

The Town Council of the Town of Haynesville met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2024 in the Council Room at City Hall, 1711 Main Street, Haynesville, LA. The following were present:

Mayor Roderick Hampton

Visitors: William Wright, Kelly Goodwin, Alma Malone, Elbert Thomas, U. D. Logan

Council: Linda Holyfield

Betty Richardson

Dewatha Malone

Matt Faulkner

City Clerk Penny Fields

Deputy Clerk Courtney Tell

Chief of Police Anthony Smith

Supt. Dawson Beene

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

A moment of silence was observed for the following: Mary Tell Bell.

Roll Call:	District 1	Mae Williams	Absent
	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 Dewatha Malone, to adopt the minutes of August 15, 2024. Motion passed.

4 Yeas (Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 1 Absent (Williams)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Magistrate Court - Reading of the Magistrate Court Docket showed a collection of \$3,925.00 in fines and \$510.00 in magistrate court cost for a total of \$4,435.00.

Sales tax collection for the month of August 2024 was \$71,333.76.

On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to approve the financial statement as presented. Motion passed.

4 Yeas (Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 1 Absent (Williams)

REPORTS

Police Department - Chief Smith provided an update on fines collection and reviewed the daily activity report from the police department. He also addressed traffic in school zones and praised his officers for their efforts.

Public Works Department Report – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Permit: Approve Liquor and Beer Permit for Spring Market #735 – On a motion by Matt Faulkner seconded by Betty Richardson to approve the Liquor and Beer permit application submitted by Spring Market #735. Motion passed.

4 Yeas (Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 1 Absent (Williams)

Resolution 24-004: Approve Settlement Agreement Between the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Town of Haynesville –e On a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by Matt Faulkner to adopt the resolution approving the settlement between the Town and LA Dept. of Environmental Quality, Motion passed.

4 Yeas (Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 1 Absent (Williams)

Lease – Purchase Agreement for Haynesville Police Department Vehicles – Mayor Hampton informed the council that the Town was unable to lease-purchase trucks originally approved for the police department because they were not available. However, two (2) Ford Police Interceptors Utility with equipment are available to lease-purchase with the following terms:

Total Asset cost: \$124,464.80
Underwriting Fee: \$545.00
Amount Financed: \$129,009.80
Number of Payments: 48
Payment Timing: Monthly
Rate: 7.99000
Payment Amount: \$3,128.07

Discussion followed. On a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to authorize Mayor Hampton to enter into an agreement with Ford Credit to lease-purchase two (2) Ford Police Interceptor Utilities for the Haynesville Police Department. Motion passed.

4 Yeas (Holyfield, Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 1 Absent (Williams)

Policy – Update Holiday Pay for Haynesville Police Department – Chief Smith led a discussion regarding holiday pay for Dispatchers and SRO officers. He proposed changes to the police department's holiday pay policy for both 8-hour and 10-hour officers, suggesting that they receive holiday pay at their regular hourly rate if they do not work, and time and a half if they do work on a holiday. A discussion ensued, but no action was taken, and the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Hampton gave an update on the recent improvements to the Haynesville police department. The roof has been replaced and installation of the new gutter system will begin soon. Thanks to Rep. Patrick Jefferson and Sen. Stewart Cathey for assisting the town in getting funding for this project.
2. The town has received funding from the Public Service Commission to replace the lighting at several buildings, including the police department, town shed, the sewer plant, community center and the baseball field.
3. The Police Jury is offering ethics training and sexual harassment training classes on October 3rd.

4. Thanks to everyone who came to the Butterfly Festival and the organizers– the turnout was great.
5. Haynesville – Homer football game is tomorrow, September 28. There will be a drive-by parade.
6. There will be no haunted house for Halloween this year, instead there will be a Halloween party for the kids at the community center on Thursday, October 31st.
7. The contract with Claiborne Animal Clinic has been signed and traps have been placed throughout the community.

There being no further business, on a motion by Linda Holyfield, seconded by Matt Faulkner to adjourn.
Motion passed.

Penny Fields, Clerk

Roderick Hampton, Mayor