TOWN OF PORT BARRE

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 6, 2023

OFFICERS: JOHN P. ARDOIN PAT MORROW TORIA V. COMEAUX TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR WILLIAM H. JARRELL, III, P.E.

REGULAR MEETING

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwoman of the Town of Port Barre met in regular session in the town hall on Tuesday, December 6, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ardoin called the meeting to order. Present were: Robin, Hebert, Kimble, S. Hardy and G. Hardy. Absent: None.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwoman of the Town of Port Barre, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, were duly convened as the governing authority of said town by Mayor John P. Ardoin, whom stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Kimble, accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2023, and to dispense with the reading thereof. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin gave an update on business items from the November 7, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Robin, seconded by Hebert hiring Mr. Benjamin R. Trant, Attorney at Law, as the Magistrate Judge for Mayor's Court, effective January 1, 2024. Unanimous.

Motion by Kimble, seconded by S. Hardy setting the following as Town Council monthly meeting dates for the year 2024: Wednesday, January 3; Tuesday, February 6; March 5; April 2; May 7; June 4; July 2; August 6; September 3; October 1; November 5; and Wednesday, December 4. Unanimous.

Toria V. Comeaux, Town Clerk opened the bids for demolition of the property located at 105 Beauxis Drive as follows:

Triple B Land Prep, LLC - \$13,380.00; Dirt Devils Construction, LLC - \$10,000.00; Cajun Construction and Transportation, LLC - \$7,800.00; Page 2

Double B Excavation & Tractor, LLC - \$6,400.00; Daniel K. Soileau, LLC - \$4,000.00; Cajun Choppers, LLC - \$3,800.00; Buster's Construction, LLC - \$8,800.00

Discussion was had regarding contractor licensing and insurance of the companies submitting bids, since the Town did not ask for these items in the advertisement.

Motion by Kimble, seconded by S. Hardy accepting the bid of Cajun Choppers, LLC upon verification of the company's credentials.

Mayor Ardoin polled the Council: Kimble - yea; S. Hardy - yea;

Robin - yea; G. Hardy - yea; Hebert - nay. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion by Robin, seconded by G. Hardy hiring Ms. Dori Comeaux as a full-time dispatcher, upon the recommendation of Chief Boudreaux. Unanimous.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Robin hiring Mr. Jordan Lachney as a full-time, non-post certified police officer, upon the recommendation of Chief Boudreaux. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Chief Boudreaux. Chief Boudreaux rendered the monthly report of Police Department activities. He also advised the Council and audience about the Senior Citizens Luncheon being held on December 15, 2023. Chief Boudreaux also announced that the Town is hosting a Christmas parade set for December 23, 2023. He stated that this is a collaboration between a couple of town employees, along with a few citizens. He also asked permission of the council to allow horses in the parade. There is an ordinance in place that prohibits this, so for the council to act upon it, the agenda must be amended to include the item.

Motion by S. Hardy, seconded by G. Hardy amending the agenda to add the item of riding of horses in the Christmas Parade. Mayor Ardoin polled the council: G. Hardy - yea; S. Hardy - yea; Kimble - yea; Hebert - yea, Robin - yea. Motion to amend the agenda carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion by S. Hardy, seconded by G. Hardy allowing the riding of up to ten (10) horses in the Christmas Parade. Mayor Ardoin polled the council: G. Hardy - yea; S. Hardy - yea; Kimble - nay; Hebert - nay, Robin - nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Gregory Leger, Town Superintendent, who gave an update on public works activities.

Mayor Ardoin advised that Kyla Rivette, Parks & Recreation Director, is out sick, and gave a brief update on Youth League activities.

Motion by Robin, seconded by Hebert accepting all financial and departmental reports. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon the Town Council, then the audience. General discussion was had, including the trash on property ordinance, water treatment plant upgrades and issues with Well No. 3, street lights and the insertion of a 3-way stop behind Love's Truck Stop.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Kimble to adjourn. Unanimous.

ATTEST

CLERK

MAYOR