

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

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

Also, Present: Charlie Livingston, Bob Seiple, Ruby Warford, Maura Gardner, Debra Dees, Jason Martin, Anthony Mullins, Eddie Dale Dunn and Christopher Sthal.

Absent, None.

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

Requests for additions to the agenda were called for and none were made.

Public comments were called for and there were no comments made.

Mayor Peggy Adkins asked for approval of the agenda. Melanie Dean made the motion to approve, seconded by David Neal. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Melanie Dean read the minutes from the December regular meeting. Heath Warford 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 Heath Warford. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Peggy Adkins made a recommendation to hire Jason Martin as the Park and Recreation director for 2020. Michael Corley made the motion to hire Jason Martin, seconded by Claire Lay.

The following resolution was offered by Melanie Dean and seconded by Heath Warford.

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Sarepta, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Sarepta, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 27(B) thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Town on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall the Town of Sarepta, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), be authorized to levy a thirteen and eighty-four hundredths (13.84) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in said Town (an estimated \$80,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating public facilities, works, improvements and equipment of and for the Town for the following purposes: 1. sewers and sewerage

disposal, 2. streets, roads and drainage, 3. parks and recreation, and 4. police protection, including police salaries?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Minden Press Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, published in Minden, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Town, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Special Election, the Mayor is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Municipal Building, 24444 Hwy. 371, Sarepta, Louisiana, on **Thursday, JULY 16, 2020, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Place. The polling place for the precinct set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Town will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Town is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor and/or Clerk of the Town are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Webster Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Webster Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Michael Corley	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	
Melanie Dean	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	
David Neal	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	
Claire Lay	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	
Heath Warford	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of January, 2020.

/s/ Charlie Livingston
Clerk

/s/ Peggy Adkins
Mayor

Mayor Peggy Adkins requested that anything under 36 hours be considered part-time for the Public Safety department. Heath Warford made a motion to approve, seconded by Michael Corley

Mayor Peggy Adkins recommended that she and Michael Corley attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Baton Rouge. David Neal made a motion to approve, seconded by Claire Lay motion carried.

Peggy Adkins recognized Maura Gardener with Dees Gardner, CPAs, LLC, to present the audit report. Mrs. Gardner reported some findings related to our financial control and was recommended that we obtain the resources and knowledge necessary to fix these findings.

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

X

Peggy Adkins
Mayor

X

Charlie Livingston
Town Clerk