

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HAUGHTON STATE OF
LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Haughton, State of Louisiana, met in Regular session in Council Chambers, 118 West McKinley Avenue, Haughton, Louisiana, November 14th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation was given by Council Member Phillip Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Colby Isom

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Doug Adams, Carlton Anderson, Buck McGee, Colby Isom, & Phillip Smith

Also Present: Mayor, Kim Gaspard, Town Attorney, Neil Erwin, MPC Director, Sam Marsiglia, Fire Chief, Jimmy Holland, Police Chief, Todd Gibson, Public Works Superintendent, Jacky Hicks, and Town Clerk, Misty Pee.

By Mr. Anderson

Motion to approve the council minutes for the October regular meeting.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By Mr. McGee

Motion to approve the minutes of the October Special Meeting.

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

By Mr. Smith

Motion to accept the budgeted financial statements from September 2023

Seconded by Mr. McGee

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

By Mayor Gaspard

Stating that the Council Members had been presented with the financial statements for the month of October 2023. The vote to approve will be next month.

By Mr. McGee

Motion to introduce Ordinance 7 of 2023 – Amendment of the 2023 Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Anderson

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By Mr. McGee

Motion to introduce Ordinance 8 of 2023 – The 2023 Proposed Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Anderson

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce Ordinance 9 of 2023 – Setting the salaries for the 2024 Budget Year.

Seconded by Mr. McGee

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By Mr. Smith

Motion to accept Resolution 13 of 2023 – The Bossier Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Adams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By Mr. Smith

Motion to table Resolution 14 of 2023 – Setting new ADA requirements for Council Meetings

Seconded by Mr. Adams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

By Fire Chief Holland

The total number of responses was 67. The fire station participated in National Night Out at Joe Delaney Park. They participated in the Homecoming Parade, hosted Open House, and hosted Haughton Elementary School for a field trip to the Fire Station. Ladder 1 remains out of service. It is currently in Longview being repaired. Cost is estimated to be around \$6,000. Brush 1 is currently out of service. The pump and the motor are being replaced. Replacement parts have arrived, and they are in the process of being installed. Engine 3 currently remains as a frontline unit until Ladder 1 returns from the shop. New Rescue 1 is anticipated to be delivered on November 28th. They will have to go to Baton Rouge for the final inspection and specification review on November 27th. Daily training continues for full-time personnel. They are currently exploring the option to host new classes at the department. They are looking at the possibility of charging a comparable fee to state courses to cover any costs placed on the department.

By Police Chief Gibson

The total number of service calls was 95. 68 tickets were issued for a total of \$19,433. A bulletproof vest grant was issued for a total of \$2,550. On duty officers passed out candy for Halloween.

By Mayor Gaspard

A public meeting for the Future Land Use Map Project will be held November 21st at 6:00 P.M. The Christmas in Houghton event will take place December 9th. And The Houghton Christmas Light Contest will be judged on December 19th.