

**TOWN OF BALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- **Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: February 7, 2013 11:05 AM**

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A Public Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: February 12, 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, FEBRUARY 12, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor	Jonathan Dean
Alderwoman	Chris Covington
Alderwoman	Genny Poteet
Alderman	Jerry Giddings
Police Chief	Daniel Caldwell
Attorney	Brian Cespiva
Town Clerk	Madeleine Westberry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderpersons Willie Bishop and Curtis Robertson

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

ITEM #2 The invocation was given by Melvin Williams.

ITEM #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ITEM #4 Mayor Jonathan Dean welcomed everyone to the.

ITEM #5 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to accept January 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as published and January 31, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes published with the amendment under Item# 5, Motion of Approval, number 2 to read; Motion by Genny Poteet to increase the salary of the Deputy Clerk for her role as Acting Clerk of Court to be in the amount of \$200.00 a month. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Dean exercised his authority under the budget ordinance, which allows him to exceed the budget up to 5%, and overruled the Council's decision. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

AYES: Alderpersons Covington; Poteet; Giddings.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderpersons Robertson; Bishop

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM #6

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to accept the financial statements and to pay January 2013 expenditures for all departments. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS
MOTION FOR APPROVAL

The Zoning Commission met on January 17, 2013, 5PM and made the following recommendation to the Town Council.

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Poteet to grant a Special Use variance under Power of Board, Article III, Division 6, Section 36C(B), regarding the 2.876 acres at 7017 Monroe Hwy (James & Ruthann Lamkin). Alderwoman Covington requested that the variance be reflected in the Parish mortgage and conveyance records. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

The Fire Commissioners met on January 29, 2013, 6:30PM and made recommendations to the Town Council.

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to purchase a stove and a camera system for Station 2. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to authorize the Mayor to file an Annual Fire Service Certificate with the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to pass **Resolution #640-2013** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Annual IGA with the Rapides Parish Police Jury of Road Maintenance. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Ball, Louisiana, hereby authorizes Mayor Jonathan Dean to sign all documents relating to the annual intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Ball, Louisiana and the Rapides Parish Police Jury regarding a one year (2013) Agreement for Road Maintenance regarding allocation of 9.35% of the ad valorem taxes received by Road District 10-A approved by the voters on October 21, 1995.

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Giddings to pass **Resolution #641-2013** in support of Poverty Point. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Town Council of Ball, Louisiana recognize the Historic value and unique nature of Poverty Point located in West Carroll Parish near the town of Epps, Louisiana; and
WHEREAS the Town of Ball Mayor and Council wish to date by this resolution their support for the Poverty Point Archaeological site to be recognized as a World Heritage Site;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of Ball, Louisiana hereby deport and urge at Poverty Point be recognized and officially designated as a World Heritage Site.

Motion by Alderman Giddings, seconded by Alderwoman Poteet to pass **Resolution # 642-2013** to partnership with Shangqiu, China. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2012, the City of Shangqui, the 3rd largest agricultural trading city in China, became a “sister community” with twelve Louisiana Parishes; and,

WHEREAS, Uyu Xueyou, Mayor of Shangqui, entered into a three year sister community partnership with the Parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Point Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon and Winn to emphasis programs in economic and commercial trade, agricultural exchange, wholesale market exchange, cultural exchange, educational exchange, training, tourism and special events; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the partnership strongly believe that the relationship between the government and citizens of Shangqui, and the government and citizens of the twelve Parishes listed above will be a source of mutual enrichment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ball hereby agrees to join the “sister community” partnership for an initial period of three years from the date of adoption of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ball finds that there is a benefit to share experiences and that the relationship between it and Shangqui will be a source of mutual enrichment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ball finds that the strengthening of this relationship will foster a better quality of life and mutual development;

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Executive Director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the presiding officers of each public postsecondary education board and to each system president, and to the presiding officer of Louisiana College.

Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to hire Deborah Y. Powell as a fulltime Secretary in the Police Department. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

MOTION FOR INTRODUCTION

1. Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to introduce an **Ordinance** amending the Town of Ball Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Law Enforcement, Article II, Police Department, Section 58-19, Patrol hours; compensatory pay. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Alderpersons Covington; Poteet; Giddings.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alderpersons Robertson; Bishop
ABSTAIN: None

- A public hearing will be held on March 12, 2013, 7PM, Town of Ball, 100 Municipal Dr. before the final adoption of the Ordinance.

ITEM #8

Chief Caldwell reported 203 calls and 19 arrests for January.

ITEM #10

The floor was open for public comment on agenda items and none were heard.

ITEM #11

The floor was open for comments from the alderpersons and none were heard.

ITEM #12

The floor was open for comments from the Mayor.

ITEM #13

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 Alderwoman Covington. On vote 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 12th day of February, 2013.

Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk