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PUBLIC MEETING: 3/9/21 @ 6:00pm

**PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTER** 

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Village of Elizabeth, LA was held as follows for the purpose of considering matters properly introduced before the Board, including agenda items listed below.

**OPENING PRAYER: Kenneth Hebert** 

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CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Ken Kelly

ROLL CALL: Angela Smith-absent; Kelly Stalsby-present, Ken Kelley-present

- 1. No comments from the public.
- 2. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to approve agenda. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 3. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to add to the agenda Item 1-Council to adopt a resolution to extend the due date of billing from March 10, 2021 to March 14, 2021 for January usage bills. Cut off will still be on March 15, 2021 if not paid. Item 2-Weather related emergency declared by Mayor, council gave verbal approval to not have service disconnects or disconnect fees on February 15, 2021. Item 3-Council to change date and time of monthly Council Meetings.
- 4. Request for public comments--No public comments were given on added agenda items.
- 5. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to approve agenda with added items. Ken Kelly seconded. Unanimous vote. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 6. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to approve minutes from 2/2/21 meeting. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 7. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to post in the Oakdale Journal a "Notice of Intent" to amend Ordinance 14-18D to become Ordinance 14-18E to change the variable rate, according to the Annual CPI, to March billing instead of January billing. There will be a public hearing prior to adoption at the next scheduled council meeting in April.
- 8. Mr. Mike Holmes opened discussion of Annexation of Hwy 10. He stated that this can be done. Contact with property owners- Office Max and DOTD will be made for further discussion to decide the best option.
- 9. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 27th at Finke Park from 10:30a-2p. Egg Hunt begin @ 11am for all ages at the same time. Open House for Med Express at the Fire Station the same day.
- 10. Kelly Stalsby made a motion for the Council to approve expenses for February 2021 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 11. Police Chief requested to accept Officer Matthew DeLeon's resignation.
- 12. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to accept Officer Matthew DeLeon's resignation. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- **13.** Police Chief Ford stated her recommendation to hire Winston Lambright as a parttime officer, working only 20- 30 hrs every 2 weeks.
- 14. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to hire Winston Lambright as a parttime officer. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 15. Police Chief also stated she will be working with Mayor Green on unmaintained properties in the Village. Residents will be given a copy of the Ordinance along with so many days to clean the property and bring into compliance, then they will be issued a citation for \$500.00 for noncompliance.
- 16. Asst. Fire Chief Self gave monthly report. Stated they will be replacing the windshield in the '99 Freightliner Fire Truck for \$325.00. Also stated that they will be looking at some grants for the fire

- department. The fire department will be getting quotes for some digital radios to communicate with other Fire Districts as well.
- 17. Kelly Stalsby introduced an Ordinance to change the proposed Council Meeting to the second Monday of each month at the Community Center at 6:00pm. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1
- 18. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to adopt Resolution 39-2021 to extend the due date of billing from March 10, 2021 to March 14, 2021 for January usage bills. Cut off will still be on March 15, 2021 if not paid. This is due to the recent Ice Storm and the Utility bills were in slow transit in the mail. Billing was sent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing on time.
- 19. A Weather Related Emergency was declared by the Mayor during the week of February Utility Disconnects. The council gave verbal approval to the Mayor to suspend service disconnects for February 15, 2021 with no disconnect fees. All services are required to be paid by the March due date of March 10, 2021 and disconnect of March 15, 2021.
- 20. No more comments from the Council.
- **21.** Comments from the Village Attorney.
- 22. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly made a motion. Yeas-2 Nays-0 Absent-1