

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

Present: Mayor Adkins, Michael Corley, Claire Lay, Heath Warford, Melanie Dean and David Neal

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and David Neal opened with prayer. Michael Corley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melanie Dean read the minutes from the December regular meeting. Melanie Dean made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Heath Warford seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Financial Statements of all funds were presented. Michael Corley made a motion to approve financial statements as presented, motion seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Claire Lay made a recommendation to hire Jason Martin as Parks and Recreation Director for the 2018 Summer Ball season. Melanie Dean opened up discussion about the way finances were handled in the past and the need for fundraisers to pay for some ball expenses. Heath Warford made a motion to hire Jason Martin for Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Michael Corley. Four in favor, Melanie Dean opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins presented a proclamation that she had received making January 21-27, 2018, Town of Sarepta School Choice Week. After reviewing the proclamation, Michael Corley stated that the proclamation was more for private schools than public schools. All aldermen were opposed, recommendation died on the floor.

Mayor Adkins expressed a desire to hire someone to demolish the Beaty house that had been adjudicated to the town by the Webster Parish Police Jury. The house is dilapidated and an eyesore. Heath Warford suggested trying to sell the property before spending money on demolition. Mayor Adkins added that it has to be sold with the condition that whoever buys it has to clean up the property. This sale will be advertised in the newspaper.

Mayor Adkins informed the Board that the Waste Water Department truck has been breaking down repeatedly and a new truck needs to be purchased. Waste Water Superintendent Bob Seiple presented quotes for three trucks. Melanie Dean made a motion to purchase a Chevrolet from Springhill Motor Company using money from Bond 90, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chief Ted Lewis made a recommendation for the town to pay for Officer Chris Ward to attend Louisiana Criminal Justice School. The cost will be \$1,100.00 and school lasts 14 weeks. Michael Corley made a motion to approve sending Officer Ward to school, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that she had inquired with the Webster Parish Council on Aging about serving lunch for the elderly. The cost will be \$2.00 a plate on a voluntary basis and be served Monday-Friday at our community building, if the town will cover the cost of utilities. Melanie Dean made a motion to approve the use of the community building and paying the utility bills, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, David Neal made a motion to adjourn, Michael Corley seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Peggy Adkins, Mayor

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk