

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
March 19, 2024

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was posted on the doors of Town Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024.

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, March 19, 2024, at Town Hall, 100 Municipal Lane, Ball, LA 71405. The following actions were taken:

1. Mayor Gail Wilking called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. The invocation was led by Pastor Kenneth Murrell of Fellowship Chapel, Ball, LA.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance, in honor of Ms. Annie Ables, was led by Wade Williams and said by all.
4. ROLL CALL was as follows:

Present	Alderman Carroll Ward
	Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby
	Alderman Marc Mercer
	Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke
	Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith
Absent	None
5. Mayor Gail Wilking welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. Community Spotlight focused on the following business:
 - o Ursula Dewalt was in attendance and spoke about the book she authored, "Pushing Through to a Stronger You" and her intent behind the book.
- Mayor Wilking opened the floor for public comment on any/all items on the agenda. Many questions and comments were heard and responded to regarding agenda item #11.
7. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024, Council Meeting, as published. There being no public comment on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Mercer, Krischke, Williams-Smith
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None
8. Stephen and Bobbie Kerry shared information about the Lions Club Camp and the benefits it provides for special needs children. The camps are free of charge to those who qualify. More information can be found on the Lions Club Camp website at www.lionscamp.org. The Lions Club is accepting donations of eye glasses no longer in use. A donation box is set up at Town Hall as well as various other locations.
9. Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby spoke relative to current events.

NEW BUSINESS

10. A motion was made by Alderman Mercer and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to introduce/accept for publication an ordinance amending Chapter 86, Article II of the Town of Ball Traffic Code to revise, enact, adopt and update fines and penalties for traffic violations committed within the Town of Ball. There being no public comment on vote 5-0 the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

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

11. A motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Krischke to introduce/accept for publication an ordinance amending Ordinance 373-2023 an ordinance to regulate the disposal of commercial and industrial waste within the municipal limits of the Town of Ball. There being no public comment on vote, 4-1, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Krischke, Williams-Smith
NAY	Alderman Mercer
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None
12. A motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Wilking to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Doggett/John Deere for the lease of a backhoe and a track hoe to be used by the Public Works Department. There being no public comment on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Mercer, Krischke, Williams-Smith
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None
13. A motion was made by Alderwoman Duncan-Furby and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Wilking to execute any and all documents pertaining to the CDBG-DR Program including but not limited to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and any Amendments, Project Application and any Amendments, Environmental Review Record, Certifications and Professional Service, Consulting Service and Construction Contracts and any Amendments. There being no public comment on vote, 5-0, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows:

YEA	Alderpersons Ward, Duncan-Furby, Mercer, Krischke, Williams-Smith
NAY	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None
14. Report from Police Chief Marshall Deen was as follows:
 - Chief Deen reported things to be going good in the town.
 - He thanked the Town Council for approving the introduction of the Ordinance to amend the traffic fine fees.
 - If anyone sees any code enforcement violations, please contact the Police Department.
15. Report from Fire Chief Jude Thiels was as follows:
 - 40 calls so far for the month of March 2024.
 - Assistant Chief Aaron O'Neal received his Fireman 2 certification.
 - He encouraged citizens to go vote on April 27th for the proposed millage tax to benefit the Ball Fire Department.
 - The Holiday Village Fire Department Smoke Trailer will be on site for the Moon Pie Festival on March 23rd.
16. Department Head Reports were as follows:
 - Public Works Director Debo Ewing reported garbage pickup is going well.
 - Grass cutting started on Monday and will continue throughout the grass growing season.
 - Junk piles are being picked up. Pinebrook was picked up yesterday.
 - Limb truck picks up junk on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Green waste is picked up on Thursdays & Fridays. Junk and Green waste can't be in mixed piles and can't be picked up at the same time because it is disposed of differently. If your pile has been there for multiple weeks without being picked up, please call Town Hall.
 - In the Wastewater Department, the sludge removal at the plant is close to completion and should be done within 2 to 3 weeks.
 - Ditch digging is behind due to the wet conditions and the "no burn" recommendations. There are currently 18 loads to be burned at the plant.
 - Pan American Engineer Peyton Foster was in attendance and reported the Pinebrook Drainage Construction will continue within a couple of weeks.
 - Merrick will be continuing drainage construction work in the coming weeks.
17. Neighborhood Watch report was given by Scott Wren, as follows:
 - Ball Neighborhood Watch Facebook guidelines are coming. Please be careful what you post on Facebook.
18. Announcements were as follows:
 - Mayor Wilking announced Council Member Committee Re-assignments as follows:

Seat A - Alderman Carroll Ward

- 2024 Chairman - Sanitation Committee
- Serve - Code Revision Committee
- Serve - Finance Committee
- Serve - Street Committee
- Serve - Cemetery Committee

Seat B - Alderwoman Suzanne Duncan-Furby

- 2024 Chairman - Sewer Committee
- 2024 Chairman - Revitalization & Beautification Committee
- Serve - Zoning Committee
- Serve - Economic Development Committee

Seat C - Alderman Marc Mercer

- 2024 Chairman - Street Committee
- 2024 Co-Chairman - Litter & Town Clean-Up Committee

Seat D - Alderwoman Kimberley Krischke


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- Serve - Revitalization & Beautification Committee

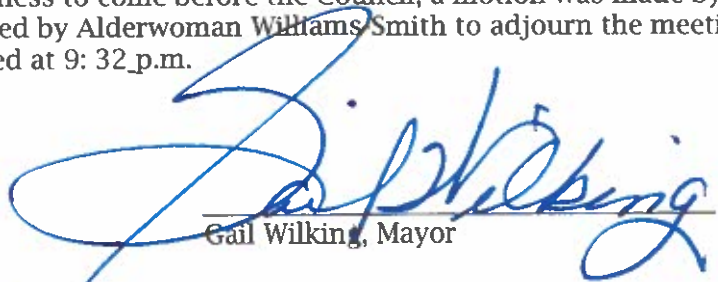
Seat E - Alderwoman Charlotte Williams-Smith

- 2024 Chairman - Finance Committee
- Serve - Economic Development Committee

19. No Council Comments were heard.

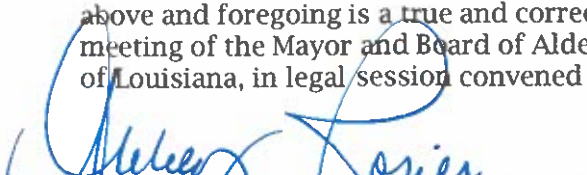
20. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderwoman Williams-Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 9: 32 p.m.


Abbey Rosier, Town Clerk


Gail Wilking, Mayor

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Abbey Rosier, 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 March 19, 2024.


Abbey Rosier, Town Clerk