



Town of Jonesboro

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Board of Alderman Meeting

Minutes of April 16, 2024

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor James "Spike" Harris

Roll Call: A quorum was established with the following members present Devin Flowers, Robert Hunter, Robbie Siadek, and James Ginn. Nia Johnson arrived shortly after.

Invocation: Alderman Robbie Siadek

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Robert Hunter

Public Comments: Chamber Director Wilda Smith reannounced the upcoming Jackson Parish Sunshine Festival on April 20, 2024, that will include a car show and quilt turning.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda. Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Hunter. No discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motioned to table Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2024, Board of Alderman Meeting.

Motioned by Flowers. Seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

Approval of Financials: Motioned by Hunter. Seconded by Siadek. No Discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion of Louisiana State Mesonet: Mayor Harris presented the possibility of the Mesonet coming to Jonesboro to give real time weather reports and updates. If allowed this project will cost the Town nothing and would occupy a piece of land near the airport.

Discussion of fees for Overhead Sign Business: While initiating the process of creating an ordinance for Overhead Signs the council suggested that we contact neighboring cities to gain information relative to creating policy. Until the ordinance is completed, businesses are required to apply for a peddler's license.

Police Department Resignation, Termination, and New Hire: Chief Israel Smith informed the council of the resignation of Harry Wooldridge and the city attorney is preparing legal documents to for Officer Wooldridge to reimburse town funds for Police Academy as a direct result of breach of contract.

Motioned by Flowers. Seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works: Assistant Director Warren Bradley expressed the unity shown by numerous departments and employees during the storm and fire at Paradise Funeral Home. A total of 1,850 meters had been found, 12 leaks fixed without contractors, ditching to continue Gimber and Hamilton streets.

Fire Department: Chief Aaron Blalock expressed his gratitude to all who supported the firemen and various departments during the storm and fire at Paradise Funeral Home and reported 88 total fires 55 inside city limits and 33 out.

Police Department: Chief Israel Smith congratulated all staff from all departments for their hard work and dedication exhibited through the storm and subsequent fire, informed the council of the 235 calls this month, and that his staff is working to the best of their ability to aid in proper management of loose dogs in Jonesboro.

Approval of Department Head Reports: Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Ginn. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

Flowers: Thanked everyone for coming.

Hunter: Thanked everyone for coming.

Johnson: Thanked Everyone for coming. Expressed special thanks to all who assisted in the storm and fire and how the unity and comradery in the town is well needed and received.

Sidek: Thanked everyone for coming, acknowledged, and expressed thanks for the hard work of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their dedication to the town.

Ginn: Thanked everyone for coming and urged the town to continue in unity.

Mayor's Comments: Thanked everyone who came out.

Adjournment: Motioned by Flowers. Seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Mayor: _____

City Clerk: _____

