**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**

***REGULAR MEETING***

**OF THE**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**JANUARY 18, 2022**

**M I N U T E S**

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, January 18, 2022, at Town Hall, 100 Municipal Lane, Ball, LA 71405. The following action was taken:

1. Mayor Gail Wilking called the meeting to order.
2. The invocation was given by Father Rick Gremillion, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Scott Armer and said by all.
4. Roll call was as follows:

Present Alderman Carroll Ward

Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby

Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith

Alderman Marc Mercer

Absent Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke

1. Mayor Wilking welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Mercer to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2021, meeting as published. There being no public comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby,Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderman Ward to call for hearing to AMEND ORDINANCE #337-2020 REGARDING THE ELIMANATION OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT OF SANITATION RATES FOR THE YEAR 2022. There being no public comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

1. A motion was made by Alderman Mercer and seconded by Alderman Ward to table the request made by Chris Free to CONSIDER the replacement of the mobile home located at 816 Shanghai with a mobile home older than ten (10) years. After extended discussion by Alderman Ward, Alderwoman Duncan-Furby, Alderwoman Williams-Smith, Prosector Cespiva, and Mayor Wilking concerning the certified home inspection refrenced in Ordianance 351-2021 as well as compliance upon completion of repairs made off site, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischk

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to PROCLAIM the week of January 23-29, 2022, as School Choice Week. There being no public comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

1. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby, and seconded by Alderman Mercer to APPROVE the appointments of the following town officials:
   * Town Clerk Ellen Melancon
   * Tax Collector Ellen Melancon
   * Town Attorney Brian Cespiva
   * Town Auditor Rozier, McKay & Willis
   * Town Engineer Pan American Engineers

There being no public comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

1. A motion was made by Alderman Mercer, and seconded by Alderman Ward to NOMINATE and ELECT Alderwoman Williams-Smith as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2022. There being no further comment, on vote 3-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

12. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith, and seconded by Alderman Mercer to INTRODUCE / ACCEPT FOR PUBLICATION AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #342-2020 WHICH WOULD MODIFY THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK. There being no further comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

13. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby, and seconded by Alderwoman Ward to INTRODUCE / ACCEPT FOR PUBLICATION AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #344-2021, THE TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. There being no further comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

14. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby, and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to APPROVE a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the annual Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rapides Parish Police Jury relative to Road District 10-A. There being no further comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

15. A motion was made by Alderwoman Ward, and seconded by Alderman Mercer to APPROVE the promotion of Chris Busby to Corporal at a pay rate of $1,250.00 per pay period. There being no further comment, on vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Mercer

NAY None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Alderwoman Krischke

16. There was no report from Neighborhood Watch.

17. Department Head reports were as follows:

* + Fire Chief Wes Anders reported that there were over 565 calls this year which is an increase of 105 calls from last year.
  + Public Works Department – Short handed in the Sanitation Department.
  + Kyle Smith, Pan American Engineers, reported that progress is begin made on the Wetland Mitigation.
  + Wastewater projects are moving forward. Control Panel numbers are in, $2,800.00 each: ARPA funding for procurement
  + Live Oak Subdivision and Hwy 165, generator sites, property acquisition may need to be done. Town may need to acquire property outside of the ARPA program, small project.
  + R. Smith project is near completion.
  + Out of 44 Lift Stations, only 4 have working generators. Currently working on Lift Station 11, a mobile generator may be possible for this station
  + Sludge removal project is slow to begin due to shortness of workforce.

* The Mayor recognized Ms. Jennifer Castro, Social Media Teacher at Tioga High School, along with students Chance Bordelon and Ethan Gaydon who are filming the Facebook live stream.

18. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Ward. Upon unanimous vote, the meeting stood adjourned.

/s/ Gail Wilking

Gail Wilking, Mayor

/s/ Abbey Rosier

Abbey Rosier, Deputy Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Abbey Rosier, Deputy Town 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 January 18, 2022.

/s/ Abbey Rosier

Abbey Rosier, Deputy Town Clerk