

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 AT THE YOUNGSVILLE  
CITY HALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wilson B. Viator, Jr., Councilman A.J. Bernard, Jr., (Div C), Councilwoman Brenda Burley, (Div B), Councilman Paul Huval, (Div A), Councilman Tim Barbier (Div D), Councilwoman Dianne McClelland (Div E), CEO Rick Garner, City Manager Charles Langlinais, and Municipal Clerk Rebecca Gondron

**ABSENT: None**

**GUESTS:** Collin Robicheaux, Perry Wilson, Kay Haslam, Emery Gene & Joyce Hamilton, Donald Simon, Amie Varnado, Charles Porter, Linda Meaux, Jennifer Nave, Wilson Landry, Dana Martin, David Barres, Douglas Cage, Josephine Ennis, Susan Richard, Raymond Reaux, Jonathan Pearce, Linda Fox, Dave Cane Jules Broussard, and George Knox.

Mayor Viator called this regular meeting to order. Councilwoman Brenda Burley led everyone in a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

- (1) After numerous complaints received in previous years, CEO Rick Garner discussed deplorable condition of a mobile home and a building located at 806 Church Street. Mrs. Donna Vincent, property owner stated that a tenant will be remodeling the mobile home. City Codes Inspector Paul Doherty did a site inspection to the building and recommended demolition of it and start building from scratch. The tenant has replaced windows on the mobile home without a code permit and is requesting a permit to remodel same. Photos of the properties were submitted by CEO Rick Garner for council review asking for directions to proceed. The tenant became sick and stopped doing the work on improvements. After discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley to give the owner of the property located at 806 Church Street sixty (60) days to demolish the home/building and clean the property and that the back building and mobile home be opened for our city inspectors within the next two (2) weeks for an inspection and to report back to the council. If the city performs the cleanup work and demolition then a lien will be placed on the

property. Councilwoman Dianne McClelland seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

(2) In reference to the landscaping proposed work at the new Youngsville Fire Station on Fountain View Drive, motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to allow a budget of \$1,000.00 from the City of Youngsville towards landscaping of the new fire station. The Fire Department members can do the landscaping work and the City will cover the cost of materials/plants. Passed unanimously.

(3) Engineer Raymond Reaux with C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc., discussed ongoing City Engineering Projects:

(a) Engineer Raymond Reaux stated that he is working on final plans and Buyer/Seller Agreements are proceeding on the Straightening of Highway 92 Project. The City has advertised for the sale of the Menard house to be moved and we have received five (5) bids. See tabulation sheet to reflect that Barbara Thibodeaux was the highest bidder in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to accept the highest bid from Barbara Thibodeaux of 103 Happy Hallow in Lafayette in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the property located at 200 Iberia Street to be moved off within 30 days; weather permitting. Passed unanimously. Mayor Viator then discussed the problem with the state having no way to transfer the ownership of property (Broussard house) to the City. The only way is to introduce a Bill in the upcoming legislature session requiring approval by the House of Representative and Senate and signature by the Governor. Facility Planning and Control/Division of Administration is working with us to assist in this matter and has agreed to let us purchase all other right-of-ways and will fund these; currently working on Buyer/Seller Agreements. Lengthy discussion is given on tape. Chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator Michot will assist in the funding associated with the D.O.T.D. reimbursement matter for the engineering of the roundabout. Mayor Viator also discussed the feasibility of the City purchasing the Savoie house/property to have it removed from location by the sale of it by advertised bidding also. A title search was done on the property and Young's Industries has a first right of refusal. Young's Industries reserves the right, that on whatever portion of property not used for the road, they want first refusal rights to buy the additional property at whatever price rate we paid for it. Mayor Viator entertained a motion from the Council to move forward with buying the Savoie property with the understanding that Young's Industries will retain first refusal rights on the Savoie property the City does not need for the road/roundabout. Motion was made by Councilman Paul Huval and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to allow Mayor Viator to purchase the Savoie Property and reserve the right for Young's Industries to buy the remaining property. All council members were in favor with Councilman A.J. Bernard, JR., recusing himself. Motion carried. Mayor Viator also explained that on the Wayne Dupuis property, there are

wetlands and the Corp of Engineers need to give their permission which will result in additional costs to the project.

(b) In reference to the Chemin Metairie Parkway, Phase I the soil cement has been placed, limestone is in place. Asphalt layers are to be put in. Mr. Lyons is checking the asphalt material and work should be completed at the end of April. Discussion on tape.

(c) In reference to the Chemin Metairie Parkway, Phase II; Raymond Reaux discussed the plan-in-hand meeting held on February 24, 2010. The engineer expects to complete final plans in September. We are currently working on right-of-ways. The state is mandating a red light at the Highway 90 Intersection. Refer to tape for further discussion.

(d) In the Private Development Update report, the city is working on the Metairie Commercial Park for a Walgreens and McDonald's at Highway 92 and Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase I-southwest corner (Miller Property).

(e) The City is currently working on annexation of the Butcher, Vallet, Aillet properties located along the proposed Chemin Metairie Parkway, Phase II route. Gerald Reaux is also working on the Lou Verret parcel which is located in Lafayette Parish, for annexation into Youngsville.

(f) Engineer Raymond Reaux stated slow progress is being made on the water tank at the Episcopal School. Senator Mike Michot has assisted the city in acquiring a \$40,000.00 grant for a water project which can be used for this water improvement project.

(g) Lafayette is proceeding forward with the Quick-Take Process for the two (2) parcels on the roundabout at Fortune Road and Bonin Road. The design is completed. The legal process is moving forward.

(h) In reference to the D.O.T.D. Highway 92 at Bonin Roundabout Project, there were six (6) bids received. See bid tabulation sheet. Glenn Lege Construction was the lowest bidder at \$559,792.00. This figure doesn't include engineering fees and utility relocation costs.

(i) The city has previously awarded the contract to Professional Meters Inc. for the fixed base water meter project. Notice to proceed should occur in June and will take about four (4) months to complete.

(j) Mayor Viator announced that the City of Youngsville has advertised for proposals on the city's garbage pickup contract which is due to expire on May 31, 2010. Attorney George Knox stated that the lawsuit against the City by J.I.L. Tree Service has been dismissed. Mayor Viator also stated that Judge

Haik has dismissed the suit on our city's sandbagging machine. It's good news for our city because we can now utilize our sandbagging machine.

- (4) Motion was made by Councilman A.J. Bernard, Jr., and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to accept the Financial Report; authorizing bills to be paid. Passed unanimously. The sales tax has been holding well, averaging about \$200,000.00 per month. For information – last month, the city issued 24 new construction permits which is outstanding. Mayor Viator announced that the Census Forms will be mailed out and it is very important to the city that each form be filled out and sent in so that we can get the right population to assure grants and redistricting local, state and federal elections, and other funding for Youngsville's future.
- (5) Motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland and seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Burley to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2010. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Daryl Colombe, principal of Youngsville Middle School addressed the audience and Council on the upcoming Silver Anniversary Celebration, ribbon cutting, open-house video presentation, burying of a time capsule in commemoration of 26 years of Youngsville Middle School. Youngsville has high national ranking schools along with housing to attract newcomers. On Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. there will be a ceremony in the Youngsville Middle School Cafeteria and a school community open-house on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in the evening honoring past principals, etc. Everyone is cordially invited to attend celebration of Youngsville Middle School.

Resident Perry Wilson announced that there is a plant sale of tomatoes, peppers, etc., tomorrow morning at the U.L. Horticulture Center. Savoy Road improvements-resurfacing of road will be up for council consideration, as stated by Mayor Viator. Refer to tape for other audience comments and questions.

With no further agenda business to discuss, motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland to adjourn this meeting. Passed unanimously. This meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Viator.

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Wilson B. Viator, Jr., Mayor

City of Youngsville

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Rebecca Gondron, CMC

City Clerk

