

APPROVED

Manila Town Council Meeting
Thursday March 10, 2016
Town Office Meeting Room
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Manila Town Council was called to order by Mayor Dennis Long at 6:36 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Long, Council Member Greg Scott, Council Member Ruby Hoover, Council Member Gretchen Northcott, Council Member Randall Browning, Town Clerk Lynette Asay.

GUESTS: Eyvonne Long, Dave Hoover, Wendy Hollinger, Layne Ferrin, Tammy Twitchell, Aaron Averett, Bill Rylander, Colleen Rylander.

MINUTES: Council Member Randall Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from 02-11-16; seconded by Council Member Ruby Hoover; motion carried.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED: Council Member Ruby Hoover made a motion to accept the warrant list from 02-11-16 to 03-10-16; seconded by Council Member Greg Scott; motion carried. The Council was provided a copy of the budget for review and comparison.

TRANSACTION REGISTER: Council Member Randall Browning made a motion to accept the Transaction Register from 02-11-16 to 03-10-16; seconded by Council Member Greg Scott; motion carried.

SUNRISE ENGINEETING: Aaron Averett came to update the Council about the left over money from a previous project. Drinking Water has agreed to let the Town spend that money on new updated SCADA and radios. Council Member Randall Browning made a motion to approve the contract for the SCADA and radios; seconded by Council Member Gretchen Northcott; motion carried.

KOA REZONING: Wendy Hollinger wanted to discuss with the Council about her desire to combine her residential lots into her central development lot. The Council advised her that she may want to talk with a lawyer to find out what would be the most beneficial to her.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT: The mosquito abatement board is in dire need of volunteers. They should have at least two representatives from the Town. They would like to know if the Town would put a notice on the back of the water billing asking for volunteers.

P&Z: The Manila Town Planning & Zoning are also in need of volunteers. They have two members whose terms are up.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: There needs to be a Board of Adjustments. There may be a time when a citizen wants to appeal the decision of the Planning & Zoning Board and would need to go in front of the Board of Adjustments and the Town currently doesn't have one.

SWEETWATER WEED & PEST: Put on the April agenda.

CITIZEN DIALOGUE: Council Member Gretchen Northcott has been doing some research on proper meeting etiquette. She submitted a draft form for citizens that want to address the Council at a meeting to fill out prior to discussing with the Council.

NATURAL GAS: Mayor Dennis Long reported to the Council about the meeting he attended in regards to the Natural Gas meeting that was held at the County Courthouse.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Council Member Randall Browning was to address the Council on information that he found in regards to employee benefits. Council Member Randall Browning wanted to move this agenda item to an executive session since it deals with employee issues.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Council Member Greg Scott addressed the Council in regards to having the employee payroll direct deposited.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS: The Council has been working on setting up job descriptions for the employees, council members, mayor and public works. The Council is deciding on what areas they want to be the department head for.

FIRE CHIEF ASSIGNMENT: The Council would like to move this item to a work session for more discussion.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK AD: The Town received a letter requesting an ad in the Manila High School yearbook. In the past the Town has done a quarter page. Council Member Randall Browning made a motion to place a quarter page ad in the Manila High School yearbook; seconded by Council Member Gretchen Northcott; Council Member Ruby Hoover YAY, Council Member Greg Scott NAY.

Council Member Gretchen Northcott wanted to read a statement and have it put into the minutes;

“Recently the Town Council was working on gathering information, and looking at options, on a certain issue. Someone leaked this information and we were not allowed to complete our process. Incomplete information was given to individuals as if it was a final decision. This severely damaged the credibility of the Town and damaged personal relationships. This information leak damaged the ability of the Town Council members to do their job, thus resulting in pre-mature action being taken.”

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Greg Scott made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Manila Town Council; seconded by Council Member Randy Browning; motion carried. The regular meeting of the Manila Town Council was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Dennis Long, Mayor

Lynette Asay, Town Clerk