

VILLAGE OF NORWOOD
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION
November 16, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session at the Norwood Town Hall on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Becky Bellue presiding. Aldermen Tyler Glascock and Kimmi Sellers were present. Alderman David Jett was absent, but entered the meeting later.

All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

A motion was made by Ald. Sellers and seconded by Ald. Glascock approving the minutes from the October regular meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Sellers and was seconded by Ald. Glascock approving the financial statement from October, as well as payment of the new bills for November.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Police Report – Chief Kenny Stewart gave the monthly activity report.
2. Fire Report – Fire Chief Jimmy Garig reported that the NVFD has recently received several grants. The first grant came from Pennington for \$10,000 to purchase a side-by-side to fight forest fires. The other grants are all matching grants and are as follows: Forestry Grant \$10,119.50, Wildland Grant \$5,637.00 for turnout gear and a spray rig for the gator and NDRS \$10,876.00. He also reported that the Burn Ban has been lifted for East Feliciana Parish. Ald. Jett entered the meeting during this report.
3. Gas Report – Monthly meeting has not been held to date.
4. Maintenance Report – Kohnke Rogillio gave the monthly report.
5. Clerk’s Report – Jennie Jelks reported that a Pennington Grant was received from Pennington for \$100,000. This grant is for an excavator and trailer.
6. Salary Ordinance – A motion was made by Ald. Glascock and was seconded by Ald. Sellers approving a salary ordinance to reflect the following salaries: Mayor \$350.00/monthly, Aldermen \$100.00/monthly, Clerk \$16.50/hour, Police Chief \$610.00/monthly. Ald. Jett voted against this motion. Motion carried.
7. Act 395, \$175,000 for Old Town Hall Building – Mayor Bellue asked that the Board accept this grant to replace the roof, a new HVAC system, paint inside and put new flooring inside of the old town hall. Also, some painting and/or tuck pointing would be done on the outside. After much discussion on this matter, there was no motion made. Michael Tumey asked Rep. Daryl Adams how the town could get money for roads, sewer, etc. if the town doesn’t have the money to do these projects. Rep. Adams suggested applying for Capital Outlay. Mr. Tumey asked that the town consider making a priority list instead of just talking about what is needed when a grant becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Larry Thompson – Unavailable at meeting time.
2. LGAP, Thompson Creek Road Overlay Award – There was only one bid received and it was from Harry Stanley Asphalt Paving with several options available. A motion was made by Ald. Glascock to do a 725' x 18' section for \$26,000.00. This failed for lack of a second. Ald. Jett made a motion that was seconded by Ald. Sellers to overlay a 670' x 18' section for \$24,000.00. Ald. Glascock voted against the motion. Motion carried.
3. LGAP – Due by 2/1/2023.
4. CWF – Due by 2/1/2023
5. Gas District #1 Board Member – A motion was made by Ald. Glascock and was seconded by Ald. Sellers to appoint Cole Glascock to the Gas Board.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Sellers and seconded by Ald. Jett.

Rebecca G. Bellue
Mayor

Jennifer R. Jelks
Town Clerk