

A public Hearing was held at 5:45pm on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1711 Main Street, Haynesville, LA. The purpose of the hearing was to allow public input on Ordinance #631:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL and Ordinance #632: AN ORDINANCE OE THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE INCREASING RHE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR. Those present at the public hearing were:

Mayor Roderick Hampton

Council: Mae Williams

Linda Holyfield

Betty Richardson

Dewatha Malone

Matt Faulkner

City Clerk: Penny Fields

Deputy Clerk Sue Lonadier

Chief of Police: Anthony Smith

Visitors: Donna Buford, Charlie Buford, Mary Beene, Closie Trimble, Ola Kirkpatrick, Sandra Smith, Linda Beene, Amber Goodwin, Tim Cole, Richard Anderson, Linda Knox, Nancy Evans, Brian Pepper, David Nokes, Eric Shivley, Brandi Hutchinson, Garrett Hedgepeth, Sharon Swearingen, Blake Burgess, Jeffery McNeill, Dillion Garrett, William Wright, Shane Huffstetler, Seth Winn, Jennifer Franklin, Alice Cale, Martha Jackie Cameron, David Woods, George Miles, Jimmie Williams, Sylvia Presley, Linda Beene, Dawson Beene, Ron Rawson, Janell brown, Kelly Goodwin, Joshua Wilkins, Shane Rummel

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Hampton.

Mr. Charlie Buford addressed the council and expressed his opinion on proposed Ordinance #631 & # 632. He stated he doesn't see where the council salary should be increased to \$600.00 per month and the mayor knew what the salary was when he took the position. He also discussed streets the need repairs and he opposed any raises to the council and mayor.

Ms. Martha Trinko addressed the council and asked for clarity regarding the mayor's current salary and what he was seeking. She also questioned if the town could afford the increase.

Mr. Seth Winn addressed the council and stated that he is concerned with the timing of the proposed increase of the Mayor's salary and the amount of the increase.

Ms. Mary Beene asked about raises for the town workers and where the money for the raised were coming from.

At 6:00pm, the Town Council of the Town of Haynesville went in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2024 in the Council Room at City Hall, 1711 Main Street, Haynesville, LA. The following were present:

Mayor Roderick Hampton

Council: Mae Williams

Linda Holyfield

Betty Richardson

Dewatha Malone

Matt Faulkner

City Clerk: Penny Fields

Deputy Clerk: Sue Lonadier

Chief of Police: Anthony Smith

Superintendent: Dawson Beene

Visitors: Donna Buford, Charlie Buford, Mary Beene, Closie Trimble, Ola Kirkpatrick, Sandra Smith, Linda Beene, Amber Goodwin, Tim Cole, Richard Anderson, Linda Knox, Nancy Evans, Brian Pepper, David Nokes, Eric Shivley, Brandi Hutchinson, Garrett Hedgepeth, Sharon Swearingen, Blake Burgess, Jeffery McNeill, Dillion Garrett, William Wright, Shane Huffstetler, Seth Winn, Jennifer Franklin, Alice Cale, Martha Trinko, Jackie Cameron, David Woods, George Miles, Jimmie Williams, Sylvia Presley, Linda Beene, Ron Rawson, Janell Brown, Kelly Goodwin, Joshua Wilkins, Shane Rummell, Lynn McCoy, U. D. Logan, Monica Beene-Ridey, Elbert Thomas, Mary McDaniel, Ronnie Fields

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hampton. Prayer was given by Shane Rummel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence – None

Roll Call	District 1	Mae Williams	Present
	District 2	Linda Holyfield	Present
	District 3	Betty Richardson	Present
	District 4	Dewatha Malone	Present
	District 5	Matt Faulkner	Present

On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Linda Holyfield, to adopt the minutes of February 8, 2024 and February 15, 2024. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 0 Absent

Reading of the Magistrate Court Docket showed a collection of \$21,941.85 in fines and \$1,380.00 in magistrate court cost for a total of \$23,231.85.

Sales tax collection for the month of February 2024 was \$59,444.58.

On a motion by Dewatha Malone, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to approve the February 2024 financial statement as presented. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 0 Absent

## REPORTS

Police Department Report - Chief Smith reported on fines collection and their monthly activity report.

Public Works Department Report – Supt. Dawson Beene reported on the activities of the public works department during the last month.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jimmy Williams addressed the council regarding the proposed raises and asked to be informed about what has been done in the town.

Mr. Tim Cole stated that he feels that any raises should go to the police officers and city workers.

Mr. Ron Rawson stated that he's not sure the timing is right for raises and questioned how the raised will be funded. He suggested other needs and issues be taken care of first.

Mr. Kelly Goodwin stated that other business needs to be taken care of first. He also suggested that the mayor let the people know what he is doing.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

LCDBG – Authorize the Mayor to enter into Contract with Balar Consulting Engineers as Engineers for the LCDBG – On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Mae Williams to adopt a resolution to authorized the Mayor to enter in contract with Balar Consulting Engineers. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 0 Absent

Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Proposed Ordinance #631: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. The ordinance was read by Clerk Penny Fields. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Mae Williams to adopt Ordinance #631. Motion failed.

2 Yeas (Williams, Richardson)      3 Nays (Holyfield, Malone, Faulkner)      0 Absent

Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final reading of Proposed Ordinance # 632: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR. The ordinance was read by Clerk Penny Fields. On a motion by Mae Williams, seconded by Betty Richardson, to adopt Ordinance #632. Motion failed.

2 Yeas (Williams, Richardson)      3 Nays (Holyfield, Malone, Faulkner)      0 Absent

Permit: Approve Liquor and Beer Permit for Haynesville Country Club – Clerk Penny Fields informed the council that the Haynesville Country Club had applied for a beer and liquor license. On a motion by Matt Faulkner, seconded by Linda Holyfield, to authorize the issuance of a beer and liquor licenses to the Haynesville Country Club. Motion passed.

5 yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)      0 Nay      0 Absent

Consider entering into Lease Agreement with JPS Ford for the lease purchase of Police Units: Officer Jeffrey McNeill addressed the council with a proposal to lease three (3) 2024 Ford F-150 for the police department. He stated the proposed lease agreement would be for 48 months and would cost \$3,195.01 per month. At the end of the lease a purchase option to purchase all three vehicles would cost the town \$30,213.53. He stated the lease included unlimited mileage. The offer expires on April 30, 2024. Discussion followed. On a motion by Mae Williams, seconded by betty Richardson, to table discussion until the April council meeting. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)      0 Nay      0 Absent

#### MAYORS' REPORT

1. Sexual Harassment and Ethic's trainings are due by June 30, 2024.
2. Mr. Richard Anderson was recognized. He is a candidate for the Democratic State Central Committee.
3. Mayor Hampton was in Baton Rouge yesterday and was able to meet with our senator and representatives and discuss projects for the town.
4. Easter egg hunt is Friday, March 29, 2024 at the fairgrounds.

There being no further business, on a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Mae Williams to adjourn. Motion passed.

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Penny Fields, Clerk

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Roderick Hampton, Mayor

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, Town of Haynesville intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds in order to make public facility improvement; and

WHEREAS, Town of Haynesville is in need of the services of an experienced engineering consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide engineering services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, BALAR Associates, Inc. has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in providing engineering services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, BALAR Associates, Inc. has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG engineering services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable; and

WHEREAS, BALAR Associates, Inc., will be paid the proposed contract amount entirely out of local funds for LCDGB engineering services only if the LCDBG application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Haynesville that the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Haynesville, a contract for LCDBG development and LCDBG engineering services with BALAR Associates, Inc.

## CERTIFICATE

I, Penny Fields, hereby certify the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a resolution, which upon motion of Betty Richardson, and seconded by Mae Williams was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

Yea: 5 (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)      Nay: 0      Absent: 0

And the same was declared adopted by the Mayor and Town Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.

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Penny Fields, Town Clerk  
Town of Haynesville, Louisiana

ORDINANCE #631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE, CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA  
INCRASING THE SASLARY FOR THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE ELECTED TOWN  
COUNCILMEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE,  
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA in regular session convened:

SECTION 1: The monthly rate of pay for the members of the Board of Councilman shall be set at the rate of \$600.00 monthly per councilman.

SECTION 2: This pay rate increase shall become effective beginning July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3: Any and all ordinances or portion thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and adoption.

This ordinance having been read section by section and as a whole and on a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Mae Williams to adopt Ordinance #631. The roll call results were as follows:

Mae Williams	Yea
Linda Holyfield	Nay
Betty Richardson	Yea
Dewatha Malone	Nay
Matt Faulkner	Nay

Ordinance #631 failed to be adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Haynesville, Louisiana on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.

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Roderick Hampton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Penny Fields, Clerk

ORDINANCE #632

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE, LOUISIANA AUTHORIZING AN  
INCREASE IN THE MAYOR'S SALARY

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor is one or the most important office in the Town of Haynesville; and

WHEREAS, the individual elected to this office is responsible for the safety, protection, health and well-being of the residents and citizens of the Town of Haynesville and should be compensated at a rate commensurate with the responsibilities of the office

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN OF THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE, TO-WIT:

SECTION 1: Compensation of the Mayor: The annual salary of the Elected Mayor shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), per fiscal year effective July 1, 2024 at full time status

SECTION 2: All ordinance or parts or ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and adoption.

This ordinance having been read section by section and as a whole and on a motion by Mae Williams, seconded by Betty Richardson, to adopt Ordinance #632. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mae Williams	Yea
Linda Holyfield	Nay
Betty Richardson	Yea
Dewatha Malone	Nay
Matt Faulkner	Nay

Ordinance #632 failed to be adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Haynesville, Louisiana on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.

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Roderick Hampton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Penny Fields, Clerk