**Public Hearing Minutes**

The Board of Alderman for the Village of Estherwood conducted a public hearing at 6:00P.M., on Thursday, September 8, 2022\_at 6:00pm @ 124 N. LeBlanc St. Estherwood, La to receive comments on Ordinance # 167 – To establish residency requirements for the elected Chief of Police

Mayor Bertrand explained the need for establishing residency requirements for the Chief of Police due to the passage of Act 212, during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session which amended La. R.S. 33:385.1(B) which now provides that the elected Chief of Police of a Lawrason Act Village need only reside within the boundaries of the parish in which the Village is located, not necessarily within the Village Limits.

Comments received were in agreement.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

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DONNA BERTRAND

Village of Estherwood - Mayor

**VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD**

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 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 - Absent

A motion was offered by Ald. Mire, seconded by Ald. Trahan to dispense with the reading and approve of the minutes of the August 11, 2022, Regular Meeting as written.

A motion was offered by Ald. Trahan, seconded by Ald. Mire to review, and approve financial statement

Mr. Jonas Harrington w/ Mader Engineering, Inc. gave updates on pending project

Mr.Russel Sarpy with Emerg Enforcement Solutions gave a presentation on traffic enforcement.

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Emily Mire duly seconded by Ald. JoAnn Trahan and duly resolved and adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**2022-020**

**A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood, an application to the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Office of Community Development’s Community Water Enrichment Fund, pertaining to Water System Improvements.**

**WHEREAS** the Village of Estherwood wishes to submit an application to the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 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 empowered, authorized and directed to submit to the Office of Community Development’s Community Water Enrichment Fund Program for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood a Grant Application Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 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.

**THEREUPON,** the above resolution was duly adopted.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

ATTEST:

\_/S/ AIMEE HAYES\_\_\_\_\_\_ /S/ DONNA BERTRAND\_\_

Aimee Hayes Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Emily Mire duly seconded by Ald. JoAnn Trahan and duly resolved and adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**2022-021**

**A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit for and on behalf of the Village of Estherwood, an application to the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program, pertaining to Sewerage Collection System Improvements**

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Estherwood wishes to submit an application to the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Board of Aldermen agree that the Sewerage 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 empowered, 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 2022 - 2023 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.

**THEREUPON,** the above resolution was duly adopted.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

ATTEST:

\_/S/ AIMEE HAYES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_DONNA BERTRAND\_\_\_

Aimee Hayes Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

The following ordinance was offered by Ald. Emily Mire\_, seconded by Ald. \_JoAnn Trahan\_\_, and duly resolved and adopted.

**VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD**

**ORDINANCE # 167**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD’S ELECTED CHIEF OF POLICE

**WHEREAS**, During the 2022 Regular Session, the Legislature passed Act 212, which changes the minimum qualifications for an elected chief of police in a village chartered under the Lawrason Act.

**WHEREAS** the amended law (La. R.S. 33:385.1(B)) now provides that the elected chief of police of a Lawrason Act Village need only reside within the boundaries of the parish in which the village is located, not necessarily within the village limits.

**WHEREAS** a village may set more restrictive qualifications for its elected chief by ordinance, including residency within village limits.

**BE IT RESOLVED** in the need to protect the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Estherwood, residency requirements would best be served by requiring candidates seeking the position of Chief of police to be a resident from within the village limits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village of Estherwood Board of Alderman hereby authorize the additional qualification requirement for candidates seeking the position of Chief of Police must reside within the Village of Estherwood corporate limits.

**WHEREUPON** the Mayor declared said Ordinance after being read and considered section by section, was adopted as a whole by the following vote:

YEAS: Emily Mire, JoAnn Trahan

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ABSENT: Micheal Stutes

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

ATTEST:

\_/S/ AIMEE HAYES\_\_\_\_ \_/S/ DONNA BERTRAND\_\_\_

Aimee Hayes Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

Chief Wayne Welsh gave the monthly police report.

Public Comments

Mayor Announcements

**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 SCHEDULED MEETING ON THURSDAY,**

**OCTOBER 13, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M**

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Aimee Hayes Donna Bertrand

Village Clerk Mayor

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, AIMEE HAYES, 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 September 8, 2022.

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Aimee Hayes Village Clerk

Village of Estherwood

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