility trailer by the previous administration was questioned. The trailer is not currently in the possession of town hall and the OMV does not have record of a trailer registered to the Village of Hosston.

Jimmy Silvio was recognized to give an update on the travel plaza. The traffic study and core samples have been done. Construction should begin within six months. The 6.5 acre plaza will be built even if Hosston does not pass alcohol sales, but Hosston will benefit from the tax proceeds if the sales propositions are passed. There will be no on-site consumption of alcohol, only packaged liquor sales.

Chief Anders requested residents report any littering.

Mayor Jaynes said two truckloads of trash were picked up August 7th from Odom Road to Hwy 71. The CWF and LGAP grant applications were approved. The FY 22-23 LCDGB has been applied for to repair more of the old water lines. Hosston is also looking at applying for water sector and parks and recreations grants. Hosston will be receiving funds from the American Rescue Plan Function as well.

Alderman Banks made a motion to approve the July 15, 2021 special session minutes, with the correction of the adjournment being 8:30 p.m., and the July 20, 2021 regular session minutes, seconded by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve the financial statements from July 2021, second provided by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Mayor Jaynes told the Board that the audit report showed \$11,442.00 has been received in water customer meter deposits. This money needs to be in a dedicated bank account for better accounting purposes. Mayor Jaynes asked the Board about opening a meter deposit account at Citizens Bank & Trust. Alderman Banks made a motion to open a meter deposit account at Citizens Bank & Trust with Kim Jaynes, Amanda Anglin, and Misti Banks listed as signers on the account. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Mayor Jaynes made a recommendation to amend the following budget items:

Insurance Premium Tax Revenue from \$59,000 to \$61,500.

Interest Income from \$400 to \$5,800.

Police Dept Telephone from \$480 to \$1,050.

Travel & Conferences from \$2,000 to \$3,500.

Alderman Blunt made a motion to amend those four budget items, seconded by Alderman Payton. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Alderman Payton made a motion to purchase a utility trailer suitable for hauling the lawn mower/tractor, seconded by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Alderman Blunt made a motion to table the matter of reimbursing Chief Anders for medical expenses until more information had been received. No second given, motion died on the floor. Chief Anders told the Board that all LWCC had covered from her fall during the February snow while directing traffic was her physical therapy, which had not helped the condition of her back. Since her claim was closed, she has received an injection in her back which cost her \$800 out of pocket. At this time, Chief Anders does not know if more treatment will be required or not, so the full amount of reimbursement is not known. The LWCC coverage not being in effect is still in question. Mayor Jaynes suggested she, Mr. Dominick, and Chief Anders meet with the insurance agent to discuss the codes used for LWCC. Alderman Blunt made a motion to table the matter, seconded by Alderman Banks. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

The audit also showed that the due to the general fund and water dept fund being combined into one account in 2019, the general fund owes the water dept \$113,581. This amount does not have to be transferred all at once, but an effort needs to be made to pay it back. Mayor Jaynes offered the suggestion given by the auditors that monthly payments of \$4,732.54 be made to the water department for 24 months. Alderman Blunt made a motion that \$4,732.54 be transferred from the general account to the water dept account each month, as funds are available, for 24 months to pay off the obligation. Motion seconded by Alderman Banks. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

There were no other public comments.

Alderman Payton made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk

Kim Jaynes, Mayor