**VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD**

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P. M.**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Board of Alderman for the Village of Estherwood met on the above date at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 124 N LeBlanc, Estherwood, Louisiana, in regular session with the Mayor Donna Bertrand presiding. Alderman Emily Mire gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison. The roll was called and final attendance was recorded as follows:

Alderwoman JoAnn Trahan

Alderwoman Emily Mire

Alderman Michael Stutes

Mayor Bertrand asked for a motion to admend the agenda to add an increased cost on citations. Motion was made by Mrs. Emily Mire, seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan and carried

A motion was offered by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, seconded by, Mr. Michael Stutes and carried, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 Regular meeting, December 17th & 30th Special Meeting as written.

Mr. Jonas Harrington with Mader Engineering gave updates on pending projects.

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-001**

 The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Emily Mire, seconded by Mr. Michael Stutes, and duly resolved and adopted.

 **A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood, an application to the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program, pertaining to Sewage Collection System Improvements**

 **WHEREAS,** the Village of Estherwod wishes to submit an application to the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program; **and**

 **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Board of Aldermen agree that the Sewage Collection System is in need of improvements and applying for such a project would be most beneficial for the community.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Village of Estherwood that the Mayor of said Village be, and she is hereby emplowered, authorized and directed to submit to the Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood a Grant Application Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 for Sewerage Collection System Improvements, and to execute same on behalf of the Village of Estherwood and by her signature to enter into any and all contractual obligations on behalf of the Village of Estherwood under this program.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 14, 2021

ATTEST:

 /s/ Tannia Mouton /s/ Donna Bertrand

 Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

 Village Clerk Mayor

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-002**

 The following resolution was offered by Mr. Michael Stutes, seconded by Mrs. Emily Mire, and duly resolved and adopted.

 **A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood, an application to the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Office of Community Development’s Community Water Enrichment Fund, pertaining in Water System Improvements.**

 **WHEREAS,** the Village of Estherwod wishes to submit an application to the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Office of Community Development’s Community Water Enrichment Fund Program, and

 **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Board of Aldermen agree that the Village’s water system is in need of improvements and applying for such a project would be most beneficial for the community.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Village of Estherwood that the Mayor of said Village be, and she is hereby emplowered, authorized and directed to submit to the Office of Community Development’s Community Water Enrichment Fund Program Program for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood a Grant Application Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 for Water System Improvements, and to execute same on behalf of the Village of Estherwood and by her signature to enter into any and all contractual obligations on behalf of the Village of Estherwood under this program.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 14, 2021

ATTEST:

 /s/ Tannia Mouton /s/ Donna Bertrand

 Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

 Village Clerk Mayor

 A motion was offered by Mrs. Emily Mire, seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, and carried, to set a Public Hearing for February 11, 2021 @ 6:00pm for proposed increase in Water and Sewer fees.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael Stutes, and duly resolved and adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-003**

 **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Estherwood, that Alderwoman Emily Mire is hereby appointed to the position of Mayor Pro Tem for the Village.

 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the absence of the Mayor, Alderwoman Emily Mire, as Mayor Pro Tem, is hereby empowered with the duties and authority to act on behalf of the Mayor of the Village of Estherwood.

 ADOPTED: JANUARY 14, 2021

 ATTEST:

/s/ Tannia Mouton /s/ Donna Bertrand

 Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

 Village Clerk Mayor

 Mayor Bertrand informed the Council that recent information indicated that the Crime Lab Fee portion of every citation issued had been increased from $10.00 to $30.00. Therefore an increased in our ticket amount had to increase by $20.00. A motion was offered by Alderwoman Trahan, seconded by Alderman Stutes, and carried, to increase the Fine/Bond Schedule by $20.00.

 The following motion was offered by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael Stutes, and duly resolved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-004**

 **A resolution authorizing the increase of the Crime Lab portion on Fines/Bond schedule from $10.00 to $30.00 per citation.**

 **WHEREAS,** the Village of Estherwood is required to pay mandated State Court Cost for each citation collected on,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman, Village of Estherwood, in regular session duly convened on this the 14th day of January 2021, does hereby authorize the mandated State Court cost for the Crime Lab Fee will be increased from $10.00 to $30.00 effective immediately.

 ADOPTED: JANUARY 14, 2021

 ATTEST:

/s/ Tannia Mouton /s/ Donna Bertrand

 Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

 Village Clerk Mayor

 The following motion was offered by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael Stutes, and duly resolved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-005**

A motion was offered by Mrs. Emily Mire, seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, and carried, to approve the following required appointments. Due to the Retirement of Mr. Larry Richard, the Village Magistrate will be appointed at a later date..

* 1. Official Journal: The Crowley Post Signal
	2. Fiscal Agent: Bank of Commerce and Trust Company
	3. Village Magistrate: pending
	4. Flood Plain Manager: Tannia Mouton
	5. Engineers: Mader Engineering, Inc.
	6. Village Accountants: Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC

A motion was offered by Mrs. Emily Mire, seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan and carried to adopt the 2021 Holiday Schedule;

 NEW YEARS DAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

 MARTIN LUTHER KING – MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

PRESIDENT DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

MARDI GRAS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

GOOD FRIDAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021

INDEPENDENCE DAY – FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

RICE FESTIVAL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

VETERANS DAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

THANKSGIVING DAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS DAY – NO HOLIDAY (FALLS ON SATURDAY) NEW YEARS EVE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

A motion was offered by Mrs. JoAnn Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael Stutes and carried to adopt the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule;

 THURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

 THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

 THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

 THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

 THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

 THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021

 THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 (Thurs. Veteran’s Day)

 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

Chief Wayne Welsh gave his monthly report.

Mayor Bertrand gave the following announcements.

1. January 25, 2021 Groceries for the Elderly
2. 2019-2020 Audit Report is complete if anyone is wishing to examine
3. February 11, 2021 next Council Meeting at 6:00pm

 **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE**

 **MOTION WAS OFFERED BY ALDERWOMAN EMILY MIRE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN**

 **MICHAEL STUTES, THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT**

 **REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, AT THE**

 **HOUR OF 6:00 P.M.**

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Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

 Village Clerk Mayor

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, TANNIA MOUTON, Clerk of the Village of Estherwood, do hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and correct copy adopted by the Village of Estherwood in regular session on January 14, 2021.

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 Tannia Mouton, Clerk

 Village of Estherwood