

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Tuesday, September 10, 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, Troy Walker, Chris Ward, Eddie Dunn, Leslie Plants, Ricky Ketchum, Charles Elkins, Patrick Lindsey

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

Requests for additions to the agenda were called for. Mayor Adkins asked to add voting on a resolution approving the 2019 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report. Melanie Dean made a motion to make this addition and approve the agenda, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Public comments were called for. Leslie Plants told the Board her business, Knights Services, is interested in acquiring the Beaty property from the Town.

Claire Lay read the minutes from the August regular meeting. David Neal made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Claire Lay 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 Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins asked for approval to submit an LGAP grant application for the year 2020. She asked the Board what she should ask to request funds to purchase. After some discussion, Melanie Dean made a motion to use the 2020 LGAP grant application to purchase a vehicle to replace the truck the chief currently drives, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins asked for a vote on approving the 2019 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report resolution. Heath Warford made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that the new playground equipment had been installed and the Webster Parish Police Jury had agreed to provide gravel to go under the new equipment. The gravel will be purchased from Billy Sayers and paid for out of the WPPJ discretionary fund upon approval of a resolution by the Board. David Neal made a motion to approve a resolution for the police jury to provide gravel for the playground, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that the October 8, 2019 meeting date needed to be changed because she has to attend an LMA Executive Board Meeting in Baton Rouge on October 9th. Michael Corley made a motion to move the October meeting to Thursday, October 10, 2019, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board she had talked to our building inspector about some houses in town that need to be condemned. Mayor Adkins asked for a motion to condemn the Moya house on Crow Lake Road, the Budwah house on 1st Street, and the Perkins trailer on Cave Street. Melanie Dean made a motion to approve condemning these abandoned properties and giving the homeowners time to clean them up, seconded by Claire Lay. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Adkins told the Board that Patrick Lindsey had contacted her the day before expressing a desire to acquire the Beaty property because it is adjacent to his property. Mayor Adkins suggested the property be given to Mr. Lindsey with the stipulations that he remove the asbestos in compliance with environmental law, the land must be cleared of all debris, Mr. Lindsey must pay all fees to put the land in his name, and this must be completed by January 1, 2020. If he has not met these requirements by the deadline, Knights Services will have the opportunity to acquire the land with the same terms.

Melanie Dean made a motion to approve this agreement as stated, seconded by Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion approved.

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

Peggy Adkins, Mayor

Amanda Anglin, Town Clerk