

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 21, 2022 at 6 pm  
Washington Town Hall 405 N. Washington St. Washington, LA

Mayor William Dwight Landreneau called the regular council meeting to order.

Attendance: Wilbert Ledet, Tanya Doucet and Beau Wilson (Town Attorney Chris Granger also in attendance);  
Absent: Mona Wilson, and Rogers Malveaux A quorum was established.

A motion was made to accept and approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held December 2021, by Councilmember Beau Wilson; motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilbert Ledet; no discussion and the motion carried. A quorum was not established for the January 2022 meeting therefore there were no minutes to approve.

Burton Kolder, CPA from Kolder Salven & Co. reviewed Audit for FY Ending June 2021. 2019 audit there were 49 findings and now for 2021 audit there were 10 findings. After meeting with Clerk and Mayor half of the 10 findings for 2021 are already being addressed. The past due accounts payables decreased from over \$600,000 to approximately \$320,000. Mr. Kolder recommended review of the sewer rates as he finds the rates are priced too low and should show a profit. Unaccountable water and gas loss is too high. The issue is already being addressed and being resolved. Mr. Kolder advised he had a meeting with the Clerk, Mayor and Chief regarding the traffic findings. The town's daily expenses were cut in half. Mr. Kolder commended the mayor on the progress. Mr. Kolder advised he has been in touch with the Legislative Auditors, and they are very pleased with the progress. A motion was made to accept Mr. Kolder's audit report by Beau Wilson. The motion was seconded by Tanya Doucet, no discussion and the motion carried.

Attorney Christopher Granger introduced Annexation of Property located on Hwy 103 approximately 140 acres near I-49. He explained the process to annex the property. Once all processes are complete an ordinance will be introduced for consideration.

Resolution No 1 to approve Kandake House (Therapeutic Group Home) to have operate in the town. A motion was made by Wilbert Ledet, motion was seconded by Beau Wilson; no discussion and motion carried.

Verda Bell concerned resident who requested to be on the agenda was not in attendance.

Chief Trent requested approval to change Anthony Veal Sr. from part-time employee to full-time employee. Beau Wilson motion to approve change, motion seconded by Tanya Doucet; no discussion and motion carried.

Chief requested to add to the agenda to hire part-time officer Curtis Chavis. A motion by Wilbert Ledet to add item to agenda, Beau Wilson seconded; no discussion motion carried. Curtis Chavis is not P.O.S.T. certified. According to Town Attorney Christopher Granger he has 1 year to achieve certification. A motion to hire Curtis Chavis as a part-time police officer by Tanya Doucet; motion seconded by Beau Wilson, no discussion and motion carried.

Tanya Doucet made a motion for the council to receive a formal monthly report including numbers from the Chief Trent regarding police activity; motion seconded by Beau Wilson; no discussion and motion carried.

Chief Trent Monthly Report- no report given.

A motion was made by Wilbert Ledet to adjourn motion seconded by Tanya Doucet; the motion was carried.

  
William Dwight Landreneau, Mayor

  
Halli Polotzola, Town Clerk