TOWN OF PORT BARRE

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

OFFICERS:

JOHN P. ARDOIN

PAT MORROW

TORIA V. COMEAUX
TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

WILLIAM H. JARRELL, III, P.E. CONSULTING ENGINEER

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, September 5, 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 Robin, seconded by S. Hardy, accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2023, and to dispense with the reading thereof. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin gave an update on business items from the August 1, 2023 meeting.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Mr. Tony Sonnier with LRWA to present the Water Rate Study.

Motion by S. Hardy, seconded by Robin adopting the Water Rates presented by LRWA to become effective October 1, 2023. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Mr. Tony Sonnier with LRWA to present the Sewer Rate Study.

Motion by Kimble, seconded by S. Hardy adopting the Sewer Rates presented by LRWA to become effective October 1, 2023. Unanimous.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Robin adopting a Resolution granting Mayor Ardoin permission to "Opt-In" the Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance Waiver for Land Use for the year 2023-2024 in the event a presidential emergency declaration is declared for St. Landry Parish. Unanimous.

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Motion by G. Hardy, seconded by Robin hiring Mr. Wallace Kraemer as a part-time dispatcher, upon the recommendation of Chief Boudreaux. Unanimous.

Motion by Robin, seconded by S. Hardy hiring Mr. Lane LeJeune as a full-time, non-post certified police office, upon the recommendation of Chief Boudreaux. Unanimous.

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

Motion by Robin, seconded by S. Hardy to go into Executive Session regarding personnel matters. Unanimous. Mayor, Council and Chief of Police went into Executive Session at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by Robin to return to Regular Session. Unanimous. Mayor, Council and Chief of Police returned to Regular Session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Motion by Hebert, seconded by S. Hardy accepting the resignation of Officer Dillen DeJean. Unanimous.

Mayor Ardoin called upon Chief Boudreaux. Chief Boudreaux rendered the monthly report of Police Department activities.

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

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

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

Mayor Ardoin called upon the Town Council, then the audience. General discussion was had, including water plant upgrade, hiring of a new Town Attorney, Veteran's Memorial Wall Project and unmetered water for Town owned facilities. Alderman G. Hardy introduced Ordinance No. 3 of 2023, Trash on Property and Ordinance No. 4 of 2023, Compensation of Superintendent. Mr. David Dupre with the Port Barre Lions' Club was in attendance and requested permission to Lease Veterans' Memorial Park from November 6 through 13, 2023 for the annual Cracklin Festival.

Motion by G. Hardy, seconded by Kimble granting permission to the Port Barre Lions' Club to lease Veterans' Memorial Park from November 6 through 13, 2023 for the annual Cracklin Festival. Unanimous.

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

ATTEST

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MAYOR