

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sarepta met in regular session Thursday June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Sarepta, LA.

Present: Mayor Adkins, Michael Corley, Melanie Dean, and David Neal.

Also present: Charlie Taylor, Todd Pickard, Spencer Pipes, John Smith, Eddie Dunn and Bob Seiple

Absent: Claire Lay and Heath Warford

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

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

Melanie Dean read the minutes from the May regular meeting. David Neal 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 and a 2020/2021 budget, were presented. David Neal made a motion to approve financial statements as presented, seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Peggy Adkins opened the bids for Toyota Truck and Pam Dorsey had the highest bid.

Mayor Peggy Adkins requested that Chief Mike McCullen receive a raise from \$2100 a month to \$2500 a month. David made the motion to approve; seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor no opposed, motion carried

Mayor Peggy Adkins requested that the Town of Sarepta change its office hours to Monday thru Thursday 8:00A.M-1:00 P.M. Melanie Dean made a motion to approve; seconded by Michael Corley. All in favor, no opposed, motion carried

Mayor Peggy Adkins presented the following resolution to the board,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, there is one constitutional amendments (HB14) introduced in the 2020 First Extraordinary Session that would transfer collection responsibility of local sales and use tax levies to the state Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect its own taxes and have a proven record of proactive advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology and successful litigation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana's budget issues do not offer prospects for the Department of Revenue to have sufficient resources to provide the necessary taxpayer assistance, enforcement programs and training of its employees on the specific application or local sales and use tax ordinances without significant cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage of locally adopted sales and use tax levies, collection of said levies the direct responsibility of local governments, and which transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may generate legal challenges and jeopardize future bond issues; and

WHEREAS, the central local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration, and the Secretary of Revenue being an appointee of the Governor of the state, uncertainty exists as to who in the Department of

Revenue will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of such critical local tax administration,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the [City/School Board/Parish/Sheriff] of ABC as a local taxing authority and /or governing body, that each member of the legislative delegation for the Parish of Webster is urged to vigorously oppose any and all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter,

The foregoing motion was offered by Peggy Adkins, Melanie Dean made the motion to approve, seconded by David Neal.

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

YEAS: Michael Corley, Melanie Dean and David Neal

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Claire lay and Heath Warford

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

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Peggy Adkins, Mayor

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Charlie Taylor, Clerk

