

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter & Councilmembers: Dianne McClelland (Mayor Pro Tempore, Division E), Jamison Abshire (Division A), Lauren Michel (Division B), Matt Romero (Division C), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D)

ABSENT : None

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE THAT SIGNED IN: Gary Williams, Lee Aymond, Mark Simon, Phillip Gallet, Sandra Keal, Rani Lege, Josh Richard

Mayor Ritter called upon Pastor Tommy Faulk, First Assembly of God Church, to lead the Invocation and Councilman Ken Stansbury lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 1. **RECOGNITIONS**

1a) Candyce Perret announced her candidacy for the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal that was recently vacated by Judge Jimmy Genovese who was elected to the State Supreme Court.

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 2. Acceptance of minutes of December 8, 2016 and December 15, 2016. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Michel

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Ms. Michel, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Romero, Stansbury

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Romero stated that he was absent from this meeting due to business.

FINANCE REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of the November, 2016 Finance Report. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to approve the November 2016 Finance Report, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

Mayor Ritter reminded the Council that the goal is to submit all staff and engineering reports to them around the 21st of each month.

City Treasurer Ashley Sexton reported that Sales Tax collections were up 4% for fiscal year 2016 as compared to the same time period in 2015 and up 20% for the month of December 2016 as compared to December 2015.

PRELIMINARY PLATS

AGENDA ITEM 4. Preliminary Plat Approval of Southern Cross Land & Development, LLC Parcels A-1, A-2 & A-3, Residential & Commercial Development Section 1, T11S, R4E – St. Blaise Lane. A public hearing on this preliminary plat approval was previously held at 5:30 pm on December 8, 2016. The approval was tabled until this meeting. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Ms. Michel, to grant preliminary plat approval of Southern Cross Land & Development, LLC Parcels A-1, A-2 & A-3, Residential & Commercial Development Section 1, T11S, R4E – St. Blaise Lane, as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger in a letter dated January 7, 2017, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: Abshire

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

Prior to the vote, CAO Simone Champagne stated that the Council had asked at the last meeting that the pond area be cleaned up and to verify if an HOA had been set up or not. She stated that the pond area has been cleaned and an HOA was set up and that Mr. Larry Schwartz, the developer, has filed papers with the Secretary of State's office removing himself and his partner as officers. Much discussion took place on the HOA and who should be responsible for what.

Mayor Ritter stated that he would personally contact Mr. Schwartz to ask him to help get the HOA going by contributing funds.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 5. Resolution No. 2017-01 – A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an Act of Substantial Completion from Elliott Construction Co., LLC, Contractor, pertaining to the completion of a contract for Savoy Road Street Improvements Project. A motion

was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-01 a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an Act of Substantial Completion from Elliott Construction Co., LLC, Contractor, pertaining to the completion of a contract for Savoy Road Street Improvements Project and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

AGENDA ITEM 6. Ordinance No. 395-2017 an Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the official map of the City of Youngsville, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, being 4239 Decon Road property located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 4 East into the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana. A motion was offered by Mr. Abshire, seconded by Mr. Romero, to introduce Ordinance No. 395-2017 an Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the official map of the City of Youngsville, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, being 4239 Decon Road property located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 4 East into the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Ordinance No. 396-2017 - An ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the Code of Ordinances, City of Youngsville, Louisiana; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. A motion was offered by Mr. Stansbury, seconded by Ms. Michel, to introduce Ordinance No. 396-2017 an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the Code of Ordinances, City of Youngsville, Louisiana; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, Councilman Romero stated that since more and more businesses are moving into Youngsville and using metal buildings he would like to propose an amendment to the Code

of Ordinance that would promote innovative and attractive design of buildings, concrete requirements and other amendments as needed.

Mayor Ritter provided a rough draft of possible language and asked the Council to review and submit any recommended changes and for City Attorney George Knox to start drafting the amending ordinance to either the Land Use or Building Regulations or both.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 8. Bid Award for LCDBG FY 2015 Sewer Improvements Project. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Romero, to award the bid for the LCDBG FY 2015 Sewer Improvements Project to the low bidder, M.P. Dumesnil Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$783,308.75 all as recommended by Engineer Susan Richard, Domingue, Szabo and Associates, in a letter dated December 22, 2016 and amend the sewer fund budget accordingly, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury, Romero, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion to award the bid, Susan Richard, DSA engineer, stated that this project is for the Block Grant to extend the sewer along Guillot Road, Ogden Road and Détente Road and the engineers estimate was \$691,300.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Public Works Update. Mayor Ritter stated that he has been spending a lot of time with the new Public Works Director Terry Bourque in planning ahead and prioritizing projects. He then called on Mr. Bourque to give an update.

Mr. Bourque outlined what his department has been doing and stated the following:

- Met with Lafayette Consolidate Government and rode the channels to see what needed to be clean and if there were any obstructions that could be removed. Issues are lack of maintenance and lots of siltation in the main Lafayette Parish channels and as far south into Iberia Parish. The City has rented an excavator to help clean out the bigger channels and ditches and is partnering with LCG for assistance when needed.
- All areas are being looked at.
- Larger channels and roadside ditches on the outfall are being dug prior to going into any subdivisions. Digging from the outflows and coming back. Looking at renting or purchasing a wash trailer to clean out culverts.

MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McClelland reminded everyone that the City's Mardi Gras Parade will be on Saturday, February 25th beginning at 11:00 am.

Mayor Ritter announced that St. Thomas More's head football coach will be the Grand Marshal of the parade. He also announced that 233 new residential permits were issued for 2016 as compared to 362 in 2015; and 33 commercial permits as compared to 27 in 2015.

Mr. Romero stated that the 3rd Annual “On Cuisine du Jardin Cook-Off” will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2017, 9:30 – Noon at the David Thibodeaux, STEM Magnet Academy on Teurlings Drive. Teams will consist of school students, elected officials, chefs and teachers using vegetables grown from their garden in the “MyPlate” meal challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. McClelland, and unanimously adopted.

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor

/s/ Sally M. Angers
Sally M. Angers, City Clerk