

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter and Councilmembers: Jamison Abshire (Division A), Matt Romero (Division C), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D), Dianne McClelland (Division E)

ABSENT: Lauren Michel (Division B)

STAFF: Simone Champagne (CAO), Sally Angers (City Clerk), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Charles Langlinois (Public Works Director), Pamela Granger (City Engineer), Tim Robichaux (Sports Complex Director), Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux

GUESTS: Gary P. Williams, Susan Richard, Blaise Sonnier, Lloyd Gonzales, Leigh Fontenot, Casey Valentine, Kyle V. Bordelon, Brian Renhartz, Perry Wilson, Brenda Burley, Teddy Beaulieu, Greg Grace, Jeremy Hidalgo, Mike Usie, Willie Lim, Ricardo Johnson, Sandy Kilgore, Glenn Kilgore, Hunter Hall, Craig Spadoni, Janna Quebedeaux, Donald Simon, Jordan Simon, Steven Hebert, Sandra Keal, Megan Segura, Raegan Wilkerson, Brian Wilkerson, Dale David

Mayor Ritter announced that Councilwoman Michel was absent from the meeting due to illness. He also introduced Hunter Hall, who represents Senator Cassidy.

Mayor Ritter called upon Pastor Chris Fuselier of First Baptist Church of Youngsville to do the invocation.

Mayor Ritter called upon Eagle Scout Paul Marty to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 1. RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Unveiling of and recognition of donors for “In God We Trust” signage for Council Chambers. Mayor Ritter called upon Councilman Matt Romero who stated that there has been an outpouring of support from the community on the display. He then called upon Mark Barrentine, a Youngsville resident, who read a poem that he wrote about “In God We Trust”. Mr. Romero thanked everyone involved and gave special thanks to the three (3) congregations and their Pastors that donated funds for the display, Pastor Tommy Faulk with First Assembly, Pastor Chris Fuselier with First Baptist Church of Youngsville and Ricardo Johnson representing Pastor Andy Tribe with Youngsville Community Church.

- Mayor Ritter read and presented a proclamation to Paul Marty for being the 1st Eagle Scout from Troop 412 and being a founding member of Troop 412. He also recognized him for his Eagle Scout project which was to repair and paint St. Anne’s Church Hall.

PRELIMINARY PLATS

AGENDA ITEM 2. Preliminary Plat Approval of Lafayette Parish School System for proposed “South Lafayette High School” located off of S. Larriviere Road, 93.475 acres (a public hearing on this preliminary plat was held at 5:00 pm prior to the regular Council meeting). A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to grant preliminary plat approval of Lafayette Parish School System for proposed “South Lafayette High School” located off of S. Larriviere Road, 93.475 acre all as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger in a letter dated December 3, 2015, subject to the following, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Before the vote on the motion to approve the preliminary plat, Mayor Ritter stated that the City has committed an estimated \$1,200,000 to provide water and sewer to the location of the new high school. He asked the Council to consider adding a plat condition to the preliminary plat that would allow the city to reserve the right to ask the developer to contribute funds for any improvements to the road way that would be necessary after a traffic study is completed. He said that S. Larriviere is in deplorable condition and about 2200 feet of it is in the parish. Mayor Ritter stated that he has met with Lafayette Parish Officials but they state that there are no funds to do their part.

A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, to add a plat condition to reserve the right to ask the developer to contribute funds for utility and roadway infrastructure. Motion died for lack of a second.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Preliminary Plat Approval of Jardin du Lafleur Phase 1 & 2, located in Section 13, T-11-S, R-4-E, Owner/Developer: Clem L. Development 1 LLC (a public hearing on this preliminary plat was held at 5:00 pm prior to the regular Council meeting). A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to grant preliminary plat approval of Jardin du LaFleur Phase 1 & 2, located in Section 13, T-11-S, R-4-E as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger in a letter dated December 3, 2015, subject to the following: 1) Fencing is required around the perimeter of the property, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Councilman Romero stated that he wanted it on the record that the developer stated in the public hearing prior to the Council meeting that the homes would not be rental or leased property.

Teddy Beaulieu said that if the Council is going to make fencing a requirement it should be included in the development ordinance so the developers will know what they have to do.

AGENDA ITEM 4. AGENDA ITEM 3. Preliminary Plat Approval of Verot Park Residential Development located in Section 14, T-1-S, R-4-E, Owner/Developer: Verot Park, LLC c/o Robert Daigle (a public hearing on this preliminary plat was held at 5:00 pm prior to the regular Council meeting). A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Romero, to grant preliminary plat approval of Verot Park Residential Development located in Section 14, T-1-S, R-4-E, Owner/Developer: Verot Park, LLC c/o Robert Daigle as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger in a letter dated November 3, 2015, subject to the following: 1) Fencing is required in the rear of Lots 35 through 42, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 5. John Romero, Puppy Love Hotel – Address Council regarding recent variances. Mr. Romero stated that Bead Busters’ was recently constructed right next to his business and has a limestone gravel driveway and parking area. He said that he was required by the City to meet all requirements before breaking ground and that one of them was to concrete his drive and parking area when he built his facility and he didn’t have the luxury of waiting until he had enough revenue. Mr. Romero also stated that he has an issue with the coloring of the doors of Bead Busters and thinks it should be considered a mural. He also asked if fencing was required and suggested that the sign ordinance needs to be looked to clarify the use of letters.

Councilwoman McClelland stated that the Mayor informed them that that the permit was given to Mr. Spadoni for the construction of Bead Busters prematurely by a former employee and that Mr. Spadoni has been sent a letter stating that he must concrete his parking and driveway.

Mr. Romero stated that he understands that a mistake was made but a deadline should be given to Mr. Spadoni as to when the parking and drive has to be completed and he would like the Council to mandate a date. City Attorney George Knox said that he does not recommend that a date be imposed since the preliminary plat and construction were already approved and a permit was issued.

Mayor Ritter added that the land use ordinance does not require a fence and stated that since the permit to Mr. Spadoni was prematurely issued, stringent guidelines have been implemented to make sure this does not happen again.

Mr. Spadoni stated that he will be fencing in the property and will have the parking lot and driveway concreted in the spring.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Meche's Donut King – Sign variance request. Mayor Ritter called upon Mr. Mike Usie with AAA Signs and Mr. Willie Lim, owner of Meche's Donut King. Mr. Usie stated that the sign that was built is over the allowed 40 square feet and that is the reason for the variance request.

Mayor Ritter stated that the application for the sign fronting Hwy 89 was denied a permit because it did not meet the Ordinance Requirement. He said that Mr. Usie based his understanding of a definition in Ordinance 280.5 relating to what is considered business frontage. The City has interpreted it to mean the actual size of the building and Mr. Usie understood it to be the front footage of the property. Mayor Ritter stated that this definition has been clarified with the adoption of the amended Sign Ordinance No. 280.6.

Councilman Romero stated that he feels that AAA Signs is always looking for loopholes and that this is not the first time they have requested variances after the fact.

Ms. McClelland said that the variance request is to double the size of the sign requirement.

City Attorney George Knox stated that he never recalls that the City used property frontage to determine the size of a sign, that Rick Garner, the prior CEO used building frontage. He also added that everyone is provided a copy of the sign ordinance and should know what is required prior to construction.

Simone Champagne, CAO, added that the sign ordinance is given to the builder when a construction permit is issued and if anyone needs any help with interpretation she would be glad to walk them through the process. She said that Gary Holland, who is another representative of AAA Signs was part of the BAC team who made the recommendations for the amendments so he is well aware of what is in the ordinance. She said that she reviews all of the applications that are received and this particular permit was rejected, therefore the sign should not have been ordered prior to receiving the permit.

Mayor Ritter concluded the discussion by stating that in this particular case he spoke with Mr. Usie and told him that he would not recommend approval of the variance. He found out from Mr. Lim that the sign has already been ordered and constructed and he depended on AAA Signs to do what was within the guidelines of the ordinance.

A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to deny the variance request to the sign ordinance made by Meche's Donut King, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Usie stated that it may be possible to remove some of the components of the sign to bring it closer to compliance. Mayor Ritter stated that he would work with them on this.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Teddy Beaulieu – Request side setback variance from 5’ to 4’ Lot E-59 of phase 3 of Sugar Mill Pond – 204 Catamaran Drive. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to approve a request for side setback variance from 5’ to 4’ on Lot E-59 of Phase 3 of Sugar Mill Pond with the requirement that the flow of water be mitigated if this causes any problems, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Mr. Beaulieu said that he is requesting this on behalf of the home owner because the home will not fit on the lot without the variance.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux – Request Council approval to fill vacant position. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. McClelland, authorizing the hiring of one police officer to replace the officer that was terminated, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, Chief Boudreaux requested that the Council lift the hiring freeze to allow him to hire a replacement officer for a terminated officer and also allow for the hiring of the last officer that was never filled when the freeze took effect. He said that if the freeze is lifted it would allow him to hire new officers when someone leaves or is terminated without going back to the Council. Chief Boudreaux stated that this would also reduce the need to pay overtime.

Upon questioning by Mr. Stansbury, City Treasurer Ashley Sexton stated that the 1981 sales tax is down approximately 10% from prior year. She said that the one of the positions is currently budgeted but the other is not.

Mr. Romero stated that the percentage of the sales tax being used by the Police Department is trending up to over the recommended amount of 78% to 80% therefore he could only support replacing the terminated officer but not add the additional officer.

Discussion then took place on the code enforcement officer. Mayor Ritter stated that he is still entertaining this and has been in discussion with Chief Boudreaux. He stated that he is looking to see if the Sports Complex Security Officer can handle extra duties during slow times and possibly a portion of his salary could be paid out of the Recreation budget which would free up some salary in the Police Department. The Mayor stated that he will do some research and report back at the January meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Staff Reports

- Award Bid for Savoy Road Street Improvements Project. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to approve the bid for the Savoy Road Improvements Project to the apparent low bidder, Elliott Construction in the amount of \$316,416.75 plus engineering, testing, & inspection as recommended by Domingue, Szabo & Associates in a letter dated December 7, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, City Engineer Pamela Granger stated that two (2) bids were received and they both came in under the Opinion of Probably Cost of \$524,000 which this was based on a thicker asphaltic concrete pavement. She said since the bids came in so low, George Glaubrecht engineer on this project with Domingue, Szabo and Associates is recommending to increase the pavement thickness from 5" to 5 ½" at an approximate cost of \$15,000. Mayor Ritter replied that he could handle this administratively with a changeorder.

A representative of the David family, who is the only property owner on Savoy Road from Chemin Metairie to Decon Road, stated that they were never asked but would be willing to donate the right of ways to allow for the widening of the road.

Mayor Ritter stated that he will ask the engineers to get with the David family and see what it would take to look at widening the road while the contractor is mobilized. He also stated that he has spoken to Lafayette City Parish Government and they did not seem receptive to participating in this project to overlay and widen their portion of Savoy Road to Verot.

- City Engineer Pamela Granger reported that the Recreation Center Parking lot construction has started. Tony Tramel's report on the intersection of Détente and Chemin Metairie will be ready soon. She stated that the full report on Mr. Tramel's studies should be ready for the next meeting. Ms. Granger also added that a notice to proceed has been given to Neel-Schaffer for the Stage 0 studies for roundabouts which will allow for the City to pursue grant funding.

Sport Complex Director Tim Robichaux presented his monthly activity report to the Council. He also presented the cost estimate for starting up the 2016 Youngsville Youth Baseball and Softball programs. Mr. Robichaux stated that the suggested registration fee will be \$70 Youngsville residents and \$80 for non-residents. He said the program will be zoned the same way as BYYA. Mr. Robichaux said that they are looking at acquiring recreation software that would provide for online registration as well as help run the complex and programs.

Councilman Abshire, Athletics Advisory Committee Liaison, stated that the startup equipment cost would be approximately \$35,483.00 and he is requesting that the Council amend the Sports Complex budget to include these costs once quotes are received. He stated that the registration fees would reimburse the cost once they start coming in. Mr. Abshire also informed the Mayor and Council that the Athletics Advisory Committee came up with a name for the Youth Organization which is recommended to be "YoungSville ReCrEation Sports Program" "Where Our Sports are Sweeter". He stated that the word "YES" stands out in the logo. Mr. Abshire also stated that he would like to rekindle the conversation with Lafayette Consolidated Government about the City of Youngsville taking over Foster Park.

Mayor Ritter stated that he is very pleased with the committee's progress under the leadership of Councilman Abshire and Tim Robichaux and everyone involved. He said that this program will be a huge step forward and feels that the Complex can provide a better experience for the kids and the future is bright.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 10. Resolution No. 2015-21 - A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Romero, to

adopt Resolution No. 2015-21 a resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM 11. ORDINANCE NO. 134.4-2015 an Ordinance to amend and re-enact Ordinance No. 134.3-2013 prescribing the rates, charges, and deposits on water, sewage, solid waste and recycle service accounts served by the City of Youngsville, Louisiana. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to adopt Ordinance No. 134.4-2015 an ordinance to amend and re-enact Ordinance No. 134.3-2013 prescribing the rates, charges, and deposits on water, sewage, solid waste and recycle service accounts served by the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

Mayor Ritter stated that he will be meeting with Lafayette City-Parish President elect Joel Robideaux about the increase.

AGENDA ITEM 12. ORDINANCE NO. 382-2015 An ordinance approving a franchise agreement with Lafayette Utilities System. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Ordinance No. 382-2015 an ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana approving a franchise agreement with Lafayette Utilities System, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 13. ORDINANCE NO. 383-2015 An ordinance approving a lighting agreement with Lafayette Utilities System. A motion was offered by Mr. Stansbury, seconded by Ms. McClelland, to adopt Ordinance No. 383-2015, an ordinance approving a lighting agreement with Lafayette Utilities System, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 14. Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2015. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Approval of finance report for November, 2015. A motion was offered by Mr. Abshire, seconded by Ms. McClelland, to approve the finance report for November, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michel

Motion was approved.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ritter invited everyone to sign up to receive email notices on the Youngsville webpage and also reminded everyone about the Master Plan Town Hall Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15th at Green T. Lindon School new multi-purpose facility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. McClelland, with a unanimous second.

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor

/s/ Sally M. Angers

Sally M. Angers, City Clerk