

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
TOWN OF WHITE CASTLE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

This regular meeting was called to order by Mayor John Morris, III with the following in attendance:

Alderman Mervin Allen, Jr.  
Alderman Erick Batiste  
Alderman Charmarcus Lewis

Alderwoman Candace Depron  
Alderman Kipp Knight  
Attorney Shannon Battiste

Guests: Charlton Bajon  
Chief Brooks  
Asst.Chief Hamilton  
Heather Jones  
Pierre Wilson  
Officer Geason  
Julesa Barnes  
Officer Stacy Paul  
Adam Gillis

Tommy Lejuene  
Leo Jones  
Demi Vorise  
Oscar Major, Jr  
Lois Taylor  
Brock Facione  
Officer Faveroth  
Officer Ronal Monroe  
Diane Gillis

This meeting was called to order with a silent prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to amend the agenda to approve Town Manager as number 6 and add number 9 to approve Town Prosecutor; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt the agenda with changes; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the December 19, 2022 Board minutes; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

The public forum was opened with no comments.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Knight to approve Monica A. Lee as Town Clerk for years 2023-2026; this came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Knight to approve Leo Jones as Town Manager for years 2023-2026; this motion came to a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 2 nays, none absent, and motion therefore carried.

Alderman Allen offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Batiste to approve Faulk & Winkler for years 2023-2026 as the CPA firm; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Depron to approve Shannon Battiste as Magistrate of Court for years 2023-2026; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve Demi Vorise as Prosecutor for years 2023-2026; this came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, motion therefore carried.

Alderwoman Depron offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve Alderman Mervin Allen as Mayor Pro Tempore for years 2023-2026; this came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen for approving the Mayor's recommendation for committee appointments for the Board of Aldermen for years 2023-2026; this came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, motion therefore carried;

- a. Safety of Commission- Alderwoman Candice Depron**
- b. Commissioner in Charge of Gas- Alderman Erick Batiste**
- c. Commissioner in Charge of Sewer- Alderman Kipp Knight**
- d. Commissioner in Charge of Economic, Personnel and Finance- Mayor Pro-Tempore Mervin Allen**
- e. Commissioner in Charge of Water- Alderman Kipp Knight**
- f. Commissioner in Charge of Street and Drainage- Alderman Charmarcus Lewis**

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Depron approved a resolution authorizing the removal of former Alderwoman Melissa Allen from the Town's Bank accounts at the Bank of Commerce and adding Alderman Allen as an authorized signature; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen approved a resolution authorizing the removal of former Chief Mario Brown from the Independent Bankerbank credit card and adding Chief Harold Brooks, Jr as an authorized signature; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Alderman Batiste offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Allen approved a resolution regarding a lease-purchase agreement for the gas meter project; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

Chief Brooks gave his update.

Mayor Morris gave his update.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Knight offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Batiste to adjourn the meeting; this motion came to a roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, none absent, motion therefore carried.

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**TOWN CLERK**

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**MAYOR**