

TOWN OF HAUGHTON COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 13TH, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HAUGHTON TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 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 COUNCIL MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY PHILLIP SMITH AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY DOUG ADAMS.

THERE WERE SEVERAL CITIZENS PRESENT.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUCK MCGEE TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIALS FROM OCTOBER. SECONDED BY PHILLIP SMITH. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN:0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILLIP SMITH TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 5 OF 2022 – AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET. SECONDED BY DOUG ADAMS THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUCK MCGEE TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 6 OF 2022 – THE 2023 BUDGET. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COLBY ISOM TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT AN ADDITIONAL 2% SALARY INCREASE ON TOP OF THE ALREADY 2% INCREASE FOR ALL HOURLY EMPLOYEES. THE MAYOR DECLARED THIS AS OUT OF ORDER. SECONDED BY CARLTON ANDERSON. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES: 4 NAYS: 1 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILLIP SMITH TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 7 OF 2022 – SETTING SALARIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN. SECONDED BY CARLTON ANDERSON. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

THE COUNCILMEN WERE PRESENTED WITH THE FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER. THEY WILL LOOK THEM OVER AND VOTE TO APPROVE OR REJECT THEM AT THE JANUARY 2023 MEETING.

POLICE CHIEF TODD GIBSON INTRODUCED A NEW OFFICER, PATRICK EDMONDS. HE STATED THAT OFFICER EDMONDS HAD A HIRE DATE OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2022 WITH A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$2,600.00 A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHILLIP SMITH TO HIRE OFFICER EDMONDS. SECONDED BY BUCK MCGEE. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

THE COUNCIL, UNDER NO OBJECTION, APPROVED THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 8 OF 2022 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2 OF 1992 SETTING CONDITIONS AND FINES FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH A WEIGHT OF 30,000 LBS OR MORE ON MUNICIPAL STREETS AND ROADS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLTON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 11 OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION THAT GIVES THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS WITH QUALA WASH HOLDINGS, LLC. SECONDED BY DOUG ADAMS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

CHRISTMAS IN HAUGHTON REPRESENTATIVE, KELLY GIBSON WAS SET TO COME TO PRESENT THE AWARD FOR THE BATTLE OF THE BADGES THAT TOOK PLACE AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, BUT DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER, THIS WAS TABLED FOR ONE MONTH.

FIRE CHIEF JIMMY HOLLAND GAVE THE MONTHLY FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. HE STATED THAT ON NOVEMBER 9TH, HFD PERSONNEL AND BPDF 1 RESPONDED MUTUALLY TO A FREIGHT TRUCK FIRE AT THE PILOT TRUCK STOP. ON NOVEMBER 22ND, HFD AND FIRE DISTRICT 1 MUTUALLY RESPONDED TO A FREIGHT TRUCK FIRE ON I-20. ALL APPARATUS ARE IN SERVICE. DAILY TRAINING CONTINUES FOR FULL-TIME PERSONNEL. HE STATED THAT SANTA CLAUS WILL PARADE THE TOWN ON DECEMBER 24TH, STARTING AROUND 8:30 A.M. WE WILL BE COORDINATING WITH BOSSIER FIRE DISTRICT 1 WHO WILL BE PARADING THEIR DISTRICT AS WELL.

POLICE CHIEF TODD GIBSON GAVE THE MONTHLY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. HE STATED THAT 69 CITATIONS WERE GIVEN. HPD HOSTED A CRIME SCENE/EVIDENCE HANDLING CLASS TAUGHT BY LPS CRIME LAB. THEY HAD SEVERAL OTHER AREA AGENCIES ATTEND. THEY ARE GATHERING TOYS FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE. AND THEY ARE ALSO GETTING READY TO GATHER FOOD FOR THEIR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE.

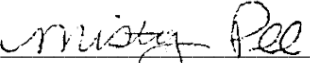
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JACKY HICKS WAS ABSENT DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER. THE COUNCILMEN WERE GIVEN HIS MONTHLY REPORT.

MPC DIRECTOR, SAM MARSIGLIA, STATED HE RECEIVED THE TRAFFIC COUNT FOR HIS JURISDICTION. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WANTS TO HAVE A WORKSHOP WITH COUNCIL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE 3RD OF JANUARY.

MMLH REP, JEREMY HEBRON WAS AT THE MEETING. HE STATED THAT THE NEW WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS NOW ONLINE. WELL 5 TANK CODING IS TO BE FINISHED THIS WEEK AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY.

MAYOR KIM GASPARD STATED THAT HE SPOKE WITH DOTD IN REGARDS TO HIGHWAY 3227, AND THEY STATED THAT THEY TURNED PLANS INTO DOTD BATON ROUGE AND WILL PLAN TO START UPGRADES ON HIGHWAY 157 IN JUNE OF 2023.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.



MISTY PEE, TOWN CLERK



KIM GASPARD, MAYOR