December 10, 2024

TOWN OF KROTZ SPRINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Krotz Springs, State of Louisiana, met in regular session, at the regular meeting place, the town hall, Krotz Springs, Louisiana at 6:30 P.M., November 12, 2024.

There were present: Larry Martinez, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

There were absent: Craig Burghdoff

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Krotz Springs were duly convened as the governing authority of said town by Mayor Carroll B. Snyder, who then stated that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Nyssa Godwin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2024. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin that all outstanding bills be paid. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Nyssa Godwin, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez to approve the Financial Statements and Reconciliation Worksheets. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Susie Snyder recommended for fire Carlo Silvio as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of $13.50 an hour.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Cindy Stelly to re-hire Carlo Silvio as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of $13.50 an hour. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Larry Martinez, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Craig Burghdoff

Chief Susie Snyder recommended Dillon Porche to be hired as a full-time Police Officer, with a three (3) month probationary period at the rate of $15.00 an hour. Dillon Porche will attend the Academy within a year to be post certified and will sign a two (2) year agreement with the town. Chief Snyder is applying for a sign on bonus through post in the amount of $5000.00. Dillon Porche passed the Matrix Exam.

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On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez to hire Dillon Porche as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of $15.00 an hour, will be post certified within one (1) year, and with a three (3) month probationary period. After this probationary period Dillon Porche will be eligible for benefits offered by the town. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Larry Martinez, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Craig Burghdoff

Chief Susie Snyder said Dillon Porche will take firearm safety, get tazed and sprayed as part of his training. Chief Snyder said the units that need to be put up for bids should be ready by the next town meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Nina Snyder said the crew will start digging ditches. Mayor Snyder said we need to order a blade cutter for concrete.

On motion of Nyssa Godwin, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin to Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Penny Scruggins, Champagne & Company, LLC presented the Audit Summary to Mayor and Council. Penny Scruggins said the audit went well and the staff was forthcoming. The Audit Summary:

1. The independent auditors’ report is an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Basically, the report states that the financial statements, which are the responsibility of the Town’s management, are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Peeny Scruggins said the unmodified opinion is the best. Congratulations to the staff and Town.
2. We also issued a report on our consideration of the Town’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The report on internal control over financial reporting states that we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses and there were no instances of noncompliance.

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1. There is a letter included with the mayor’s and aldermen’s copy that addresses various matters. I am happy to report that all items are favorable.
2. The LLA Agreed-Upon Procedures were tested again this fiscal year. You will each be given a copy of the report once all is finalized. There were some exceptions that were discussed with the Mayor and Suzanne. They will work on correcting these exceptions.
3. Total assets of the Town of Krotz Springs as of June 30, 2024, were $10,871,843 of which $7,265,511 or 67% is comprised of unrestricted cash and investments. Total liabilities are only $811,542. The Net position of the Town of Krotz Springs was $10,158,880. Of the $10,18,880 net position, $3,246,454 is invested in capital assets. The town is very healthy.
4. The Utility Fund is doing fine, overall, it is good with the exception of a loss in sewer fund.

On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Nyssa Godwin to adopt the Audit Report presented by Champagne & Company, LLC. The motion was carried unanimous vote.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez to appoint Allen Cox to Fire District 1 Board for a two (2) year term, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Larry Martinez, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Craig Burghdoff

On motion of Nyssa Godwin, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin to appoint Travis Barker to Fire District 1 Board for a two (2) year term, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Larry Martinez, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

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ABSENT: Craig Burghdoff

ABSTAINED: Cindy Stelly

Mayor Pro-tem Keith Ardoin suggested the town do a Gas Meter Survey, there have been 3 incidents of unaccounted gas. The town has to purchase gas. Need to go from property to property to get a true and accurate accounting of all gas meters.

Mayor Carroll B. Snyder said District 6 will help repair drainage on Cypress Street and the next location is by Travis Martinez.

On motion of Larry Martinez, and duly seconded by Cindy Stelly to adopt the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Veteran’s Affairs. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On public comment Blake Quebedeaux addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the Mardi Gras parade. Blake would like to allow ATV’s, side by side only if they are pulling trailers, and business affiliated, same route and naming the Town as additional insured.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Cindy Stelly to approve Riverview Resort Mardi Gras Parade on February 8, 2025. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Barry Smith would like the town to improve the road and drainage on 11th Street and Morreau Street. Mayor Snyder said they dug ditches and cleaned them out.

There was no other business.

Nina Snyder said there is a washout at Nall Well. Mayor Snyder suggested getting a 4x8 grating.

On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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Carroll B. Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk

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I, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Krotz Springs, held December 10, 2024.

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Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk