

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

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

ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Gary P. Williams, Joyce Hamilton, Gene Hamilton, Tony Tramel, Megan Segura, Perry Wilson, Mike Talbot, Jeremy Fontenot, Lucas Hudspeth, Sandra Keel, Velma Broussard, Cyndi Smith, Wesley Hebert, Phil Gallet, Heather Abshire, Thomas Faulk, Seth Planche

Mayor Ritter called upon Pastor Tommy Faulk, of First Assembly of God Church, to do the invocation and Councilman Matt Romero to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

AGENDA ITEM 1a) Mayor Ritter called upon Ms. Kathy Bearb, Housing Authority Director, to introduce the following Housing Authority Board Members: Velma Broussard, Wes Hebert, Sandra Keal, Cyndi Smith and Yvonne King. She said that she became the Director in 2002 and the program & the property was in horrible shape. Ms. Bearb stated that she is proud to announce that the Youngsville Housing Authority is now rated No. 4 in the State.

Mayor Ritter thanked Ms. Bearb for her leadership and commended the members for volunteering to serve on the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 1b) 2016 Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade Float Awards. Mayor Ritter announced the following float winners in the 2016 Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade:

- Best Overall Float: Krewe de Ville, Heather Abshire
- Most Creative Float: Paul Trahan
- Most Spirited Award: Krewe de Kat

MINUTES AND FINANCE REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 2. Acceptance of Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016 & February 16, 2016. A motion was offered by Mr. Stansbury, seconded by Ms. Michel, to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2016, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

A motion was offered by Ms. Michel, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2016 with the following addition "Councilman Matt Romero was not present because he was out of town on business", and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Stansbury

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Romero, McClelland
ABSENT: None
Motion was approved.

Mr. Romero and Ms. McClelland abstained from voting because they were not present at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of finance report for February, 2016. A motion was offered by Ms. Michel, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to approve the finance report for February, 2016, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 4. Bid award for Chemin Metairie Parkway Sewer Extension Project (CMP Phase 3). A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. McClelland to award the bid for the Chemin Metairie Parkway Sewer Extension Project (CMP Phase 3) to the apparent low bidder M. P. Dumesnil Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$595,225.00, all as recommended by Engineer Susan Richard, of Domingue, Szabo & Associates in a letter dated March 8, 2016 to be funded with \$208,794.31 of State Capital Outlay Funds and the remainder from the 1999 1/2% Sales Tax Fund, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion was approved.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ritter stated that bids were opened on Tuesday, March 8th and 3 bids were received and the low bidder was M.P. Dumesnil Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$595,225.00. He said that the opinion of probable cost was \$535,940.00. Mayor Ritter stated that the total budget is estimated to be \$789,700.00 which includes a \$59,475.00 Contingency Fund; \$75,000.00 in Engineering & surveying fees, \$45,000 for inspection fees and \$15,000.00 for testing. He said that the project will be funded with approximately \$208,794.31 from State Capital Outlay Funds for the Chemin Metairie Parkway Project and the 1999 1/2 % Sales Tax Fund which is dedicated for sewer.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Staff Reports

Sports Complex Report – Tim Robichaux

- T-Ball, Softball, Baseball- 1,240 registered participants which make up approximately 103 total teams
- Coaches Clinic will be held Monday, March 14th with UL Coach Tony Robichaux and Softball Coach Stephanie Lotief helping to conduct the clinic. Coaches that can't make this date will be trained by Sports Complex Staff.
- Participant evaluations to take place the week of March 14th followed by the draft.
- Unique opportunity to get everyone on board with the philosophy of the new program

Engineering Report – Pamela Gonzales Granger

- Recreation Facility Parking Lot – Asphalt to be laid next week, weather permitting, with striping to follow on the new lot as well as the adjacent lot.
- Chemin Metairie Bike Lanes – striping has started and signage will be placed after.
- Savoy Road – Contractor ready to mobilize. Road will be closed between Decon and Chemin Metairie once construction starts.

- Fortune Road – Contractor will be mobilizing in approximately 2 weeks.
- Ground Storage Water Tank – startup with SCADA System beginning next week. Should be up and running sometime in April.
- Nezpique Bridge – still working with the property owner to get an easement so a new bridge will not have to be built. Minimum to build a new bridge is approximately \$500,000.
- Jardin du LaFleur Subdivision – submittal rejected and waiting on the re-design and confirmation on the sewer intention.
- Serenity Bridge –should be able to be rehabilitated.
- Sidewalks – looking at grant applications to provide funding – time schedule approximately 3 years.

Mayor Ritter informed the Council that the sewer that will serve the new high school is close to being bid out. The DHH permit has been applied for and the servitudes and easement documents are in the process of getting drafted. He said that the estimated amounts to provide the water and sewer has gone from \$750,000 to \$1.3 million and when the current sewer project that was just awarded is factored in, the cost rises to \$2 million of infrastructure the City is providing for the new high school.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Mr. Mike Talbot, Talbot Group Construction – Variance request to reduce one side setback from 5’ to 4’ on Lot E-63, 106 Catamaran Drive, Sugar Mill Pond Development. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland seconded by Ms. Michel, to grant a setback variance from 5’ to 4’ on one side of Lot E-63, 106 Catamaran Drive, Sugar Mill Pond Development, also approved by Sugar Mill Pond Development and Sugar Mill Pond HOA, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Romero announced:

- A Town Hall meeting on March 21st at Green T Lindon at 6:00 pm hosted by School Board Member Jeremy Hidalgo and costed by him. Topics of discussion will be the rezoning of the districts and the naming of the new high school
- Sports Complex Recreation Facility grand opening tentatively scheduled for either April 2nd or 9th.

Mayor Ritter announced:

- Youngsville Chamber Banquet is April 7th and will be held at the Recreation Facility
- Super One ground breaking is scheduled for March 30th at 1:30 pm
- Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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