**CITY OF TOULON**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**APRIL 22, 2025**

**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk

Donna Lefler, Mitch Hulsey Alderman 1st Ward

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman 2nd Ward

Ryan Kelly (absent), Brandon Simpson Alderman 3rd Ward

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hollis called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**WATER METERS:** Donna Lefler reported she met with a company and has not yet had time to set up a committee meeting. This is tabled till the next meeting.

**NEW EMPLOYEES FOR 3RD POSITION AND W/S:** The Mayor would like to hire Charlie Holmstrom for the water position. He’s 19 years old and seems very eager to learn the process. The mayor would like the starting wage to be $22.00 an hour and after 90 days have a review and a possible wage increase. For the 3rd employee position the Mayor would like to hire Brock Ouart.

Mitch Hulsey made a motion to hire Charlie Holmstrom for $22.00 an hour and after 90 days have a review. Brandon Simpson 2nd,Connie Jacobson abstained, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

The Mayor is to run a new ad in paper to advertise hiring the 3rd employee for the city at $25.00 - $35.00 an hour.

**MOWER:** Matt Forstrom reported the Xmark mower that was just bought 2 years ago has problems. Matt was told to get some quotes for a new mower.

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**POLICE TRAINING:** Gary Bent reported he has turned in all the paperwork that needed to be done. The state costs $2,200.00 and they reimburse if the person graduates. The city will have to pay an hourly wage while he is in training. The new hire will start at $20.00 dollars an hour and through the stages as he goes in training he could be bumped up in wages. Michael Schott made a motion to put part time officer Derek Welge through police training. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**LANDSCAPE BIDS:** The city received one bid from Lohman Earth Works for $25,118.98 without prevailing wage. This job will have to be prevailing wages which will cost approximately $44,000.00. The council did not accept the bid.

**TIF:** Brandon Simpson made a motion to accept Ordinance #977 an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Toulon and Tom Pearson DBA Total Home Service. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, Connie Jacobson, Donna Lefler, Brandon Simpson, Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

Brandon Simpson made a motion to accept Ordinance #978 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Toulon and West Jersey Logistics, LLC and Matthew Plumer. Donna Lefler 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, Connie Jacobson, Donna Lefler, Brandon Simpson, Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

TIF Application for Laten Lodge. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve to pay $2,000.00 towards the TIF application for the Laten Lodge (Airbnb). Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, Donna Lefler, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson, Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

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Donna Lefler made a motion to pay Jacob & Klein 1st quarter bill for $524.65. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained. Motion passed.

The Economic Development Group, $2,098.60, will be on next month’s agenda to pay.

Donna Lefler made a motion to pay FY2025-11, repay w/s $24,720.00, BEA $9,526.88 plus $1,442.80 plus $1,297.00 for total of $12,266.68, for a grand total of $36,986.68. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Michael Schott, Mitch Hulsey abstained, Donna Lefler, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson, Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

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Mitch Hulsey made a motion to adjourn.

Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

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