

Town of Elton

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September 17, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to order by Mayor Pierrotti
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance-All
3. Adopt August 7, 2024 minutes and dispense with reading of the same-Kay Hebert called attention to adding adoption of July 10, 2024 amended minutes as they were tabled at the last meeting-Motion by Kay Hebert to adopt amended minutes (due to error) of July 7, 2024 and August 10, 2024 minutes as is-Seconded by Trudy Patterson
Yeas-All Nays-0 Motion carried
4. Authorize transfer of funds from sales tax and Gaming funds to pay bills-Kay Hebert stated Sales Tax may not be used to pay bills as these are dedicated funds-note taken and authorization changed to moving funds from Gaming Fund to pay bills-Motion by Kay Hebert to transfer funds from Gaming:
Seconded by Kim Thibodeaux
Yeas-All Nays-0 Motion carried
5. Remove Charlotte Artis from all accounts and access to online banking and computers-Kay Hebert noted Shelby Miller's name needed to be in this motion as well for all Town of Elton business-Kay motioned that both, Charlotte Artis and Shelby Miller's names be removed from all Town of Elton computers, online banking and Elton business dealings; Seconded by Trudy Patterson
Yes-All Nays-0 Motion carried
6. Signed contract with Conterra as the new internet provider-Mayor entered into contract (without Council vote) stating that they gave us a free setup as well as being able to handle the Police Dept. and City Hall needs. This will allow the Police Dept. to access Quick PD and utilize Ticketmaster. Also, noted that Brightspeed has had many problems with slow service and

down services. Mayor stated he reached out to US as well with no reply of a quote. Contract is for 3 years with an 'opt out option' for both parties. Citizen Sara Rozas suggested using Starlink in the future should the Town change providers again, stating the price was good and service fast and never down.

7. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Aldermen to approve a Liquor and Beer Permit for Bon's Restaurant-Motion to approve Liquor and Beer Permit for Bon's Restaurant made by Erica Francis and seconded by Kim Thibodeaux-Mayor stated soft date opening could be as early as October 15, 2024-Kim Thibodeaux noted they (Bon's)
8. are looking for old pictures of Elton.
Yeas-All Nays-0 Motion carried
9. Adopt resolution authorizing the Mayor and Aldermen to apply for a Delta Regional Authority Community Infrastructure Fund Grant for funding the Town of Elton Sewer System-Kay Hebert requested more information on what this grant entails and who would be writing it-Mayor responded this was in the works since last year and that 2 writers are interested in soliciting for the work: Aucoin & Associates and also Lidacore. These would be dedicated funds to only be used for Sewer System; this could be a matching fund grant in the amount of 10% of a \$1.9 M project. Motion by Kim Thibodeaux and seconded by Trudy Patterson to adopt resolution to apply for the Delta Regional Authority Community Infrastructure Fund Grant for Town of Elton Sewer System
Yeas-All Nays-0 Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Update on current audit with Darnell Sikes & Fredrick: Audit is ongoing and should be completed soon-Kay Hebert stated audit steps after auditors are finished and what to expect as far as red flags for the Town such as the Town legal notices not being submitted in timely manner and signed accordingly- Erica Francis questioned the years mentioned for this and auditors are looking specifically at years 2021 and 2022.

Powell Road Project-Mayor stated Coshatta Tribe had received a Federal Grant in the amount of \$30M to complete this project-Town of Elton issued \$400,000 as their part of the project.

10. Appoint Erica Francis to the newly established Park Board as our City Council Representative-Kay Hebert first questioned if Erica Francis is a parishioner at the Park Board Church and she is not. Also requested was that Erica would be forthright in letting the Council know pertinent information PRIOR to voting on issues concerning Town funds and she stated this had been her intent should she be appointed. Motion to appoint Erica Francis as City Council Representative on Park Board made by Kim Thibodeaux and seconded by Trudy Patterson

Yeas-4 Nays-0 Recusal- 1-(Erica Francis) Motion carried

11. Police Business-Kay Hebert inquired whether Cintas is being utilized for uniforms: no officers are using this service-4 Dispatchers only-looking into how much this costs; Kay Hebert asked about 4 Dispatchers -Chief had stated in previous meeting he would downsize to 3 Dispatchers IF Council would allow him to hire new officer (Savoy) to replace the one that left. He stated he decided not to because he feels he needs all 4 Dispatchers-Erica Francis asked if he would move a Dispatcher to input tickets within the City Hall (because the water clerk states it is too much work for her additionally) and he stated the Dispatcher did not want to do this-Kay Hebert stated once Conterra comes on board all Quick PD and Ticketmaster will be available for Dispatchers to input data the way it is set up to work. Additionally, AMS will be doing the collecting for these tickets at no charge to the Town UNLESS there are not sufficient amounts of tickets written.

12. Public Comments

- a. Cross training clerks for business-Mayor stated he will be implementing this as soon as possible
- b. Water meter issues continue-high bills continue be a problem and inability to input all data is being addressed-again, having sufficient clerks and training is the issue
- c. Billing issues continue-printer was out; data uploads and downloads are problematic and Mayor is attempting to sort this out with the company
- d. Website issues continue-Kay Hebert will work on this as soon as her clearance is available to do so
- e. Dogs not being picked up-there is no dog catcher hired yet as there is no dog pound due to lack of funds-Representative Troy Romero is working on funds for this

- f. Cats issues abounding-Mayor stated he can do nothing about this-there is no ordinance and will look into how to address this issue
- g. Kay Hebert stated the Town is attempting to move forward in a positive manner and that no one on the Council had any idea of how many issues nor how deep the issues were until investigating-literally mountains of work and issues that are being addressed one at a time

13. Move to adjourn-Motion by Kim Thibodeaux and seconded by Trudy

Patterson

Adjournment at 7:01 PM

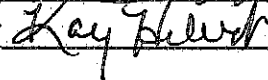
Yeas-All Nays-0 Motion carried

Mayor Mike Pierrotti



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Kay Hebert, Council Member



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