

The Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Jackson met in regular session on January 14, 2019 at the Fire Station. Present were Mayor Charles E. Coleman and Board of Trustee members James Foreman, Mike Harrell, Don Havard, Rafe Stewart and Jim Parker. Several visitors were also in attendance.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order and presented the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/PREVIOUS MEETING

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 1 Budget vs Actual Report/Stewart
- 2 Budget vs Actual Report/Nov. 13, Dec 10, 2018/Stewart
- 3 Payment of Bills

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Jim Odom/Pelican
- 2 Compliance Questionnaire/Gilmore
- 3 Document Authorization OCD-DRU/Gilmore
- 4 Insurance Renewal/Gilmore

MAINTENANCE REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

The Following were added to New Business..

- 1 Dale Langlois/wild dogs, cats and ditch overgrowth
- 2 Jonathan Lovell/Candidate for State Representative
- 3 Jim Mansfield/Trash and litter

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Foreman to add Mr. Langlois, Lovell and Mansfield to the agenda.

Passed unanimously.

Mayor Coleman presented the minutes from the previous regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Harrell, seconded by Mr. Havard to accept the minutes as read.

Passed unanimously..

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the Nov 13th and Dec 10th 2018 Budget vs Actual report and also the January 14, 2019 report.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Harrell to pay bills presented.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve a sign to be placed on Mr. Jim Odom's Plaza building located on Highway 10.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Foreman, seconded by Mr. Havard to approve the completed compliance questionnaire mandated by the Town of Jackson CPA firm Postlewaithe and Netterville.

Passed unanimously.

Tiger Paw Grill asked the Board for a permit to open a business at the Plaza on Highway 10 to sell package liquor, beer, daiquiris and short order food and also to serve on the premises.

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Havard to have the Town attorney look into the laws concerning the matter and if all laws are satisfied to grant the permit to the business.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Harrell, seconded by Mr. Parker to give Mrs. Gilmore and Mayor Coleman authorization to sign any and all documents concerning the OCD-DRU grant.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Foreman, seconded by Mr. Parker to pay the liability insurance invoice of \$75,136.01 to the Louisiana Municipal Association.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Dale Linglois addressed the Board concerning a problem of dogs and cats running loose and also a problem with a ditch that is overgrown near his property.

Mayor Coleman will look at the ditch and make talk with DCI and possibly have a crew help in clean up of the ditch and overgrowth.

Mr. Jim Mansfield voiced his concerns about litter being strewn on the side streets and asks if the Town could help in keeping the streets and ditches clean.

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Harrell to accept the (INCREASING WATER RATES AND GAS RATES ORDINANCE)

At this time Mr. Forman introduced a substitute motion to accept the ordinance as presented but with a change to be made under WATER RATES: Number V.

Mayor Coleman asked for a second and none was forthcoming. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Coleman asked for the bids to be presented on a culvert to be replaced on Market Street.

NORTH SHORE CONCRETE	\$16,800.00
DESIGN PRECAST	\$22,840.32
CAPITOL CONCRETE PRODS INC.	\$19,447.00

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Harrell to accept the bid from North Shore Concrete in the amount of \$16,800.00 to be paid out of the Street and Sidewalk Fund.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart brought ORDINANCE INCREASING TOWN OF JACKSON NATURAL GAS, WATER RATE FEES to the floor.

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Harrell to accept the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES AND GAS RATES

WHEREAS, the current water and gas rate structure does not ensure the Town of Jackson's Water System and Gas System is covering the cost of production and service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees are required not to donate public services as prevented by the Louisiana Constitution;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Town of Jackson and the Mayor hereby adopted this ordinance increasing the Water Rates and Gas /Rates of the Town of Jackson as follows:

1. Definitions:

- a. Residential Customers shall be defined as all non commercial customers living or residing in a single family or multifamily unit.
- b. Commercial Customers shall be defined as all non residential customers; one in the business of providing services or supplies to another and charging for their services.

GAS RATES:

II. The Commercial Customer flat rate shall increase from \$12.00 to \$18.00. Thereafter the total transportation cost shall be added monthly as well as an additional \$15.00 per thousand cubic feet for consumption.

III. The Residential Customer flat rate shall not change at this time. The total transportation cost for Residential Customers shall be added to the current flat rate as per consumption.

WATER RATES:

IV. The Commercial Customer flat rate shall increase to \$20.00 reflecting up to 2000 gallons. Above 2000 gallons the rate shall increase to \$5.50 per thousand gallons thereafter.

V. The Residential Customer flat rate shall increase to \$13.00 reflecting up to 2000 gallons. Above 2000 gallons the rate shall increase to \$4.50 per thousand gallons thereafter.

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE:

VI. The gas rates and water rates will be monitored not less than every six months and adjusted as needed to prevent any deficit.

Upon call for vote the vote was submitted as follows:

YEAS: HARRELL, HAVARD, PARKER

NAYS: FOREMAN

ABSTAINED: STEWART

The motion passed.

Mayor Coleman opened the bids for a new culvert to be installed on Market Street.

NORTHSHORE CONCRETE	\$16,800.00
DESIGN PRECAST	\$ 22,840.32
CAPITOL CONCRETE	\$19,447.00

Motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Harrell to accept the bid from NorthShore Concrete in the amount of \$16,800.00 to be paid out of the Street and Sidewalk Fund.

Passed unanimously.

Mayor Coleman advised Mr. Macdiamid of the Jackson Historical District that he had talked with Mr. Daryl Adams about a shed permit on his property on Bank Street which has expired. He said he would contact Mr. Adams again about the matter.

Mayor Coleman explained that a sewer problem in the back of Ville Real Subdivision is actually originating from sewer on Dixon Correctional Property.

Motion by Mr. Harrell, seconded by Mr. Parker to have the head gasket replaced on the 2008 Dodge maintenance truck.

Passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Mark Dousay gave his department's monthly stats and an overview of his departments response.

The Mayor and Board agreed to meet with Attorney Andy D'Aquila and MunCode on January 28th at 2:00 p.m. to approve ordinances compiled for digital permanent record.

Motion by Mr. Foreman, seconded by Mr. Harrell to adjourn.

All in favor.

HOLLI E. GILMORE/SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHARLES E. COLEMAN/MAYOR

