

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Amanda Anglin, Bob Seiple, Michael McCullen, Troy Walker, Chris Ward, Eddie Dunn, Todd Pickard, Denise Edwards, Cady Pruitt, Denny McMullan, Mattie Preston, Kathy Cleveland, Angela McCullen

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

Requests for additions to the agenda were called for. Mayor Adkins asked to add Denise Edwards, candidate for Webster Parish Tax Assessor, to the agenda. Melanie Dean made a motion to make this addition and approve the agenda, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Public comments were called for and unanswered.

Mayor Adkins recognized Denise Edwards to speak. She told the Board she is currently Chief Deputy Assessor and has worked for the assessor's office for 29 years. She would appreciate our support October 12.

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

Mayor Adkins recognized Mattie Preston, candidate for LA State Senate District 36, to speak. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics, Government & Public Administration. She would appreciate our support on October 12.

Mayor Adkins recognized Chief McCullen to give his report. Chief McCullen told the Board the department had made six arrests in the last month and has three ongoing cases.

Chief McCullen reminded the Board that Ofc. Chris Ward will be attending the police academy soon, which will put a strain on the department for the 16 weeks he will be gone. Chief McCullen made a recommendation to hire WPSO Deputy Jason Marshall as a part time officer to help fill in. Michael Corley made a motion to hire Jason Marshall part time at a rate of \$13.00 an hour, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Chief McCullen then told the Board that Ofc. Troy Walker has raised \$4,000.00 towards the equipment needed to finish outfitting his police unit for K9 Lola. Chief McCullen requested the department go ahead and fund the rest of the equipment at an approximate total cost of \$6,500.00 because Lola has outgrown the temporary kennel she has been riding in. Michael Corley made a motion to have the work completed on the unit, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that Sarepta won an honorable mention for the community development done in acquiring Lola. They needed to vote on hiring Dees Gardner CPAs, LLC for the annual audit. Melanie Dean made a motion to hire Dees Gardner CPAs, LLC for the 2018-2019 audit, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that Summer Ball Director Jason Martin decided it is too much trouble to turn all of the summer ball. Michael Corley made a motion to allocate \$20,000 out of the Bond 90 account to purchase new playground equipment, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Michael Corley made a motion to cover the installation of the equipment and the wood chips to go under the equipment separately from the \$20,000, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins asked for a motion on the resolution for the Webster Parish Police Jury to clean out the culverts on both sides of the road on Crow Lake Road to Waddey Street. Heath Warford made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Melanie Dean. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

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

Peggy Adkins, Mayor

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk