

VILLAGE OF HOSSTON

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VILLAGE OF HOSSTON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston met in regular session Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Village Hall, Hosston, LA.

Present: Mayor Kim Jaynes, Alderman Misti Banks, Alderman Henry Blunt, Alderman Larry Pappan, Police Chief Ramona Anders, Town Clerk Amanda Anglin

Absent: None

Also Present: LeeAnne Blunt, Bricen Prentice, Vickie Case

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 the agenda, second by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

CPA Vickie Case with Cook & Morehart reported on the 2022 audit review. Financials look good with an increase in revenue after expenditures, however we had one finding due to the 2022 budget not meeting the 5% variance.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Chief Anders reported that the new PD sign has been installed. Please remember if you have an emergency, call 911.

Mayor Jaynes reminded everyone about the free community wide luncheon every third Wednesday at noon at The Old Church House. She is pleased that the new trash receptacles are being used, but they are not meant to be used for full bags of household trash. Numerous residents are having trouble with wild hogs on their property, so we are trying to find help for that. The new water lines for the truck stop have been installed. September 23rd Hosston will be included in a Heritage Harvest Tour. Town hall will be having a scarecrow decorating contest as part of the tour. We hope for a good turnout.

Alderman Blunt made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023, regular session meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Pappan. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Alderman Banks made a motion to approve the June 2023 financial statements, second by Alderman Blunt. Alderman Pappan abstained. Motion carried.

Alderman Pappan made a motion to declare an old non-working window air conditioner from the pump station as surplus so it can be disposed of, second by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Jaynes made a recommendation to change our current reconnect fee to a nonpayment fee like Vivian charges to get customers to pay on time. This would mean amending our current ordinance regarding water services. Alderman Banks made a motion to introduce amending ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2021 TITLED AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON WATER SYSTEM, second by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. A public hearing will be held August 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jaynes reminded the Board that last month Chief Anders requested approval to purchase a sign for the Police Department, but they did not decide where the money would come from. After some discussion, Alderman Pappan made a motion to use funds budgeted for PD insurance that have not been spent because the general fund pays all insurance, second by Alderman Blunt. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Jaynes presented a quote for new security cameras she had received from Sound Minds, L.L.C. She would like to pursue updating the cameras at town hall, the police department, and the library because they are of bad quality. Alderman Pappan made a motion to receive bids on replacing the current camera system, second by Alderman Banks. All in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Public comments were called for. There were none.

Alderman Blunt made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Alderman Pappan. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk

Kim Jaynes, Mayor