

**TOWN OF BALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- **Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: December 13 2013 2:01 PM**
(Date) (Time)

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: December 17, 2013

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 17, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

1. Mayor Jonathan Dean called the meeting to order.
2. The invocation was given by Bill McKay.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
 - Mayor Dean announced the winners of the parade and decorating contest.
4. Roll call was as follows:

Present	Alderspersons Chris Covington, Curtis Robertson, Willie Bishop
Absent	Alderspersons Genny Poteet, Jerry Giddings
5. Motion made by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting as published. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
6. Motion made by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to approve the payment of November 2013 expenditures. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. A public hearing was held before the final adoption of **Ordinance # 298-2013** an ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget. Administration, Police, Fire, Street, Ad Valorem. Motion by Alderwoman Covington with a note that there were budget overages and would like to get back on track next year, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to adopt ordinance # 298-2013. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Bishop
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alderpersons Poteet, Giddings
ABSTAIN: None
8. A public hearing was held before the final adoption of **Ordinance #299-2013**. An ordinance for the 2014 Operating Budget for the General Fund. Administration, Police, Fire, Street, Ad Valorem, Court. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, with a note that budget will be amended if needed. Alderwoman Bishop requested a sanitation fund budget for the council. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to adopt ordinance #299-2013 with amendments. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Bishop
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alderpersons Poteet, Giddings
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Motion made by Alderwoman Covington to table agenda item related to public comments by Gene Decker stating that the Chief was previously appointed by council and any concerns related thereto should be put in letter form, delivered to the Mayor and Council. Anything discovered that is in question can be addressed by the council at the next meeting. After discussion, Mr. Decker spoke briefly.
10. A ceremonial Oath of Office was administered to the newly appointed Police Chief, Melvin Williams.
11. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to rescind a motion made at the regular council meeting held on June 18, 2013 related to pay per call for weekend first responders. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
12. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Robertson to approve Zachary Wug as a Reserve Officer. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
- Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to approve Pete Levasseur, Gary Crowe and Ken Miley as Reserve Officers. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
- Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to add item to agenda relative to resignation of Bobby Brimer as a Reserve Officer. Roll call was as follows:
AYES: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Bishop
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alderpersons Poteet, Giddings
ABSTAIN: None
- Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to accept the resignation of Bobby Brimer as a Reserve Officer. The floor was open for public comments. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
13. Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to appoint Judy Crowe as part-time secretary for the Police department. The floor was open for public comments. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
14. Discussion of Chiefs request to hire three part-time Police Officers, salaries in the 2014 budget have been approved, the Chief agrees to come back to council when potential part-time officers are selected for consideration.
15. External audit for the Police department will be part of the 2013 audit.
16. Motion by Alderwoman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Robertson to table introducing an ordinance declaring (1) 2003 Kawasaki Motorcycle as surplus property. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.
17. Chief Williams reported 126 calls for November and 206 citations issued. Discussion relative to vehicle VIN# ending 9171.
18. The floor was open for public comments on agenda items and the following were heard:
 - Ed Easter addressed the council related item #11, rescinding the pay per call for weekend First Responders. Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to rescind the motion made to rescind pay per call for weekend First Responders. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.

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 Covington. On vote 3-0, the motion carried.

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 17th day of December, 2013.

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk