

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

Present: Mayor Adkins, Heath Warford, Melanie Dean, Michael Corley, David Neal, and Claire Lay
Absent: None

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and Bro. Todd Pickard opened with prayer. Heath Warford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adkins asked to amend the agenda to put Chief Ted Lewis first to discuss a personnel matter. Heath Warford made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chief Ted Lewis addressed the Board to turn in a letter of resignation. He felt he no longer could give the Town and position the time it deserves due to the demands of his full time job.

Melanie Dean read the minutes from the July regular meeting. Claire Lay made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Melanie Dean seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Financial Statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. Michael Corley made a motion to approve financial statements as presented, motion seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that she had not heard back from the Secretary of State on proper procedure to replace an elected Chief of Police. She then asked the Board for a recommendation for Interim Chief of Police to fill in until an election could be held. Michael Corley made a motion to hire Mike McCullen to fill in as Chief of Police until the election, at a salary of \$2,000.00 per month. Motion seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins presented an amendment to:

ORDINANCE NO. 412

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS, INCLUDING DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER DOMESTIC PETS, IN THE TOWN OF SAREPTA, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The amendment would change the wording to animals so that all animals running at large can be seized until claimed by owners. Melanie Dean made a motion to introduce the amendment, seconded by Claire Lay. Four in favor, Heath Warford opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins presented three quotes she had received on repainting the exterior poles, facings, and doors of Town Hall. Melanie Dean made a motion to hire the Lay Company to paint the exterior of Town Hall at a cost of \$3,250.00. Seconded by Heath Warford. Four in favor, Claire Lay abstained, motion carried.

Due to repeated issues at Carter Federal Credit Union, Mayor Adkins made a recommendation to move the General Fund account to Farmer's Bank & Trust. After some discussion, Michael Corley made a motion to move the General Fund money from Carter Federal Credit Union to Farmer's Bank & Trust. Seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins explained to the Board that the sewer pond is in need of a lot of work due to the levee washing away. TGS has given us a quote of \$750,000.00 to repair the issues. Mayor Adkins has been researching the problems for a week and has been looking for ways to pay for the repairs, including a USDA loan. Heath Warford made a motion to table the issue to find some other solutions. Seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board the man she had asked to check the Beaty house for asbestos will charge \$2,000.00 to remove the asbestos. He has shown interest in purchasing the property. He will be getting back with her soon. Michael Corley made a motion to table the sale of the property, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chief Lewis informed the Board that Officer Walker did not leave as expected to attend the K-9 training school in San Antonio. Some discrepancies were discovered in the running of the school, so Officer Walker did not feel comfortable getting involved with that school. He found a school in Georgia that offers more extensive training. He is scheduled to go in September.

Mayor Adkins presented a 2017 Community Achievement award the Town of Sarepta won at the 81st Annual Louisiana Municipal Association Convention for updating our police department with two new police cars. The Town also won Energy Conservation System of the Year (North) and our Wastewater Superintendent Bob Seiple won Wastewater System Operator of the Year (North) at the Louisiana Rural Water Association's 33rd Annual Awards Luncheon.

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

Peggy Adkins, Mayor

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk