

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Amanda Anglin, Eddie Dale Dunn

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

Requests for additions to the agenda were called for. Mayor Adkins asked to add voting on a Resolution that would prevent the state from collecting the Town sales tax. Michael Corley made a motion to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Public comments were called for and unanswered.

Melanie Dean made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Melanie Dean read the minutes from the March regular meeting. Michael Corley made a motion to approve the minutes as read. David Neal seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

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

Mayor Adkins presented the following 2018-2019 Wastewater Budget item to be amended:

7190 Supplies-General \$12,300 to \$16,000

David Neal made a motion to approve amending this budget item, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins opened discussion of the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget that she had provided copies of to the Board members. This will be presented for approval in May.

Mayor Adkins presented two Webster Parish Police Jury Resolutions. The first was for the WPPJ to help repair pot holes on Sarepta streets and in the Town square. Melanie Dean made a motion to approve the WPPJ repairing pot holes, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. The second resolution was for the WPPJ to assist the Town of Sarepta in paying for programming a dedicated radio channel for the testing and use of the tornado sirens. David Neal made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins presented Ordinance 458 Nuisance Dogs & Cats to the Board for introduction. This ordinance outlines the circumstances regarding a nuisance dog or cat and the penalties that will be taken for violating the ordinance. This ordinance will be voted on at the May meeting. Michael Corley made a motion to introduce Ordinance 458 Nuisance Dogs & Cats, seconded by Melanie Dean. Four in favor, Heath Warford opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that Justin Pickard had been hired to fill the vacancy in the Wastewater Dept left by Charles Louis Grappe quitting. Justin will also do the bush hogging and some occasional clerk work. Michael Corley made a motion to approve hiring Justin Pickard to work part time for these three positions, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Melanie Dean made a motion to pay Justin Pickard \$11.00 an hour for Wastewater work, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Melanie Dean made a motion to pay Justin Pickard \$10.00 an hour for bush hogging, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried. Melanie Dean made a motion to pay Justin Pickard \$8.00 an hour for part time wastewater clerk work with a raise to \$9.00 an hour after 90 days. Motion seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins asked the Board about raises for part time workers Spencer Pipes and Terry Green. Michael Corley made a motion to give Spencer Pipes a raise from \$10.00 an hour to \$11.00 an hour and Terry Green from \$12.00 an hour to \$13.00 an hour, effective May 1, 2019. Motion seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that Audrey Sandlin had decided to quit cleaning town hall due to health reasons. She made a recommendation to hire Amanda Anglin to clean the office. David Neal made a motion to hire Amanda Anglin to clean town hall at a rate of \$10.00 an hour for three hours a week, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins said she had talked to Tony Matlock with the USDA and gotten approval to purchase one aerator for the wastewater pond with money in the Contingency Fund. David Neal made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

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

Peggy Adkins, Mayor

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk