

The Town Council of the Town of Haynesville met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 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
Ass. Clerk Courtney Tell
Chief of Police Anthony Smith
Supt. Dawson Beene

Visitors; Morgana Burch, Shane Huffstetler, Will Wright,
Jarrius Jackson, Rosalind Penegar

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hampton. Prayer was given by Councilwoman Betty Richardson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the following: Eddie Robinson, Haven Walser, Jessie Montgomery, Jr., and Emma Joyce Stephens.

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 Mae Williams, to adopt the minutes of May 16, 2024, May 23, 2024 and June 6, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Reading of the Magistrate Court Docket showed a collection of \$13,879.50 in fines and \$1,200.00 in magistrate court cost for a total of \$15,079.50.

Sales Tax collection for the month of May 2024 was \$55,934.32.

On a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by Betty Richardson to approve the May 2024 financial statement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Police Department Report - Chief Smith gave his fine collection report and also reported on the daily activity monthly totals for the past month.

Recreation Department Report – Mayor Hampton reported that the pool has opened, and all baseball/softball fields are being used.

Public Works Department Report – Supt. Dawson Beene reported on the activities of the water, sewer and street department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

DART Representative Presentation - Mrs. Rosalyn Sturges Penegar addressed and informed the council that she is the newly appointed Claiborne Parish Rural DART advocate for our area. DART stands for Domestic Abuse Resistance Team. Their main objective is to bring awareness about domestic abuse and inform the public about the services they offer.

Legislative Update – Mayor Hamton gave a legislative update on their session. The Town of Haynesville had two (2) projects in HB 2 that will get funded pending the Governor’s signature. The Town of Haynesville Street Improvement Project for \$350,000.00 was moved to the Capital Outlay Savings Fund and was fully appropriated by cash and the Water Distribution System Improvement Project for \$855,000.00 was moved from Priority 5 to Priority 1.

Appointment of Official Journal – On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Mae Williams to appoint the Guardian Journal as the official journal for the Town of Haynesville for the fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal year 2023-2024 - On a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by ae Williams, to hire Kenneth Folden & Company to perform the town’s audit for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel – Hiring Police Officer for Haynesville Police Department - Chief Smith addressed the council and recognized and introduced Ms. Morgana Burch to the council. She was hired as the dispatcher at the last meeting. Chief Smith then introduced Mr. Jarrius Jackson to the council, reviewed his credentials and recommended his hiring as a police officer for the town. Discussion followed. On a motion by Matt Faulkner, seconded by Linda Holyfield, to hire Mr. Jarrius Jackson as a police officer. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)	0 Nay	0 Absent
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Final Reading of Ordinance #633: An Ordinance Amending the Town of Haynesville, Louisiana Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The second reading of Ordinance #633 was read by Clerk Penny Fields. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to adopt Ordinance #633. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)	0 Nay	0 Absent
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Final Reading of Ordinance #634: An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Town of Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. The second reading of Ordinance #634 was read by Clerk Penny Fields. On a motion by Mae Willilams, seconded by Linda Holyfield, to adopt Ordinance #634. Motion passed.

5 Yeas (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner)	0 Nay	0 Absent
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MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Sexual Harassment and Ethics training is due by June 30, 2024
2. LMA District B meeting is scheduled for June 27th in Ruston at 6:00pm.
3. LMA Annual Convention will be held August 1-3, 2024, in Shreveport.
4. Trade Days will be held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Fair Building.
5. Property Owners are encouraged to keep their property maintained and cleaned.
6. The Claiborne Charity Classic will be held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Haynesville Golf Course. A firework show will begin at 9:00pm at the city pond.
7. The Haynesville Church of God in Christ is sponsoring a community outreach program on Saturday beginning at 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Their being no further business, on a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by Betty Richardson, to adjourn.
Motion passed.

Penny Fields, Clerk

Roderick Hampton, Mayor

ORDINANCE # 633

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF HAYNESVILLE,
LOUISIANA BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Haynesville that the Town of Haynesville Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is hereby amended to change the amounts budgeted for the General Fund, Fair Account, Sales Tax Fund, Recreation District Fund , Sewer User Fund, Utility Fund and the American Rescue Recovery Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the amended amounts by fund are as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditures	Transfer In	Transfer Out
General Fund	226,650.00 Increase	96,827.00 Increase	12,000.00 Increase	
Fair Fund	6,800.00 Increase	3,150.00 Increase	(3,650.00) Decrease	
Sales Tax Fund	23,030.00 Increase	(32,800.00) Decrease		8,350.00 Increase
Recreation District	(2,800.00) Decrease	(17,910.00) Decrease		
Sewer user Fund	(28,000.00) Decrease	23,350.00 Increase		
Utility fund	53,800.00 Increase	(12,550.00) Decrease		
ARRA Fund	1,250.00 Increase	(215,305.00) Decrease		

The total revenue is increased by \$283,730.00.

The total expenditures are decreased by \$155,238.00.

Transfer from Sales Tax Fund to General Fund Account is increased by \$12,000.00.

Transfer from Sales Tax Fund to Fair Account is decreased by \$3,650.00

This ordinance was introduced on the 6th day of June, 2024 and upon a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, was declared adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: 5 (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

This ordinance was declared adopted on the 20th day of June, 2024.

Roderick Hampton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Fields, Clerk

ORDINANCE #634

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO
JUNE 30, 2025. HAYNESVILLE, CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, And such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308 (D) Louisiana Local Government Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Town of Haynesville, Louisiana for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed statement of anticipated expenditures as reflected in the Consolidated statement and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1309 (D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby Adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Haynesville for the Fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3: The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line-item Budget containing object of expenditure classification shall be declared to the Appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification By object of expenditures.

SECTION 4: The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed thereof In the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to Prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriation to and from a Contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

This ordinance was introduced on the 6th day of June 2024.

This ordinance was read section by section and as a whole and on a motion by Mae Williams, seconded by Linda Holyfield, to adopt Ordinance #634. Motion passed by the following vote:

YEAS: 5 (Williams, Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0

This ordinance was declared adopted on the 20th day of June, 2024.

Roderick Hampton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Fields, Clerk