**MINUTES**

**Town of Atkinson**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 07, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**Honorable Mayor Wendell Newkirk; Honorable Mayor Pro tempore Dee Turner; Commissioner Denise Lewis; Commissioner Bryan Stewart; Commissioner Gary Alsup**

**Town Clerk, Becky Lanier**

**Robert Kenan, Town Attorney**

**(Mayor Newkirk, all commissioners, Becky Lanier, Town Clerk and Robert Kenan, Town Attorney were in attendance)**

1. **Honorable Mayor Wendell Newkirk called the 01/07/2021 Regular Meeting to order.**
2. **Commissioner Gary Alsup led Prayer.**
3. **Commissioner Denise Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
* **12/03/2020 Regular Meeting : Motion Commissioner Dee Turner 2nd Commissioner Bryan Stewart Motion Carried 4-0**
* **12/03/2020 Closed Session Meeting: Motion Commissioner Denise Lewis 2nd Commissioner Dee Turner Motion Carried 4-0**
1. **Approval of the Agenda:**
* **Motion Commissioner Bryan Stewart 2nd Commissioner Gary Alsup Motion Carried 4-0**
1. **Public Comments:**
* **Kimberly Robbins shared her concern of the rundown of the town and the shape in which some of the properties are in. She is concern about the resale of her own home which is to be placed on the real estate market this month. She is afraid she will not receive asking price due to the rundown of the town. Kimberly did say she loved and cared for the town as it holds a special place in her heart.**
* **Wendy Diaz who is a relator has concerns about the condition and value of the homes in Atkinson. She has lost the sale of 2 homes dues to the rundown state of the town. Wendy said she is willing to help in any way possible.**
* **Penny Stith shared her concerns about the rundown of the town also. She also asked if we could possibly put the agenda on the website and have extra copies available prior to meeting. Penny made mention that maybe the Beautification Committee be brought back again.**
* **The Board discussed maybe going over and possibly redoing our Town ordinances. We need to send letters and call Environmental Health. The Board also mentioned hiring a code enforcer, possibly contracting one from another county.**
1. **Fire Department Report: (Fire Chief Jason Turner)**
* **See attached Report**
1. **Financial/Clerk Report: (Becky Lanier, Town Clerk)**
* **Nothing to report at this time**
1. **Library Report: (Commissioner Gary Alsup)**
* **40 Visitors, 1 Library Card, 25 books checked out**
1. **Maintenance Report: (Commissioner Bryan Stewart & Cary Rivenbark Maintenance Foreman)**
* **See attached Envirolink Report**
* **Cary Rivenbark gave report on the task that he had performed for the Town**
1. **Old Business:**
* **Road Repairs/Updates (Commissioner Dee Turner) There was nothing to report at this time.**
* **Replacement of Town Street Signs (Mayor Newkirk) Spoke with DOT about signs missing DOT directed him to contact the Department of Corrections to have them made.**
* **Meter Reading Software (Dee Turner) Core and Main sent her a proposal for the software upgrade. (\*see attachment email) The Board decided that we go ahead and get the contract and then vote on it at Town meeting in February.**
1. **New Business**
* **None at this time**

**Motion to adjourn meeting Commissioner Dee Turner 2nd Commissioner Gary Alsup 4-0**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:10**