

The Town Council of the town of Haynesville met in regular session Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Council Room at City Hall, 1711 Main Street, Haynesville, LA. The following were present:

Mayor Roderick Hampton

Visitors: William Wright, Morgana Burch, Chase Williamson, Billy Lewis, Keith Purvis, Alma Malone, Ola Kirkpatrick, Mary Beene, San Beene, U. D. Logan, Vanessa Brown,

Council: Betty Richardson

Dewatha Malone

Matt Faulkner

City Clerk: Penny Fields

Chief of Police: Anthony Smith

Superintendent: Dawson Beene

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

A moment of silence was observed for the following: Eddie Lee Hunter, Barbara Bailey, Jerry Ray James, Kathleen Holly, Alton "Red" Franklin, Raymond Boyd, Linda Gail Baremore, Mary Meadors, and Elba McKnight.

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

On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025 as presented. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Reading of the magistrate court docket showed a collection of \$5,564.00 in fines and \$570.00 in magistrate court cost for a total of \$6,134.00.

Sales Tax collection for the month of February 2025 was \$78,084.16

On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to approve the February, 2025 financial statement and budget comparison as presented. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Police Department Report

Chief Smith reviewed recent reports regarding fine collections and the daily activities of the police department. He introduced Mr. Brian Pepper from the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, who presented the department with three new radar units for police vehicles. Chief Smith, Mayor Hampton, and the council extended their gratitude to Mr. Pepper and Sheriff Dowies for their generous donation.

Public Works Department Report

Superintendent Dawson Beene provided an update to the mayor and council on the repair of two sewer mains, as well as other ongoing activities within the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Bobby Rush Signage at Bicentennial Park Approval – Ms. Vanessa Brown, appeared on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club, to ask for permission to place a signage at the Bi-Centennial Park honoring Grammy Award winner, Mr. Bobby Rush. Mr. Rush is a huge supporter of the Boys and Girls Club. On a motion by Matt Faulkner, seconded by Betty Richardson, to approve placing a signage at the B-Centennial Park honoring Mr. Bobby Rush. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Waste Collection: Setting Price for Additional Trash Cans – Mayor Hampton led a discussion on setting the cost of having an additional trash can picked up at a residence. Currently, only one trash can is serviced per residence. However, for an additional charge, each residence may have another can. The Mayor recommended the additional charge of \$15.00 for an additional can. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, that an addition charge of \$15.00 per month per customer may be charged to residences who request an additional trash can.

Resolution 25-002 – A resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the Mayor of the Town of Haynesville. The resolution was read by Clerk, Penny Fields. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Dewatha Malone to adopt Resolution 25-002. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Resolution 25-003 – 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 Administrative Services. The resolution was read by Clerk, Penny Fields. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to adopt Resolution 25-003. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Resolution 25-004 – 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. The resolution was read by Clerk, Penny Fields. On a motion by Matt Faulkner, seconded by Betty Richardson, to adopt Resolution 25-004. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Request for On-site Wastewater Treatment System – 8055 Highway 534, Haynesville, Louisiana – Mayor Hampton informed the council that a residence has requested that he be allowed to have on on-site wastewater treatment system. Per town ordinance, all residences located within the town limits are required to connect to the municipal sewer system. Discussion followed. On a motion by Matt Faulkner, seconded by Betty Richardson, to deny the request and require the residence to connect to the town's sewer system. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Amendment to Lobbyist Agreement (Caroline E. Mladenka, MPA Local Government Strategists, LLC) – Mayor Hampton requested of the council to amend the original contract with Ms. Caroline Mladenka from a session only to a year long contract. The cost of the contract would increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Discussion followed. On a motion by Betty Richardson, seconded by Matt Faulkner, to approve to amend the lobbyist contract to a year - long contract. Motion passed.

3 Yeas (Richardson, Malone, Faulkner) 0 Nay 2 Absent (Meadors, Holyfield)

Mayor's Report

1. Pot Luck @ the Fair – Saturday, March 22, 2025
2. Sexual Harassment, ethics training and cyber security training should be completed by June 30, 2025.
3. Please keep the Franklin and Meadors families in prayer following the death of their loved ones.
4. Easter egg hunt will be April 18, 2025 on the fair grounds.

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

Penny Fields, Clerk

Roderick Hampton, Mayor