**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**MINUTES**

*Notice of meeting was posted on the doors of Town Hall at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020.*

*A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ball was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of Town Hall, 100 Municipal Lane, Ball, LA 71405. The following action was taken:*

1. Mayor Gail Wilking called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. The Mayor gave the invocation then the Lord’s Prayer was said by all.
3. Led by the Town Attorney, the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
4. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Alderwoman Genny Poteet

Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby

Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith

Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke

Alderman Marc Mercer

ABSENT: None

1. The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The Mayor recognized Tioga High School student, Val Lavigne of Eagle Scout Troop 49, who was in attendance to earn his *Citizenship in the Community* badge.
3. The Mayor recognized the Tioga High School student winners of the 2020 Town of Ball Official Mardi Gras Poster Contest: 1st – Mekenzie Brown, 2nd – Mandy Mitchell, 3rd – Mary Avila, Honorable Mention – Kaylee Norment, Mayor’s Choice – Dustin Kinney.
4. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular Council meeting as published. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.

* A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to amend item #9. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting to be published on February 28, 2020. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Alderwoman Poteet and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to call for hearing and adopt ordinance for deannexation of property located at 729 Paradise Road belonging to Linda Malone. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Poteet, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement accepting an in-kind donation from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1131, represented by President David Devine, for the restoration of the Vietnam Memorial Monument in our Walking Trail. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Poteet, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

1. A motion was made by Alderman Mercer and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to approve a resolution authorizing the renewal of an annual Intergovernmental Agreement for Road Maintenance with the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Poteet, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Knight-Masden for continued training and support of Quick Books Software on a monthly basis. The floor was opened and public comment was heard. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to approve the hiring of Cliff Deslatte as a full-time police officer at a pay rate of $1,153.85 per pay period. The floor was opened and public comment was heard. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Poteet, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to approve the recommendation to hire Kristina Bergeron as a full-time police department secretary at a pay rate of $12.00 per hour. The floor was opened for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Poteet, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

1. Report of the Finance Committee was given by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and discussion was heard.

1. Report on the status of recording public meetings was given by Alderwoman Poteet and discussion was heard.

1. Report from the Police Department was given by Lt. Rodney Campbell and discussion was heard.
2. Report of the Neighborhood Watch Association was given and discussion was heard.
3. Reports of the utility rate studies were given by Tom David, Town Engineer, and Steven McKay, Town Auditor, and discussion was heard.
4. There being no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Mercer and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby. As there was no public comment, the motion unanimously carried and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

\_/s/ Gail Wilking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gail Wilking, Mayor

\_/s/ Ellen Melancon\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ellen Melancon, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Ellen Melancon, Clerk of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the attached above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the official action taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ball, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, in legal session convened on February 18, 2020.

\_/s/ Ellen Melancon\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ellen Melancon, Town Clerk