

**TOWN OF BALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: **December 15, 2014** **2:27 PM**
 (*Date*) (*Time*)

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: December 16, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: 100 Municipal Lane, Ball, Louisiana 71405
Town Hall Council Room

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

1. Mayor Jonathan Dean called the meeting to order at 7:05:50 PM.
2. The invocation was given by Rev. Crise.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
4. Roll call was as follows:

Present	Alderpersons: Chris Covington, Curtis Robertson, Genny Poteet Willie Bishop, Fay Giddings.
Absent	None
5. Mayor Dean welcomed everyone to the meeting. The following presentations were made by Town Attorney, Brian Cespiva.
 - Curtis “Buster” Robertson – Alderman, 29 years.
 - Willie Bishop – Alderwoman, 27 years.
 - Chris Covington – Alderwoman, 4 years.
 - Fay Giddings – Alderwoman, 1 year.
 - Melvin Williams – Police Chief, 1 year.
 - Jonathan Dean – Mayor, 3 years.

Mayor Dean announced the winners of the Parade and Decorating Contest.

6. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to accept minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular council meeting as published. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
7. Motion by Alderwoman Giddings, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to approve payment of November 2014 expenditures. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. A public hearing was held before the final adoption of an Ordinance amending the 2014 General Fund Budget. Administration, Police, Court, Fire, Street, Ad Valorem. Motion by Alderwoman Bishop, seconded by Alderwoman Covington. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows.

YEAS	Alderspersons: Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings
NAYS	None
ABSENT	None
9. A public hearing was held before the final adoption of an Ordinance for the 2015 General Fund Budget. Administration, Police, Court, Fire, Street, Ad Valorem. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows.

YEAS	Alderspersons: Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings
NAYS	None
ABSENT	None

10. Tripp Dunngan from CLECO presented information to the council related to street lights.

- Vote to add item to the agenda for approval of lighting plan as presented by CLECO failed for lack of unanimous vote.

11. Carrie Robinette of Rapides Area Planning Commission gave an update on the Paradise School project.

12. Motion by Alderwoman Bishop, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to approve the 2015 Budget for Utility and Sanitation. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows.

YEAS	Alderspersons: Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings
NAYS	None
ABSENT	None

13. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an LGAP application for erosion repair on Wastewater Treatment Plant levies. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ball has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for FY 2014/2015 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for erosion repair on Wastewater Treatment Plant Levies and to execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to work with the Town Engineer, Pan American Engineers, Inc. on the development of the LGAP Application.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Ball, Louisiana on this 16th day of December, 2014.

14. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to approve a Resolution removing Jonathan Dean and Willie Bishop as authorized signatories on behalf of the Town of Ball. Deem Neil Kavanagh to be additional authorized signatory. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Ball, Louisiana, that Jonathan Dean and Willie Bishop be removed as an authorized Signatory on behalf of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, including being removed from the authorized signature cards at all banks holding current accounts for the Town of Ball, Louisiana, effective at the open of business on January 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of Ball, Louisiana, that Neil S. Kavanagh shall be deemed to be an additional authorized Signatory on behalf of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, for all financial purposes, including being added to the authorized signature cards at all banks holding current accounts for the Town of Ball, Louisiana, effective at the open of business on January 1, 2015.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 16th day of December, 2014, by the following votes:

AYES:	Alderspersons: Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings
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NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

15. Mayor Dean and Town Council discussed upcoming changes in labor protocol in regards to the commission/assignment of guards through our Police Department for the inmate labor crew(s).
16. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to accept the resignation of three part-time Police Officers, Marshall Deen, and Karoly Schupkegel effective December 8, 2014; Ricky Martin effective December 15, 2014. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
17. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to accept the resignation of Kyle Martin as a full-time Police Officer effective December 31, 2014. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
18. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to hire Dwight Gintz II as a full-time Police Officer with beginning salary of \$27,447.42. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried.
19. Chief Williams announced the lateral move of Officer Jeremy Jackson.
20. The floor was open for public comment and none were heard.
21. There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Alderman, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderwoman Giddings. On vote, 5-0, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11:16 PM

Jonathan B. Dean, Mayor

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk of the Town of Ball, 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 Council of the Town of Ball, Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, in legal session convened on the 16th day of December, 2014.

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk