**VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD**

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 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 6:00p.m., in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 124 N LeBlanc Estherwood, La, in regular session with the Mayor Donna Bertrand presiding. Alderwoman Emily Mire gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison. The roll was call and final attendance was recorded as follows:

Alderwoman/Mayor Pro-Tem Emily Mire

Alderwoman JoAnn Trahan

Alderman Michael Stutes

A motion was offered by Ald. Trahan seconded by Ald. Stutes to dispense with the reading and approve of the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting as written.

A motion was offered by Ald. Mire, seconded by Ald. Trahan to approve all invoices for payment.

Mr. Jonas Harrington with Mader Engineering gave update on pending projects and answered questions regarding the removal of the old water tower on the south side of town.

A motion was offered by Ald. Mire, seconded by Ald Trahan to request RFP’s for the demolition and removal of the south water tower due to the safety of surrounding citizens by debris falling off of the water tower.

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-012**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Trahan, seconded by Ald. Mire, duly resolved and adopted.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** The 53rd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americas-individually and collectively-to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists, and

**WHEREAS** this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS** a fair housing law has been passed by the Village of Estherwood, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens, and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Estherwood is to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal of all our citizens, and

**WHEREAS** barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.\

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Donna Bertrand, Mayor of the Village of Estherwood do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

In Estherwood, Louisiana

ADOPTED: APRIL 8, 2021

ATTEST:

 /s/ TANNIA MOUTON /s/ DONNA BERTRAND

Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

Public Comment – no comments offered.

**RESOLUTION**

**2021-011**

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Trahan, seconded by Ald. Stutes, duly resolved and adopted.

**WHEREAS** the week of **April 5-9, 2021** has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Village of Estherwood has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

**WHEREAS,** in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

 **WHEREAS,** this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combines efforts.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that during National Community Development Week 2021, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community’s name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

ADOPTED: APRIL 8, 2021

ATTEST:

s/s TANNIA MOUTON s/s DONNA BERTRAND

Tannia Mouton Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

Chief Wayne Welsh gave the monthly police report.

Mayor Announcements

* April 9, 2021 9:00-11:00 am - Covid-19 Injections to be given at KC Hall.
* April 17, 2021 10:00 am – Clean up day at the Estherwood Cemetery, ALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.
* April 26, 2021 Groceries for the Elderly.
* May 2, 2021 – 10:00 am till - “Bingo, Burgers & Beer” Estherwood Cemetery Association Benefit
* May 13, 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 ALDERWOMAN**

**JOANN TRAHAN THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN UNTIL THE NEXT**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 13, 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 April 8, 2021.

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 Tannia Mouton, Clerk

 Village of Estherwood