

VILLAGE OF HOSSTON

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VILLAGE OF HOSSTON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2021

The regular council meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston was held at the Hosston Village Hall on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. being the duly designated place and time of said meeting. The following individuals were present to wit: Mayor Kim Jaynes, Alderwoman Misti Banks, Alderwoman Tiffany Payton, Attorney Doug Dominick, Town Clerk Amanda Anglin. Absent: Alderman Henry Blunt, Chief of Police Ramona Anders.

Mayor Jaynes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., at which time a quorum was verified. Opening prayer was led by Alderwoman Banks and all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance No. 3 of 2021, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Mayor Jaynes asked to amend the agenda to change the title of Ordinance No. 4 of 2021 from AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING HOSSTON WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS INSTALL WATER SHUT-OFF VALVES to AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON WATER SYSTEM. Alderwoman Banks made a motion to approve amending the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Payton. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next item on the agenda was public comments. There was some discussion.

Mayor Jaynes told the Board the water grant project is complete. As soon as we receive the checks for the new grant account, the final invoices will be paid. The new water account has been opened at First Guaranty. Town inventory has been completed to the best of our ability. The town website will be published soon. The town Facebook page will be created soon. The details of the Travel Plaza are still in the works. Mr. Silvio will not agree to annexing the property into Hosston unless alcohol can be sold. Liquor sales and sales tax must be implemented in Hosston before moving forward with the project. The water lines for the travel plaza will cost \$72,400.00. The security cameras at town hall, police department and the library are all operational again. We have started the process to host a monthly food distribution.

After reviewing the January 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes, the January 12, 2021 special called meeting minutes, and the January 25, 2021 special called meeting minutes, Alderwoman Payton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Banks. Motion carried with ayes.

Alderwoman Banks made a motion to approve the financial statements from December 2020 and January 2020, seconded by Alderwoman Payton. Motion carried with ayes.

Alderwoman Payton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3 of 2021, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. Alderwoman Banks seconded the motion. Motion carried with ayes.

Mayor Jaynes told the Board that Hosston paid almost \$9,500.00 last year for street lights. A lot of those lights are security lights that are in residents' yards and are not the responsibility of the town. There was discussion about having the billing changed to the residents or having the lights disconnected if the homeowners do not want to pay for it. Alderwoman Banks made a motion to table the matter until we get more information, such as a list showing which lights are actual street lights. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Payton. Motion carried with ayes.

After the leaks caused by the extreme winter weather in February, Mayor Jaynes had expressed a need for water customers to have their own shut-off valves installed so they can turn their water off when a leak occurs. The shut-off valves on the water meters are property of the water system and are not supposed to be accessed by the customer. In researching this matter, Mayor Jaynes realized there are no policies on record for the water system. She presented the Board with Ordinance No. 4 of 2021, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON WATER SYSTEM. Alderwoman Payton made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 4 of 2021, seconded by Alderwoman Banks. Motion carried with ayes.

Town Attorney, Doug Dominick, told the Board he had been researching the process to establish liquor sales within the municipal limits of Hosston. A petition will be required to get the matter put on the ballot. A sales tax proposition will also need to be voted on at the same election. These matters will need to be addressed before the travel plaza plans proceed.

After some discussion on the street lights, water valves, and the travel plaza, Alderwoman Payton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Banks. Motion carried with ayes.

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk

Kim Jaynes, Mayor