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### **Board of Alderman Meeting**

## Minutes of March 12, 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, Nia Johnson, and James Ginn. Robbie Siadek arrived shortly after.

Invocation: Alderman James Ginn

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Devin Flowers

**Public Comments**: Chamber Director Wilda Smith announced the upcoming Jackson Parish chamber's banquet, Spring Fling scheduled for April 7, 2024, and the Sunshine Festival on April 20, 2024.

Motion to accept public comments. Motioned by Johnson. Seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to add agenda item 6a - NuQuest Energy

Motioned by Johnson. Seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Agenda. Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motioned to table Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2024, Board of Alderman Meeting & Approval of Special Call Minutes of February 23, 2024.

Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Hunter. Motion carried.

Approval of DEQ Funding Resolution 2024-001: Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Hunter. Motion Passed.

# Approval of DEQ Resolutions from Self Audit

- A. North pond wastewater treatment resolution 2024-003: Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Hunter. Motion carried.
- B. South pond wastewater treatment resolution 2024-004: Motioned by Johnson. Seconded by Siadek. Motion carried.

C. East pond wastewater treatment resolution 2024-005: Motioned by Johnson. Seconded by Hunter. Motion carried.

## Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Jackson Parish Hospital:

Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried.

## Department Head Reports:

**Public Works**: Director Karl Johnson informed the council members that mowing season has commenced, and workers have started ditching as well. 5-10 water meters are being discovered daily. A quote to fix fire hydrants is forthcoming.

Fire Department: Chief Aaron Blalock submitted his printed report to the mayor and council. Chief Blalock asked were there any questions: None.

**Police Department**: Assistant Chief Warren Johnson JR. informed the Mayor and Council of a software crash preventing him from generating data for his report. The Assistant Chief informed the council members that he would submit his report as soon as the system was back running properly.

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

#### **Council Comments:**

Flowers: Thanked the community for being present and thanked the participants for such a peaceful meeting

Hunter: Thanked Everyone for coming.

**Johnson:** Thanked Everyone for coming. Expressed thanks to everyone for helping improve the progression of our town as well as unity within our town. Thanked Mayor Harris for his labor in finding funding for the beautification and betterment of Jonesboro.

**Sidek:** Thanked everyone for coming, acknowledged, and expressed thanks for the hard work of the Police, Fire, Public Works Departments and gave special thanks to Mayor Harris and the team at City Hall for all their efforts. Requested diligent attention towards water bills that are ACH drafted so that no accidental drafts being processed would place citizens in a hardship.

Ginn: Started with a funny joke. Alderman Ginn, Thanked everyone for their hard work, dedication, consistency, and efforts.

Mayor's Comments: Thanked everyone who came out, special thanks to Mr. Shuler and NuQuest for being present.

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