

December 12, 2023

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 11, 2023.

There were present: Craig Burghdoff, Larry Martinez, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

There were absent: Cindy Stelly

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 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 Larry Martinez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 11, 2023. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Craig Burghdoff, and duly seconded by Nyssa Godwin that all outstanding bills be paid. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Nyssa Godwin, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin to approve the Financial Statements and Reconciliation Worksheet. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Susie Snyder said all was good in town. Chief Susie said the guy who stole the maintenance utility trailer was picked up and formally charged with criminal trespassing and theft.

Maintenance Supervisor Nina Snyder said all is good except for dogs that are picked up. We try to adopt them before we have to take to the pound. Mayor Snyder suggested we get portable kennels.

Penny Scruggins, Champagne & Company, presented the Mayor and Council with the town audit report. Penny Scruggins said the audit went very well, full cooperation/assistance from the staff. The independent auditor's report is an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. The report states that the financial statements, which are the responsibility of the Town's management, are in conformity with accounting principles. 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. We did identify one instance of noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. There were some exceptions that were discussed with the Mayor and Suzanne. They will work on correcting these exceptions. Considerable improvement was made in the year audited. The prior year had 13 exceptions and current year had 6 exceptions. Total assets of the Town of Krotz Springs as of June 30, 2023, were \$10,001,022 of which \$6,704,777 or 67% is comprised of unrestricted cash and investments. Total liabilities are only \$963,028. Net position of the Town of Krotz Springs was \$9,137,044. Of the \$9,137,044 net position, \$2,941,159 is invested in capital assets.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez to accept the audit report presented by Champagne and Company. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Craig Burghdoff to adopt Ordinance No 3 of 2023, "AN ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE FROM MICHAEL ESCHETE A 21 ACRE PLOT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WHERE THE OLD TOWN DUMP IS LOCATED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION BY THE LANDOWNER, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN". The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Craig Burghdoff, Larry Martinez, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cindy Stelly

ABSTAINED: None

On motion of Craig Burghdoff, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin to amend/change the agenda item number 12 from Love Louisiana Outdoors Resolution to CWEF Grant Resolution. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Larry Martinez, and duly seconded by Nyssa Godwin to adopt a resolution, "A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND FOR A GRANT TO BE USED FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WATER WELLS, PUMPS, AND WATER LINES FOR THE TOWN OF KROTZ SPRINGS'. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion by Craig Burghdoff, and duly seconded by Larry Martinez to adopt a resolution, to retain John Crawford, Attorney at Law, to represent the Town of Krotz Springs. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Craig Burghdoff, Larry Martinez, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cindy Stelly

No public comment.

On other business Mayor Snyder told Nina Snyder to get a quote for an Odor Meter.

ATTEST:

Carroll Snyder, Mayor

Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk

I, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Krotz Springs, held December 12, 2023.

Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk

