

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HAUGHTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Haughton, State of Louisiana, met in Regular session in Council Chambers, 118 W. McKinley Road, Haughton, Louisiana, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation was given by Council Member Buck McGee

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Colby Isom

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Doug Adams, Carlton Anderson, Buck McGee, Colby Isom

Council Member Phillip Smith was running late.

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, Town Clerk, Misty Pee, and Deputy Clerk, Lane Brown

Mayor Gaspard introduced Haughton High School students participating in the Bossier Youth Leadership Program that were in attendance.

By: Mr. Anderson

Motion to approve minutes of June 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion us unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

By: Mr. McGee

Motion to accept the financial statements from May 2023.

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Council Member Smith arrived at the meeting – 6:07 P.M.

By: Mr. Anderson

Motion to accept Ordinance 2 of 2023 – Surplusage of 3 Police vehicles with a Tahoe being donated to the Village of Natchez.

Seconded by: Mr. McGee

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to accept Ordinance 3 of 2023 – Surplusage of out of date computer technology equipment that has been in storage at the fire station.

Seconded by: Mr. McGee

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gaspard stated that the Council Members had been presented the financial statements for the month of June 2023. Vote to approve will be next month.

By Mr. Isom

Reject Resolution 6 of 2023 – Accepting the infrastructure from the additions made at Academy Mobil Home Park – Pact Lane extension Phase 1. It is the recommendation of MML&H that the town accept the infrastructure provide the punch list is completed.

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

Council Member Isom stated that he had concerns about Mr. Hick's involvement and that he had concerns about voting on it tonight.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By Mr. Smith

Introduce Ordinance 4 of 2023 – An ordinance to amend Ordinance 1 of 2021 for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of a tract of land within the town.

Seconded by: Mr. McGee

MPC Director, Mr. Marsiglia, addressed the council members stating that a citizen is wanting to be on the property of her parents. Her intentions are to place a manufactured home on the property with intentions on removing it eventually.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By. Mr. Smith

Introduce Ordinance 5 of 2023 – An ordinance that establishes annual holidays for town employees.

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Department Reports

By Fire Chief Holland

The total number of responses were 97. The department responded to a brush fire, vehicle fire, and the June 16th storm event. During the storm, HPD and HFD responded to roughly 25 incidences related to the storm. All apparatus are in service with the exception of Rescue 1 who's A/C work is still pending. Daily training continues for full-time personnel. Deputy Fire Chief interviews were conducted and Nick Palmer has been selected for the position. His official hire date is July 15th. Nick has served as our part-time Training Officer for the past 10 years.

By Police Chief Gibson

The total number of citations were 59 resulting in a total of \$18,271. Numerous crashes, domestics, narcotics arrests. Stray dogs have become a huge problem again. June 16th and 17th, officers and firemen cut trees from the storm, checked on a number of people in our community. On that Saturday and Sunday, Chief Gibson, and two officers passed out cold water to the elderly and sick in our community that were still without power. Chief Gibson was able to call Pastor Gevan Spinney and explain to him how they had lots of people needing shelter. Pastor Spinney and his staff at First Baptist Church Haughton graciously opened the Family Life Center for people to seek relief from the heat.

By Public Works Superintendent Jacky Hicks

He stated that throughout the power outages from the June 2023 storm, that his crew worked 24 hours a day managing to keep the town's water wells working. All wells were operated on generators. He stated that Well 5 is needing a generator for future events like this.

By MPC Director Sam Marsiglia

He stated that his board will meet Monday July 17th. His board meets as needed every 3rd Monday of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

By Parks McCormick

He addressed the council with a question of two street lights on his street that don't operate properly. Mayor Gaspard responding that this is a SWEPCO issue, but we will take care of it for him. He also asked if the water in Fox Skin Bayou was being contaminated from the sewer plant. Public Works Superintendent Hicks responded by stating that yes, but the town's water is tested twice a week and monthly. And per the State of Louisiana we are meeting and passing their requirements for safe drinking water.

By Richard Bryce

He stated that does the truck tank washing company in the town limits have their own treatment center. Mr. Hicks responded yes, a small one on site. He also asked Mr. Hicks how much water was consumed daily by the town. Mr. Hicks responded by stating that different size wells produce different amounts of water. He said that if he had to guess it would be close to a million.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Mayor Gaspard adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

**Lane Brown
Deputy Clerk
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