

**TOWN OF BALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

- **Meeting Notice Posted on Doors of Town Hall: February 13, 2012** **9:15 AM**  
(Date) (Time)

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

**DATE:** February 14, 2012

**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 14, 2012  
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., BALL  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BALL, LA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

### ITEM # 1

Mayor Jonathan Dean called the meeting to order.

## ITEM # 2

Mayor Dean called a moment of silence. The invocation was given by Alderwoman Bishop.

### ITEM # 3

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

### ITEM #4

Mayor Jonathan Dean welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Warden McCain from J. Darby Correctional Center who spoke briefly about possible closure of the center.

### ITEM #5

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to accept January 4, 2012 Special Council Meeting minutes and January 10, 2012 Regular Council Minutes as published and to pay January 10, 2012 expenditures for all departments. The floor was open for public comment and none were heard. On vote motion carried.

### ITEM #6

## NEW BUSINESS

## MOTION FOR INTRODUCTION

Motion by Alderman Giddings, seconded by Alderman Robertson to introduce an ordinance relative to a petition for de-annexation made by property owners, John M. McCarley and Deborah Ann Ducote of 209 Washboard Road. The floor was open for public comment and none were heard. On vote motion carried. Roll call vote:

YEAS: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings.  
NAYS: None

Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Giddings to introduce an ordinance relative to setting a maximum court cost in Mayor's court. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried. Roll call vote:  
YEAS: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings. NAYS: None

A public hearing will be held March 13, 2012, 7:00 PM before final adoption of ordinances.

### **MOTION FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderman Robertson to approve **Resolution #624-2012** The Town of Ball hereby adopts the Federal Poverty Guidelines issued on an annual basis by the Department of Health and Human Services and published in the Federal Register as objective criteria for those in need of services. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

YEAS: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Alderwoman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Giddings to approve **Resolution #625-2012** opposing the closure of J. Darby Correctional Center. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

YEAS: Alderpersons Covington, Robertson, Poteet, Bishop, Giddings  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to approve a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** between the Food Bank and the Town of Ball. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

### **ITEM #7**

Motion by Alderwoman Covington, seconded by Alderwoman Bishop to approve a proclamation of recognition of Senior Citizens Center in Ball. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.

### **ITEM #8**

Sawmill Awards were presented to Pat Edwards for 1254 hours of voluntary service and to Catherine Guin for 1116 hours of voluntary service.

### **ITEM #9**

Achievement Awards were presented to eight town employees for their obtaining their CDL License and First Aid Certificate.

- Motion by Alderwoman Poteet, seconded by Alderwoman Covington to add an item to the agenda relative to a Code Enforcement Officer. The floor was open for public comment. On vote motion carried.
- Discussion of part-time Code Enforcement Officer for 6 months on hourly basics. Alderman Giddings ask to have the personnel committee review and make guidelines for the position then have the committee to make a recommendation to the council next month. All agreed.

**ITEM #10**

The floor was open for public comments on agenda items and comments were heard.

### ITEM #11

The floor was open for comments from the alderpersons and comments were heard.

### ITEM #12

- The Mayor appointed Alderwoman Willie Bishop as Chairperson of the Citizens Committee to make plans commemorating the town's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ITEM #13

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 Alderman Giddings. On vote motion carried.

/S/  
Jonathan B. Dean, Mayor

/S/  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

/S/  
Madeleine Westberry, Town Clerk