

TOWN OF HAUGHTON COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11TH, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HAUGHTON TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR GASPARD

NEIL ERWIN, TOWN ATTORNEY, WAS PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY COLBY ISOM AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CARLTON ANDERSON.

THERE WERE SEVERAL CITIZENS PRESENT.

CHIEF HOLLAND GAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT A MONTHLY REPORT. HE STATED ALL HYDRANT INSPECTIONS, BANDING, AND FLOW TESTING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR 2022. PERSONNEL IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING ANNUAL HOSE TESTING. DAILY TRAINING CONTINUES FOR FULL-TIME PERSONNEL. FIREFIGHTERS ROE AND JEFFREY WILL BE TESTING FIRE INSTRUCTOR 1 IN MAY. PIAL FIELD VISIT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE WILL RECEIVE OUR RESULTS IN JUNE. THE TRANSITION TO FIREWORKS SOFTWARE HAS BEGUN. WE ARE CURRENTLY TRANSITIONING DATA FROM FIREHOUSE, WORKING TOWARDS CAD INTERFACE, AND CONDUCTING TRAINING SESSIONS WITH FIREWORKS REPRESENTATIVES. WE SHOULD GO LIVE SOMETIME IN MAY.

CHIEF GIBSON GAVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT A MONTHLY REPORT. HE STATED THAT WE HAD 116 SERVICE CALLS AND 147 CITATIONS. SGT. FREEMAN'S SHIFT IS MAKING GREAT ARRESTS FOR TAKING ILLEGAL DRUGS AND GUNS OFF THE STREETS. IN ONE WEEKEND, 14 ARRESTS, 23 FELONY CHARGES, 13 MISDEMEANORS, 3 FUGITIVES, 2 CAR CHASES/ARRESTS, AND 43 TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR A TOTAL OF \$11,000. THIS IS 4 OFFICERS AND A SGT. OUR OFFICERS AND FIREMEN RESPONDED TO THE STORM VERY QUICKLY, ASSISTING FOLKS OUT OF DAMAGED HOMES, CLEARING DEBRIS FROM THE STREETS AS WELL AS LOGGING DAMAGED AREAS. THEY ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF VEHICLES PASSING SCHOOL BUSES THAT ARE EITHER LOADING OR UNLOADING. IT IS A SERIOUS ISSUE NOT ONLY IN THE TOWN, THIS IS SOMETIMES DA DIFFICULT TASK WITH LIMITED OFFICERS AVAILABLE.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JACKY HICKS WAS ABSENT. HIS REPORT STATED THAT 8 NEW CUSTOMERS RECEIVED METERS, 4 METER TOPS WERE REPLACED, AND 1 NON-WORKING METER WAS REPLACED. A SERVICE LINE WAS REPAIRED AT 214 SOUTHERN CREEK CIRCLE AND A 2-INCH WATER MAIN LEAK WAS REPAIRED AT 321 PARK CIRCLE. CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW SEWER PLAN CONTINUES.

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

THE COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED WITH THE MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. THEY WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THEM AND IF ANY QUESTIONS AAROSE TO PLEASE ASK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUC MCGEE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2 OF 2022 – DECLARING AS SURPLUS A 1999 FERRARA FREIGHLINER FIRE TRUCK AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE TO WEBSTER PARISH FIRE DISTRICT 3 FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE UNIT. SECONDED BY PHILLIP SMITH. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. AYES:5 NAYS:0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

ANNIE GREEN WITH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND CHRISTMAS IN HAUGHTON CAME AND SPOKE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN'S INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THESE EVENTS. THEY ARE LOOKING AT OCTOBER 4TH, 2022 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND DECEMBER 10TH, 2022 FOR CHRISTMAS IN HAUGHTON.

SAM MARSIGLIA WITH THE HAUGHTON MPC STATED THAT HE IS WORKING ON VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. HE ALSO STATED THERE WILL BE A MEETING AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE MPC BOARD.

MAYOR GASPARD STATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR TOWN OF THE YEAR ON OUR SEWER SYSTEM FROM THE LRWA. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A WORKSHOP NEXT TUESDAY AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF SOME WATER ISSUES AROUND THE TOWN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

MISTY PEE, TOWN CLERK

KIM GASPARD, MAYOR