

TOWN OF HAUGHTON COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11TH, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HAUGHTON TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE DOUG ADAMS, CARLTON ANDERSON, BUCK MCGEE, & COLBY ISOM.

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR GASPARD

NEIL ERWIN, TOWN ATTORNEY, WAS PRESENT.

THE PUBLIC MEETING, ALLOWING INPUT INTO THE TOWN OF HAUGHTON PURSUING A PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE ELECTION ON MARCH 23RD FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING FIRE AND POLICE REVENUE DEDICATED TO EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING NEEDS, WAS OPENED BY MAYOR GASPARD. STEPHANIE WHITE COMMENTED ON IF THE MILLAGE DOESN'T PASS, WILL THE DEPARTMENTS BE ABLE TO HANDLE NEW AND UPCOMING SUBDIVISIONS? A FEW OTHER CITIZENS ASKED HOW WOULD THIS HELP OUR DEPARTMENT NEEDS AND HOW WOULD IT BE DIFFERENT. CITIZEN CLAY HARRIS ASKED ABOUT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND HOW THEY WOULD AFFECT THE MILLAGE AND IF THEY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. CHIEF HOLLAND ALSO COMMENTED ON HOW THIS WOULD HELP THE NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH NOT ONLY FIRE TRUCKS, BUT OTHER DAILY EQUIPMENT THAT THEY NEED TO OPERATE. AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION, THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND A BRIEF RECESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS GIVEN.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY PHILLIP SMITH AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CARLTON ANDERSON.

THERE WERE SEVERAL CITIZENS PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLTON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER, 2022. SECONDED BY BUCK MCGEE. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

THE FINANCIALS FROM AUGUST WERE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COUNCIL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUCK MCGEE TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 3 OR 2022 – AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL SURPLUS TWO POLICE VEHICLES AND DONATE THEM TO THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING. SECONDED BY PHILLIP SMITH. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

THE COUNCILMEN WERE PRESENTED WITH THE FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILLIP SMITH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10 OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF HAUGHTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. SECONDED BY DOUG ADAMS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

THE COUNCIL WAS INTRODUCED WITH ORDINANCE 4 OF 2022 – WHICH AMENDS A ZONED PIECE OF LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL (R-A) TO RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY (R-LD). COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: STEPHANIE WHITE APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONGESTION, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WITH THE CURVE AT HER HOME, AND HOW SHE DOESN'T FEEL HAUGHTON IS READY FOR THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC. TOM WHITE APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE FLOW OF WATER PRESSURE AND ACCIDENTS. DONNA FLINT APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC AND THE NUMBER OF CARS. BRIAN HOLLIS APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE GROWTH OF HOUSES ON A SMALL LOT. HE WOULD RATHER HAVE THE INFOSTRUCTURE GROW FIRST. RONNY MCCART APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT PROPERTY LINES AND NATURAL DRAINAGE FLOW. LAINA OSBORN APPROACHED THE COUNCIL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC AND THE SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE BEING ALMOST IN FRONT OF HER HOME. AND HOW SHE IS CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF HER CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE YARD WITH THE EXTRA TRAFFIC. MPC DIRECTOR, SAM MARSIGLIA, ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL HE COMMENDED THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS ON THE BEHAVIOR OF THIS MEETING. HE STATED THAT THESE CAN GET NASTY, BUT THIS WAS HANDLED WELL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUCK MCGEE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 9 OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM. SECONDED BY CARLTON ANDERSON. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

MAYOR GASPARD MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A POSSIBLE OVERLAY OF NORTH HAZEL FROM THE PARK TO THE INTERSECTION OF N. HAZEL AND E. MCKINLEY. THE NORTHERN HALF WAS DONE IN 2016. THE CONTRACTOR ALSO AGREED TO REDO ALLENTOWN ROAD.

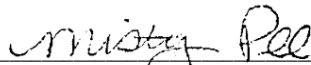
MAYOR GASPARD MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY NEEDED TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING TO NOVEMBER 7TH, 2022 AT 6 PM FROM NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022 DUE TO NATIONAL ELECTION DAY.

FIRE CHIEF JIMMY HOLLAND GAVE THE MONTHLY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. HE STATED THAT DAILY TRAINING FOR FULL-TIME PERSONNEL CONTINUES. HFD PARTICIPATED IN THE HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 29TH. FIREFIGHTER LONG WAS ADDED TO FIRE DISTRICT 1 TO THE PART-TIME RELIEF ROSTER. HE STATED THAT THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM.

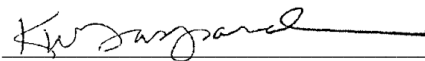
POLICE CHIEF TODD GIBSON WAS ABSENT. HIS REPORT STATED THAT 106 TICKETS WERE WRITTEN IN SEPTEMBER. AND THERE WERE 162 SERVICE CALLS.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JACKY HICKS WAS ABSENT. THIS REPORT STATED THAT 9 NEW CUSTOMERS RECEIVED METERS AND 6 METER REGISTERS WERE REPLACED. CONSTRUCTION AT THE PLANT CONTINUES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.



MISTY PEE, TOWN CLERK



KIM GASPARD, MAYOR