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Minutes

The Town of Elton, Council met in their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present Kesia Lemoine Mayor, Anthony Guillory, Mayor Pro Temp, Erica Francis, Trudy Patterson, Mike Pierrotti, and Kimberly Thibodeaux.

1. Meeting called to order by Kesia Lemoine, Mayor
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – All and lead by Erica Francis.
3. Adopt the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 and January 27, 2023 meeting and dispense with reading of the same - Mike Pierrotti, made a motion to approve the January 9th and January 27th minutes; Trudy Patterson, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
4. Pay all bills and transfer Sales Tax and Special Funds as needed – Anthony Guillory, made a motion to pay all bills and transfer funds from Sales Tax and Special Fund accounts; Erica Francis, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business –
 - A) Stop signs were put up -
 - B) Four-way signs are ordered -
 - C) Police Jury came out to look at Arceneaux St. & James St. Ext. -
 - D) Work order put in for Street Lights –
6. New Business –
 - A) Bruno & Tervalon, LLP – Kesia Lemoine, Mayor informed Council and public that she asked for Bruno & Tervalon, LLP. to come in and speak on their services and also possibly an independent audit. Rhonda Rideaux, spoke on the services they had to offer the Town of Elton. Bruno & Tervalon, been in business 40+ years and serving from clients from Jackson, Mississippi to Houston, Texas with audit needs as corrective action plans, financial management planning, and more. Mr. Milton Frieler, with Bruno & Tervalon, LLP stated that he would love to have the Town of Elton, business.
 - B) Adopt Sales Tax Resolution – Kesia Lemoine, Mayor read and informed the Council of the Sales Tax Resolution, calling an election to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 and the sales tax will assist in constructing, improving and maintaining public streets in the Town of Elton, and acquiring vehicles, and other equipment for the Town's use. Mike Pierrotti, made a motion to adopt the Sales Tax Resolution; Trudy Patterson, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
 - C) Adopt April Clean- Up Resolution – Town of Elton, will host a clean – up event in

Resolution to the agenda; Kim Thibodeaux, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion unanimously. Mayor Lemoine, stated to Council that she spoke with LAMATS, about the New Holland Loader/Backhoe 555E. Kim Thibodeaux, made a motion to adopt the Declared Property as Surplus Resolution; Mike Pierrotti, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- F) Amend to change regular meetings to First Wednesday of the month. Mike Holmes, Attorney for the Town of Elton, stated that they can approve the Resolution meeting day/date the First Wednesday, for February, March, and April and adopt an ordinance in April to set the date of the monthly meetings. Erica Francis, made a motion to adopt the resolution and to move forward with an ordinance in April; Kim Thibodeaux, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
 - G) Electric Meters – Kesia Lemoine, Mayor stated that she spoke with the Engineer and they will turn in the specs for the meter project and hoping to have the installation of the meters completed by the Summer.
 - H) Demolishing of house letter are being sent to property for March 1st meeting – Kesia Lemoine, informed the Council and Public that the Town of Elton, will be sending out a letter on property. Mike Holmes, Attorney stated that we need to follow the steps of the Clean Up/Demolition Ordinance and we can start with a public hearing at the next meeting March 1, 2023.
 - I) Tree cutting company to cut on Janes St Ext. – the Town will be looking into a tree cutting company.
 - J) Salaries for Town of Elton, Employees – Kesia Lemoine, stated to Council that she would like to give Ken Kirchner, a raise of \$1.50/hr. and Doug Hebert, a raise of \$1.00/hr. effective February 1, 2023. Erica Francis, made a motion approving the salary increase for Ken Kirchner, from \$10.50 to \$12.00/hr. and Doug Hebert, from \$10.50 to 11.50/hr.; Mike Pierrotti, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.
 - K) Chief Police Salary - Bruce Lemelle, Police Chief stated back in September 2022 he proposed a salary of \$45,000 for his years of service with the Town of Elton, Police Department and at that time the previous administration said they would consider it but, at this they are working on the Budget, and when they pass the budget his salary would be consider at that time. Mike Pierrotti, Council asked Bruce Lemelle, Police Chief for a plan of action for his department and he would consider a raise at that time. Chief Lemelle, stated he was the lowest paid Police Chief in area and he is a full time Chief. Mike Holmes, Attorney stated that he needed to come up with a plan and introduce it by and Ordinance and it can be adopted and effective the next day and include a pay scale with rankings. Erica Francis, Council stated she wanted to give everyone a raise for in his department because their salaries are extremely low and the Chief need to get a proposal together for the next meeting.
 - L) Any other business – Bruce Lemelle, Police Chief, informed the Mayor and Council that he hired Natosha Murphy, as a part time police officer.
7. Public Comments – Chamlyn Robinson, stated that with the new meeting date, its somewhat hard to make the meeting due to worship with Church. Bill Ridihalgh, stated that there's federal funds out there to assist the Police Chief with his department.
8. Adjourn – Kimberly Thibodeaux, made a motion to adjourn; Mike Pierrotti, seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Kesia Lemoine

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