

**TOWN OF BALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- **Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: February 17, 2014 9:36 AM**  

*(Date)*
*(Time)*

**A Public Meeting will be held as follows:**

**DATE:** February 18, 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

1. Mayor Jonathan Dean called the meeting to order at 7:23:56 PM.
2. The invocation was given by Oeland Hanes.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- Mayor Dean asks all to remember those who have recently suffered a loss in their family.
4. Roll call was as follows:

Present	Alderspersons Chris Covington, Curtis Robertson, Genny Poteet, Fay Giddings.
Absent	AlderwomanWillie Bishop
5. Mayor Dean presented Mike and Kathi Taylor with a Good Neighbor plaque for their quick actions in helping to contain a fire. Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation to the Fire department for their quick response.
- Mayor Dean expressed his appreciation to the Town employees for their exceptional dedication and hard work during the four winter/ice storms that hit our area and caused difficult circumstances to many citizens.
6. Mayor Dean recognized Mr. Dennie Williams and James Lass of CLECO. Stating that Ball was one of the hardest hit areas in Rapides Parish during the ice storm. Mr. Lass gave an overview of the outages and restoration process.
- Paul Fuselier from Acadian Ambulance Service spoke briefly about his position and availability to our citizens.
7. John Spann addressed the council regarding the condition of the Town of Ball Chapel and Fellowship Hall, formerly Harmony Baptist Church. He would like repair the building and use it for a church in lieu of rent. Alderwoman Covington asks for an estimate/list of repairs. Alderman Robertson stated that the work would need to be inspected.
8. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to accept minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular council meeting as published. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 4-0, the motion carried.
9. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to approve payment of January 2014 expenditures. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 4-0, the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. A public hearing was held before the final adoption of **Ordinance #300-2014** an ordinance to amend and supplement the Town of Ball Code of Ordinances 265-2011, Employee Handbook, Section 3.03 Holiday, 5.07 Leave and/or Compensatory time. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Poteet to adopt ordinance #300-2014. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Giddings  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Alderpersons Bishop  
ABSTAIN: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

11. Alderwoman Poteet gave the report of the Finance Committee as follows:  
Finance Committee met on January 31, 2014 to discuss and new equipment for the Police department. After reviewing the Chief's request, it was determined that the items were within the budget for the year. Discussion included the upcoming meeting in April to review the finances of the Police department. It was determined that the items would be purchased as the money became available. The floor was open for public comment. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to accept the finance report. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried.
12. Alderwoman Covington gave the report of the Personnel Committee as follows:  
Personnel Committee met on January 31, 2014 to discuss employee leave time. The Employee Handbook needed to be amended so we introduced an ordinance last month that addresses these issues regarding calculating overtime and thought it best to adopt the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. There were a few things discussed to better assure the employees who may have grievances. The floor was open for public comment. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to accept the personnel report. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried.
13. A presentation of Code Red was presented to the Council. The floor was open for public comment. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to authorize the Mayor to obtain a proposed contract from Code Red. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried.
14. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Giddings to introduce and accept for publication an ordinance for annexation of 718 Tioga Road, Hope Hyde. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Giddings  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Alderpersons Bishop  
ABSTAIN: None
15. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Poteet to accept the recommendation of the Fire Commissioners and appoint Oeland Hanes as Chaplain for the Fire Department. Mr. Hanes addressed the council and expressed his desire to serve as Chaplain. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried.
16. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderman Robertson to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to rezone five (5) lots on Shanghai and Paradise Road, owned by Trustmark Properties & Mgt., Inc., from R-1 to R-2 contingent on the adoption of building restrictions governing square footage for minimum of 1,400 square footage for lots 1 through 4; minimum of 1,250 square

footage for lot 5. The floor was open for public comment. On vote, 4-0, the motion carried.

17. Chief Williams reported 113 calls for February.

18. The following public comments were made.

- a. Mrs. Lamkin expressed her concern regarding speeding traffic in the school zone area.
- b. When the traffic lights are non-functional at an intersection, the intersection becomes a four-way stop.
- c. Mrs. Sharon Hebert thanked Mr. Miley and Mr. Crowe and the Police Department for coming to check on her during the storm.
- d. Mayor Dean stated everyone from every department did an outstanding job to make sure the Town didn't come to a standstill.
- e. Mrs. Yvonne McKay, Vice President of the Neighborhood Watch, encouraged each one to come to the meetings on the second Tuesday, 6:30 PM each month.

19. 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 4-0, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40:49 PM

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Jonathan B. Dean, Mayor

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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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk