## **TOWN OF PORT BARRE**

## JOHN P. ARDOIN

MAYOR

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 5, 2024

## 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, March 5, 2024, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ardoin called the meeting to order. Present were: Robin, Hebert, S. Hardy, G. Hardy and Kimble. 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 February 6, 2024, and to dispense with the reading thereof. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin gave an update on business items from the February 6, 2024 meeting, and advised that the agenda needed to be amended to add an item.

Motion by Robin, seconded by Hebert to amend and add an item to the agenda. Unanimous.

Adopt a Resolution granting Mayor John P. Ardoin the authority to purchase and execute all documents regarding the land acquisition from Terry Richard to expand the water treatment facility project.

Motion by Kimble, seconded by S. Hardy granting Mayor John P. Ardoin the authority to purchase and execute all documents regarding the land acquisition from Terry Richard to expand the water treatment facility project. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Burton and Brad Kolder with the accounting firm of Kolder, Slaven & Company to present the audit of fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

TOWN COUNCIL: DONALD ROBIN SAMMY W. HARDY, II GREGORY P. HARDY RONNIE KIMBLE SUSIE HEBERT

OFFICERS:

JOHN P. ARDOIN MAYOR MAHTOOK & LAFLEUR ATTORNEY TORIA V. COMEAUX TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR WILLIAM H. JARRELL, III, P.E. Motion by Kimble, seconded by S. Hardy accepting and adopting the fiscal year end September 30, 2023 audit presented by Kolder, Slaven & Company. Unanimous.

Motion by G. Hardy, seconded by Hebert granting permission to Mayor Ardoin to change certain banking accounts into interest bearing accounts as well as obtain higher interest rates for the CD's. Unanimous.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Robin adopting a Resolution approving the 2023 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report prepared by CENLA to be submitted to Louisiana DEQ. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin asked for a motion to condemn the mobile home located at 134 Doris Godet Drive, Lot #25, upon the recommendation of Building Code Inspection Services. Both the owner of the mobile home park and mobile home were present, disputed the condemnation, and further discussion was had, including obtaining approval from the State Fire Marshal. A motion was made by G. Hardy and seconded by Robin giving the owner of the mobile home 90 days to renovate and bring the mobile home up to code, remove and/or torn down. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin asked for a motion to condemn the property located at 193 West Courtableau Drive, upon the recommendation of Building Code Inspection Services. The owner was present, disputed the condemnation, and further discussion was had, including obtaining approval from the State Fire Marshal. A motion was made by G. Hardy and seconded by S. Hardy giving the owner of the mobile home 90 days to renovate and bring the mobile home up to code, remove and/or torn down. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin asked for a motion to condemn the mobile home located at the corner of Bayou Drive and Railroad Avenue upon the recommendation of Building Code Inspection Services. The mobile home park owner was present, disputed the condemnation, advised that he does not own the mobile home, that the owner pays him monthly rent, but does not reside there, and further discussion was had, including obtaining approval from the State Fire Marshal. The park owner advised that he would get in touch with the owner. A motion was made by S. Hardy and seconded by Robin giving the park owner 60 days to get in touch with the owner of the mobile home. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin asked for a motion to condemn the property located at 213 West Courtableau Drive, upon the recommendation of Building Code Inspection Services. The owner was present and advised that she possibly had a sale for the mobile home and that it would be moved out of town if sold. A motion was made by Robin and seconded by Hebert giving the owner of the mobile home 90 days to have it moved out of town or torn down. Unanimous. Mayor Ardoin asked for a motion to condemn the property located at 205 West Courtableau Drive, upon the recommendation of Building Code Inspection Services. The owner was present, disputed the condemnation, and advised that she has been having conversations with our Code Inspector, who was present, on how to bring the mobile home up to code, obtain State Fire Marshal approval, and how to make the storage building into an apartment. A motion was made by Kimble and seconded by S. Hardy giving the owner 90 days to renovate both structures. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Chief Boudreaux. Ms. Nikki Quebedeaux was present on behalf of the Chief, and rendered the monthly report of Police Department activities.

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

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

Mayor Ardoin called upon Kyla Rivette, Parks & Recreation Director, who gave an update on Youth League activities.

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

Mayor Ardoin called upon the town council, then the audience. General discussion was had, including water treatment facility upgrades, street lights, ditches, culverts and drainage.

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

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