

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

January 9, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Haughton, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in council chambers, 118 West McKinley Avenue, Haughton, Louisiana, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation was given by Council Member Buck McGee

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Phillip Smith

Roll call as follows:

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

Also present: Mayor, Kim Gaspard, Town Attorney, Neil Erwin, MPC Director, Sam Marsiglia, Fire Chief, Jimmy Holland, Police Chief, Todd Gibson, Town Clerk, Misty Pee, and Deputy Clerk, Lane Brown.

By Mr. McGee

Motion to approve the council minutes for the December 2023 regular meeting.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

By Mr. Smith

Motion to accept the budgeted financial statements from November 2023.

Seconded by: Mr. McGee

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

By Mr. Smith

Motion to accept Ordinance 1 of 2024 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance 1 of 2021 for the purpose of changing a zoning classification from residential low density to light industrial district.

Comment from Mr. Marsiglia: stating that this is a new project for a climate-controlled warehouse facility. Letters were sent out to all the property owners within 300 feet, and none of the owners attended the meeting to oppose.

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

Abstain by: Mr. McGee

Vote in favor of motion.

The council was presented with the budgeted financial reports for December 2023 that will be voted on next month.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

By Fire Chief Holland

The total number of responses for 2023 was 826. The total number of personnel is 38. Certification courses taken in 2023 were: Instructor 1, Fire Investigator, Driver Operator, Aerial Operator, Hazardous Materials Technician, and Officer 2. Grant totals for 2023 were \$56,185.66. Those were: Forestry Grant, SWEPCO Grant, Gary Sinese Foundation, Calument Grant, AFG Grant, State Appropriation.

By Police Chief Gibson

The total number of tickets was 945 totaling an amount of \$301,087.50. In December 2023, they assisted 283 kids with Christmas. A special thank you to everyone that assisted them in giving back and a special thank you to their very own Grinch! Last week the Chief applied for a Body Cam grant. If this is awarded, he has no number amount of the grant.

Public Works Director Jacky Hicks was absent.

By MPC Director Sam Marsiglia

Weather permitting, the MPC committee will meet Monday night on the future land use map.

By MML&H Representative Jeremy Hebron

There is not much change in the report on Foxskin Bayou. The right-of-way acquisition from landowners is still on going. DOTD is reviewing the permit for the North Side Elevated Tank. For the West McKinley Drainage project, they are anticipating having designs ready for permits in February. They also received plans for Legacy Pointe Phase 3.

Mayor Gaspard addressed the council giving an update about Quala Wash. MML&H on behalf of the Town sent a letter to Quala Wash outlining concerns and changes in testing from the Town and council. The Town has also changed how testing is being conducted. We are waiting for the results on biological tests.

There being no further business to come before this council, Mayor Gaspard adjourned the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Lane Brown

Deputy Clerk

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