

TOWN OF ELTON

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July 11, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Elton met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. There being present: Mayor Avella Ackless and Council Members: Anthony Guillory, Forest Ardoin, Brandilyn Soileau, Erica Francis, and Kesia Lemoine.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Avella Ackless.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Forest K. Ardoin.

Moved by Kesia Lemoine, Seconded by Forest Ardoin, and carried to adopt the minutes of the June 13, 2022, council meeting and dispense with reading of the same. All were in favor.

Moved by Keisha Lemoine, Seconded by Erica Francis, and carried to pay all bills and transfer Sales Tax and Special Funds as needed. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Moved by Kesia Lemoine, Seconded by Anthony Guillory, and carried, to hire a seasonal street worker for \$8/hr.

NEW BUSIESS:

Elton Town Hall has a new social media page – our legal website, “Municipal Impact”, which is used to inform the public of information concerning the Town of Elton. The CCR report on our water is included on this page. Also, we have a new email address, which will be posted on this page.

A representative from Republic Services, Tiffany Jones, explained the updated service schedule and clarified the guidelines for trash pickup. A copy of the schedule is available at the town hall.

There is an opening for Janitorial position. The pay is open for discussion.

Council member Anthony Guillory stated that a generator is needed for the pumping station. We have one available, but is in need of repair. Guillory will contact repair persons for this repair.

A lengthy discussion and questions arose concerning the water tower. The town has a contract with LRC, who states that CenturyLink needs to come out to check for wires at the water tower. It was mentioned that multiple companies are responsible for wires on the water tower. Mayor will make contacts with LRC and others to finalize the removal. APT and CenturyLink traced phone lines and continuity. The automatic switch is broken, causing the water tower to fill, which in turn requires the town worker to turn the switch off to avoid overflow.

Police Business:

Moved by Brandilyn Soileau, Seconded by Forest Ardoin, and carried, to accept the hiring of Shawn Carrier, as of July 1, at \$11/hr, on a probationary period as a part-time policeman.

Moved by Erica Francis, Seconded by Brandilyn Soileau, to hire Traven Carrier, as of July 11, on a probationary, part-time basis at \$11/hr.

Police Chief Bruce Lemelle stated that he wishes to provide police insurance for his workers, possibly using Compact money. He will be seeking quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield. After officers attend the academy, Lemelle stated they should get supplemental pay.

In other business, Kesia Lemoine asked that the owner of the "Big Spinners", providing activity for the July 4th celebration be paid \$240. All were in favor.

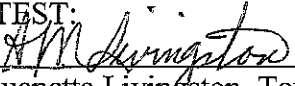
Brandilyn Soileau spoke of the dirt erosion in front of Elton Elementary and the options to correct the problem. Citizens spoke of the erosion on 2nd St.

Many of the citizens are disturbed about the drainage problem that exists in certain areas of the town. Carl Guillory, member of the police jury, was asked to speak with the fire chief about the use of a machine to assist in cleaning out the ditches.

Tall grass on empty lots is a huge concern for our citizens. Letters have been and will continue to be sent out to owners. If there is no response, the city will have grass cut and owner(s) will be charged a fee.

Moved by Kesia Lemoine, Seconded by Erica Francis, and Carried, to adjourn the meeting.

/S/
Mayor Avella Ackless

ATTEST:

Acquanetta Livingston, Town Clerk