

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
NOVEMBER 16, 2021

MINUTES

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, November 16, 2021, 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 led by Father Ray Castro, Chaplin at the Federal Correctional Complex, Pollock, LA as well as Supply Priest at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Pineville.
3. Mr. Walt Chance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll Call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Alderman Carroll Ward
	Aldерwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby
	Aldерwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith
	Aldерwoman Kimberley Krischke
	Alderman Marc Mercer
ABSENT	None
5. Mayor Wilking welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. Mayor Wilking and the Board of Aldermen presented a plaque to the Tioga Junior High Braves Football Team as the 2021 Undeфeated Cenla Athletic League Junior High Football Champions. Head Coach Travis Racine, Coach Gary Frost and Quarterback Cace Malone accepted it on behalf of the team's 84 members.
 - The Mayor recognized Ms. Jennifer Castro, Social Media Specialist at Tioga High School, who was behind the camera of the Town's Facebook live stream.
7. A motion was made by Aldерwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Ward to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2021, meeting as published. There being no public comment, on vote 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Aldерpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None
8. A motion was made by Aldерwoman Krischke and seconded by Aldерwoman Williams-Smith to call for hearing and adopt an ORDINANCE SETTING THE FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY THOSE ENTITIES PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF BALL UNDER A STATE GRANTED FRANCHISE AUTHORITY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. There being no pubic 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

9. A motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to call for hearing and adopt an ordinance to amend ORDINANCE # 278-2012 AMENDING THE TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 70, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE II, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, SECTION 70-30(b), RESIDENTIAL UNIT PICK UP SERVICE. There being no pubic 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

10. A motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to call for hearing and adopt an ordinance *with the additional language as recommended by the Town Attorney*, which would amend ORDINANCE # 146-B-99, AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS, THE REGULATION OF THE DESIGN AND DENSITY OF MOBILE HOME PARKS IN THE TOWN OF BALL, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC NEW STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. 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

11. A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams-Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to call for hearing and adopt an ordinance to amend Ordinance #338-2020 to reflect owner's responsibility for deposit. 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

- Mr. Chris Jeansonne, Chief of Operations for PC911, addressed the Mayor and Council relative to the security needs of our wastewater treatment plant.

12. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Ward to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with COMPUTERS911, LLC (PC911) for VOIP services and related equipment necessary to provide adequate video monitoring of the wastewater treatment plant. 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

13. A motion was made by Alderwoman Krischke and seconded by Alderman Ward to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with Aramark for employee uniform services. 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

14. A motion was made by Alderwoman Krischke and seconded by Alderman Ward to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement for purchase of a Godwin CD 150S Dri-Prime Dri Run 6” diesel portable pump as recommended by the Sewer Committee at its meeting held on Monday, November 15, 2021. 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

15. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderman Mercer to approve the hiring of Joshua Looney as a full-time patrol officer at a pay rate of \$1,153.86 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, Williams-Smith, Krischke, Mercer
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

16. There was no report from Neighborhood Watch.

17. Department Head reports were as follows:
 - Congratulations to Wastewater Supervisor, Pete Vaughn, for recently getting his Operator Certification in Wastewater I & II Treatment & Collection.
 - Hay fields have been mowed, cleaned and the tops of manholes have been painted for better visibility.
 - Levee repair has been completed & clay for its reinforcement is on site and readily available for use.
 - Kyle Smith, Pan American Engineers, gave an update relative to the Watershed Initiative, Lift Station #11, R. Smith Lift Station, replacing control panels of five (5) pump stations, Lucky Wheels and sludge removal at the plant.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge removal start date is scheduled for February – March 2022 and will take approximately two (2) months.

18. Announcements were as follows:
 - Lighting of the Park – December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
 - Breakfast with Santa – December 4th at 8:00 a.m.
 - Christmas Parade – December 11th at 2:00 p.m.
 - Christmas Decoration Judging – December 16th at 6:00 p.m.
 - New Year’s Eve Fireworks – December 31st at Gateway Baptist Church
 - The Beautification and Revitalization Committee will hold a workday on January 29, 2022 for all those interested in helping

19. 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/ Ellen Melancon
Ellen Melancon, Town Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 November 16, 2021.

/s/ Ellen Melancon
Ellen Melancon, Town Clerk