

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
DECEMBER 20, 2022

MINUTES

Notice of meeting was posted on the doors of Town Hall at 12:25 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2022.

Mayor Gail Wilking and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Town Hall, 100 Municipal Lane, Ball, LA 71405. The following action was taken:

1. Mayor Gail Wilking called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. The invocation was led by Pastor John Spann of Solid Ground Worship Center
3. The Pledge of Allegiance, in honor of Ms. Annie Ables, was led by Ursula Dewalt and said by all.
4. ROLL CALL was as follows:



Present	Alderman Carroll Ward Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke Alderman Marc Mercer
Absent	None
5. Mayor Gail Wilking welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams Smith to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2022, meeting. There being no public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

 Mayor Wilking opened the floor to Public Comment for any item on the agenda.


7. Annie Collins, Glass Act Recycling, spoke in depth regarding bringing the glass recycling program to Ball. Evelyn Jones, Board Member of Glass Act Recycling, also spoke, highlighting the different areas recycled glass can be used in.
8. Alderwoman Krischke announced the winners of the Ball Christmas Parade and the Christmas Decoration Contests. Alderwoman Duncan-Furby passed out the ribbons as the winners were called.

OLD BUSINESS

-  Mayor Wilking again opened the floor to Public Comment for any item on the agenda.
-  Auditor Steven McKay spoke regarding the process by which the proposed salary amounts were arrived at.

9. A motion was made by Alderman Mercer and seconded by Alderwoman Williams Smith to adopt Ordinance 360-2022, an amendment to the Town of Ball Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers, Officials, and Employees, Division 1, Generally, Section 2-57, salaries of (a) – Mayor and (b) – Police Chief and (c) – Town Clerk and (d) – Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ball, Louisiana. Following public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

-  Auditor Steven McKay spoke regarding the reason for the proposed waiver of the consumer price index of the sanitation and wastewater in agenda items #9 and #10. He also explained the reason that it should no longer be considered after the proposed term.

10. A motion was made by Alderwoman Krischke and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to adopt Ordinance 361-2022, an amendment to Ordinance #337-2020 regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of sanitation rates. Following public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, William-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

11. A motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Williams Smith to adopt Ordinance 362-202, an amendment to Ordinance #338-2020 regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of wastewater rates. Following public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, William-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

NEW BUSINESS

12. A motion was made by Alderman Krischke and seconded by Alderman Ward the promotion of Preston Lyles to Lieutenant at a pay rate of \$1,442.30 per pay period. There being no public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, William-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

13. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby approving the hiring of Cameron Perry as a full-time patrol officer at a pay rate of \$1,153.84 per pay period. There being no public comment, on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, William-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

14. Department Head Reports were as follows:
- Public Works Director Debo Ewing reported the grass cutting to be complete at that time throughout the town.
 - He also reported the issues that were still occurring concerning garbage pick-up have been delt with and they will continue working to resolve any lingering issues.
 - The Wastewater Department was reported to be preparing for the freeze that was heading this way.
 - The work on the new playground was almost complete and would be ready for the upcoming Grand Opening.
 - Fire Chief Jude Thiels reported that the Fire Department responded to 36 calls so far for the month of December and 485 calls up to that point for the year 2022.
 - Police Chief Marshall Deen reported that one officer had resigned.
 - He also introduced newly hired officer Cameron Perry.

15. There was no report from Neighborhood Watch

16. Announcements were as follows:
- Mayor Wilking announced the schedule of events for December 31st as follows:
 - Grand Opening of Playground - 12:00 p.m.
 - Swearing In of Mayor, Police Chief, and Town Council - 1:00 p.m.
 - Street Dance - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks - 5:00 p.m. at Gateway Baptist Church

17. Council Comments were as follows:
- Alderman Carroll Ward shared his happiness to live in the Town of Ball and his feelings of being blessed.
 - Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby offered Holiday Greetings to everyone.

- Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith gave thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department, and all town employees.
 - Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke shared Holiday Greetings to Mayor Wilking, her fellow Council Members, and town employees.
 - Alderman Marc Mercer spoke regarding his thankfulness and blessings throughout the year.
 - Town Attorney Brian Cespiva shared his thanks to Mayor Wilking and the Town Council
 - Mayor Wilking gave thanks to Auditor Steven McKay for all his help throughout the audit process and also expressed thankfulness for 3 years of clean audits.
18. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Ward to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

/s/Gail Wilking
Gail Wilking, Mayor

/s/Abbey Rosier
Abbey Rosier, Deputy Town Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Abbey Rosier, Deputy 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 December 20, 2022.

/s/Abbey Rosier
Abbey Rosier, Deputy Town Clerk

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