

**TOWN OF BALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- **Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: November 18, 2013 3:27 PM**
(Date) (Time)

A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: November 19, 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

ITEM #1 Mayor Jonathan Dean called the meeting to order.

ITEM #2 Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Jonathan Dean

Alderpersons: Chris Covington, Curtis Robertson, Genny Poteet, Willie Bishop, Jerry Giddings

Melvin Williams, Police

Attorney Brian Cespiva

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk

ABSENT: None

ITEM #3 The invocation was given by officer Rev. Lonnie Weidner.

ITEM #4 The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ITEM #5 Mayor Jonathan Dean welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Gettysburg Address in honor of the 150th anniversary.

ITEM #6 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to accept October 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting and November 12, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes as published. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 5-0 motion carried.

ITEM #7

Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to pay October 2013 expenditures for all departments. The floor was open for public comment and comments were heard.

YEAS: Alderpersons: Covington, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings

NAYS: Alderman Robertson

On vote 4-1 motion carried.

ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS
MOTION FOR APPROVAL

1. Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to approve **Resolution #657-2013** to authorize the town to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System to prevent wastewater permit violations and other matters with respect thereto. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 5-0 motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) is a program developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent wastewater permit violations and to maximize the useful lives of the publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) through effective operation and maintenance, financial management and reduced wastewater flows and loadings by ensuring timely planning and financing for future needs prior to the occurrence of wastewater permit violations; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ball is required by NPDES Permit No. LA0079545 to submit information found in the audit each year along with a resolution from the governing body outlining specific action; and,

- WHEREAS, the Town of Ball identified the following items during the most recent audit
1. The age of the plant since the last major renovation is 15 years;
 2. The number of sewer overflows for the period April 2012 to March 2013 is 8;
 3. The number of effluent violations for the period April 2012 to March 2013 is 3;
 4. The Town of Ball employs Turnage Environmental Service to oversee the operation of the treatment and collection system. Mr. Russell Turnage is certified in Wastewater Treatment and Collection IV.

WHEREAS, the Administration and Council continue to monitor compliance of the effluent through the DMRs and authorize personnel to make necessary changes in operational procedures to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the Council are aware of effluent permit violations, sewer overflows, the need to have Class II certified operators operating the treatment and collection system;

WHEREAS, the treatment system is meeting permit limits and sewer overflows in the collection system are infrequent but showed an increase over the last monitoring ;

WHEREAS, the Administration and Council approve the MWPP audit, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the Council hereby authorizes the Town of Ball to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System to prevent wastewater permit violations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Ball, Louisiana, this 19th day of November 2013.

2. Motion by Alderwoman Bishop, seconded by Alderwoman Poteet to approve **Resolution 658-2013** to authorize the Mayor to submit an LGAP application for security improvements and flooring at Town Hall. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 5-0 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 2013/2014 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for Security Improvements and Flooring at Town Hall 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 19th day of November, 2013.

3. Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to accept resignation of Officer Beaubouef effective November 23, 2013. The floor was open for public comment and comments were heard. On vote 5-0 motion carried.
4. Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to hire a part-time secretary for the Police department. The floor was open for public comment and comments were heard.
YEAS: Alderpersons: Covington, Robertson, Bishop, Giddings
NAYS: Alderwoman Poteet
On vote 4-1 motion carried.

- Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to add an item to the agenda relative to additional power pole in the walking trail. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried. Roll Call Vote:
YEAS: Alderpersons: Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
- Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to approve the easement agreement with CLECO relative to additional power pole. The floor was open for public comment. On vote 5-0 motion carried.

MOTION FOR INTRODUCTION

1. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to introduce an ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Alderpersons Giddings; Bishop; Poteet; Robertson; Covington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- A Public Hearing will be held on December 17, 2013, 7:00 PM, before the final adoption of the ordinance.
2. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderman Giddings to introduce an ordinance for the 2014 Operating Budget for the General Fund. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Alderpersons Covington; Robertson; Poteet; Bishop; Giddings.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
- A Public Hearing will be held on December 17, 2013, 7:00 PM, before the final adoption of the ordinance.

ITEM #9

Chief Melvin Williams reported 172 calls for October.

ITEM #10

The floor was open for public comment on agenda items.

ITEM #11

The floor was open for comments from the Alderpersons.

ITEM #12

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Board of Alderman, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Giddings and seconded by Alderman Robertson. On vote 5-0 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 19th day of November, 2013.

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk