## TOWN OF HAUGHTON AGENDA MEETING

**FEBRUARY 28, 2011** 

THE AGENDA MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HAUGHTON TOWN HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. TO SET THE AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE JACK HICKS, MARTHA MCGEE, LARRY SMALL, AND ELBERT WINNFIELD. DORIS GRAPPE WAS ABSENT

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED BY MAYOR CARLTON ANDERSON.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CITIZENS ATTENDING.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY ELBERT WINNFIELD AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE WAS LED BY LARRY SMALL.

MAYOR ANDERSON INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT CURTIS EDGAR WITH LA. RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CAME TO THE OFFICE AND DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES WITH HIM. MR. EDGAR TOLD MAYOR ANDERSON THAT HE COULD PROVIDE A SOLUTION FOR THE BROWN WATER THAT KEEPS OCCURRING IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF TOWN. HE WILL BE COMING BACK TO HELP MAYOR ANDERSON WITH THIS PROBLEM.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$85,000.00 WITH THE TOWN PAYING A PORTION OF \$4,000.00 OF THE GRANT. THE GRANT WAS ISSUED TO HELP BUY EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED OR REPLACED IS THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS AND SCBA (SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS).

BRAD GRAFF, ENGINEER, WILL HOLD A PRECONFERENCE HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M. FOR THE STREET PROJECT.

CUSTOM HERBICIDES PROVIDED A QUOTE TO SPRAY THE TOWN'S DITCHES. THEY SPRAY THE DITCHES TO HELP KEEP THE WEEDS DOWN WHERE THEY CAN BE MAINTAINED. THE TOWN HAS ANNEXED PROPERTY AND THE SIZE OF THE TOWN HAS GROWN. THE QUOTE OFFERED IS \$7,525.00 FOR ALL THE DITCHES.

MR. SMALL ASKED MAYOR ANDERSON WHAT THE CONDITION OF THE WATER TANK IS. THE TOWN HAS A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TO OVERSEE THE WATER TANK. AT THIS TIME EVERYTHING IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

MAYOR ANDERSON IS WAITING ON INFORMATION FROM CONGRESS TO USDA TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR THE SEWER PROJECT.

MAYOR ANDERSON TALKED TO BRAD GRAFF, ENGINEER, ABOUT A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BEHIND PILOT. THIS PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE TOWN LIMITS. HOWEVER, THE PARISH HAS UPGRADED THEIR PROCESS OF MAINTAINING THE STREETS, DRAINAGE, AND DITCHES. THE TOWN NEEDS TO UPDATE ITS MAINTENANCE ON THE STREETS, DITCHES, AND DRAINAGE. TOWN WOULD CONSIDER FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES OF THE PARISH.

MS. MCGEE DISCUSSED HAVING THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VISIT BUSINESSES AND ENCOURAGE PLACING THEIR BUSINESS IN THE TOWN LIMITS. IT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT PUTTING INFORMATION ON THE WEB SIGHT AND FACEBOOK ABOUT THE TOWN.

A DATE FOR THE CLEAN UP DAY NEEDS TO BE DECIDED. THE POSSIBLE CLEAN UP DATES ARE SATURDAY, APRIL  $30^{\mathrm{TH}}$  OR SATURDAY MAY  $7^{\mathrm{TH}}$ . MAYOR ANDERSON WILL TALK TO MAJOR COFFEL WITH THE ROTC TO DECIDE WHICH DATE WOULD BE BEST FOR THEM. THE ROTC HAS BEEN A VALUABLE PART OF THIS PROJECT.

IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE TOWN NEEDS TO CONSIDER HAVING COMMERCIAL WATER RATES. THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHAT THE RATE WOULD BE.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS. MEETING ADJOURNED.

CHARLENE SMITH, CLERK	CARLTON ANDERSON, MAYOR