

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 5, 2024
TOWN OF JACKSON

The monthly regular public meeting was held on JANUARY 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department located at 1631 Charter Street, Jackson, LA 70748. All motions passed unanimously unless stated otherwise. No public comment was made unless stated otherwise.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Norsworthy and the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Annissa Woodard, All present except Honorable Trustee, David Guillory.

Prayer and Pledge lead by Don Havard.

Approval of agenda / additions or deletions.

Approval of the agenda as is by Mike Harrell and seconded by William Free, motion passed.

Approval of minutes from December meeting, moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by William Free, motion passed.

Approval of Bills. Rafe Stewart told the board he reviewed bills and everything “looks ok” and requested the department heads and the board to remain prudent with the town's funds. Moved by Rafe Stewart to pay the Town's bills, seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried.

Budget versus actual. No documents. No action taken.

Old Business- none

New Business:

1. Fire Department Ceiling. William Free moved to accept the lowest bidder of the bids submitted to replace the ceiling in the Fire Department. Seconded by Don Havard, motion carried.
2. Truck, maintenance department. Department requesting a new vehicle. Only one bid was obtained and not on state contract. Moved by Rafe Stewart, second by Mike Harrell to wait on three bids before moving forward.
3. Employee pay raises. Moved by Rafe Stewart to have all full-time police officers incoming salary be set at \$15.00/hour and to increase the current pay of Dale Langlois, Cody Worley, Caleb Sartin and Bo Bendily to \$15.00/hour. Seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried.

Moved by Rafe Stewart to increase all other full time employees pay by \$100.00 per month. Seconded by William Free, motion carried.

4. Save our Seniors. David Guillory. Moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by Don Havard to remove agenda item. Motion carried.
5. Moved by William Free and seconded by Mike Harrell to remove agenda item number 5, “Public Hearing @ 5:30 PM, 2-12-24 Ordinance Blighted Property”. Motion carried.

6. Public hearing is set for February 12, 2024 at 5:30 on the Ordinance to Increase Deposit and Fees for Gas and Water” that was introduced in the December meeting. No Action Taken previously introduced and set.

Maintenance Report. The department is requesting Security Cameras for the Pubic Restrooms, Maintenance Department, Lobby of Town Hall, and other critical areas. The cost is \$4,822.00. Moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried.

Police Report. Presented by Chief Fred Allen orally, requesting new officer Chelsey Thompson be hired at the established pay, moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried. Chief is requesting we send letters to the Highway Department requesting cross walks be marked on the State Highway 10. Mayor informed a letter will be sent out, and finally Chief is requesting a new vehicle. Mayor stated it was not budgeted and it will be “looked into”.

Code Enforcement Report. Mr. Cary Quiet presented oral request. He requested our public service alternative to payment be implemented. It was suggested that a policy be written.

Attorney Report.No report.

Mayor’s comments. No comments.

Moved by to adjourn moved by Mike Harrell, seconded by Don Havard, motion carried, meeting adjourned.