

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 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: Simone Champagne (CAO), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Charles Langlinais (Public Works Director), Pamela Granger (City Engineer)

GUESTS: Gary Williams, Bobby Snyder, Jeannie Snyder, Jeremy Folse, Bobbie Jo Folse, Steven Hebert, Kelly Ball, Sherman and Clea Thibodeaux, Dreux Barras, Gerald Simien, Jordan Simon, Philip Mestayer, Adrienne Fontenot, Darrell Guillory, Erin Folse, Sunshine Connick, Mary Connick Broussard, April Connick Byard, Chelsea Walker, Thomas Byard, Gunner Byard, Dax Douet, Karen Babineaux, Rebecca Gondron, Hunter Clanton, Andrew Bellard, Louie Ritter, Mary Ritter, Megan L. Segura, Charlene Meaux Menard (Registrar of Voters), Maxine Navarre (Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters), Josh Borill (Picard Group), Boyd Zeke Zitzman, Dale & Brenda Langlinais

Mayor Ritter called upon Pastor Ferus Martin – Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, to lead the prayer and Ava Michel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to amend the agenda to add Resolution No. 2015-10 authorizing an Act of Abandonment of Property and Revocation of Dedication of the drainage servitude created by Act No. 95-11041 and Resolution No. 2015-11 authorizing an Act of Abandonment of property and revocation of dedication for the servitude of passage created by Act No. 2015-00034397, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

**AGENDA ITEM 1. RECOGNITIONS**

a) Rebecca Langlinais Gondron for 33 years of service to the City of Youngsville. Mayor Ritter presented former City Clerk Becky Gondron with an award honoring her retirement. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work with her and that she has led the City for many years through many changes and wished her the best of luck in her retirement.

Former Mayor Wilson Viator thanked Ms. Gondron for all the many years of service that she dedicated to the City of Youngsville and that enjoyed serving with her as a Councilman and then as Mayor.

Ms. Gondron stated that she could not have provided the service that she did without the strong leadership and the different administrations, Mayors and Councils. She said she worked hard to do her best and serve the public and thanked the staff that worked alongside her, especially Karen Babineaux who was her sole

co-worker for many years. Ms. Gondron stated that she will enjoy her retirement and looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren and taking care of her farm animals.

Mayor Ritter presented Ms. Gondron an award to acknowledge her years of service to the City.

b) Community Resident Recognition Award. Mayor Viator called upon Councilwoman Lauren Michel to make the presentation for the Community Resident Recognition Award.

Ms. Michel recognized & presented the first Community Resident Recognition Award to Hayden Folse, 5<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll student at Ernest Gallet Elementary, for his accomplishments and dedication to his dance profession and for representing the City of Youngsville in dance competitions across the United States.

c) BYYA Pony Mustang World Series Host Team. Mayor Ritter recognized BYYA Pony Mustang World Series Host Team which was held August 6 – 9 at the Sports Complex.

Councilman Stansbury commended the team on their sportsmanship and never giving up because the competition was very tough.

Councilman Abshire said that this was a phenomenal experience for the team to be able to play this caliber of baseball in their own community. He said the City is proud of each and every player and thanked the coaches for teaching the players the meaning of sportsmanship.

The BYYA team presented a signed ball as a thank you to be displayed at City Hall. Councilman Stansbury then presented a signed ball to Mayor Ritter, Councilwoman Dianne McClelland and to former Mayor Wilson Viator for their vision for the Sports Complex; to Engineer Dax Douet and to Sports Complex Director Tim Robichaux. He also presented balls to the volunteer coaches for all of their time and effort that they put forth for the team. Councilman Stansbury stated that that balls will be presented to former Councilmembers Tim Barbier and Brenda Burley.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting of July 9, 2015. A motion was offered by Ms. Michelle, seconded by Ms. McClelland, to accept the minutes of July 9, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of Finance Report for July, 2015. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to approve the financial report for July, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

Police Chief Ricky Boudreaux stated that the LACE program is very successful and about \$123,000 in citations have been issued, with \$112,000 of that returned to the Department.

Councilman Romero asked how the surplus in the police department would be monitored. Mayor Ritter replied that he has directed the City Treasurer to make sure that the surplus funds are used prior to any funds in the General Fund from the 1981 Sales Tax. He said the plan when the sales tax was rededicated

was to use the surplus funds while still able to bring money to the general fund for a time period. All of the Certificate of Deposits have been cashed in and there will be less of a transfer to the general fund, based on where we are now.

Councilman Romero requested that a discussion item on the LACE funds and the Police Department surplus be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4. Staff Reports

Tim Robichaux, Sports Complex Director

- Updated the Council on the upcoming events at the Sports Complex.
- Thanked everyone who made the Pony Mustang World Series a success. He said the attendance per day was approximately 400 – 500.

Mayor Ritter thanked Mr. Robichaux for his leadership at the facility and had it not been for him the Mustang Pony World Series would not have come to Youngsville. He said his professionalism and oversight represented the City of Youngsville very well.

#### Engineering Report

- Councilwoman McClelland requested that a request be made to DOTD to install warning signs further back that the intersection at Larriviere and Hwy 92 is a 4-Way Stop.
- Ground Storage Water Tank - contractor is 45% complete with 83% of time used. Completion date as per the contractor is in 60 days.
- Mr. Romero requested that the projects for the bond money be re-evaluated since funding will be needed for the Larriviere Road Improvements due to the new high school. Mayor Ritter stated that he would like to request Capital Outlay funding for improvements to Almonaster, Larriviere and the Roundabout at Hwy 92 & Larriviere. He said another option would be to look at the City's bonding capacity for additional monies and he will request that our bonding attorney Jason Akers come to the September meeting if available. Mayor Ritter also stated that he and Broussard Mayor Charles Langlinais have been in conversation about working together for the infrastructure improvements which will be needed for the new high school.
- Recreation Facility Parking specifications are almost ready from Montagnet and Domingue and should be ready to bid out and start in about 45 days. The plans will also be submitted to Facility Planning for approval for the Capital Outlay Funding should these funds be approved by the Bonding Commission. Mark Lalande, Architect, reported that the estimated time of completion is September 4<sup>th</sup> as given by the contractor. The last updated date for completion was July 2, 2015 and the contractor has applied for 47 rain days which, if accepted, would bring the completion date of August 18<sup>th</sup> as substantial completion date. He said that he will be submitting a change order in the amount of \$10,900 for dirt to be removed and replaced due to ground water infiltration in the silt layer where the handicap parking is to be.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Joel Robideaux – Announced his candidacy for Lafayette City-Parish President

AGENDA ITEM 6. Rick Chargois – Announced his candidacy for Lafayette Parish Sheriff

AGENDA ITEM 7. Hunter Hall, Southwest Regional Director for Senator Bill Cassidy – Provide information on the Lafayette Office. Mr. Hall could not be at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Charlene Meaux-Menard, Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters – Update on 2015 Elections. Ms. Menard stated that there will be some changes in the precincts for the City of Youngsville. She asked that the City help with informing the public about the changes by posting notices and also inform the public that they must register or make any changes to their voter registration 30 days before the primary.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Legislative Update from the Picard Group. Josh Borill, Lobbyist for the City, informed the Mayor and Council that the Picard Group was successful in helping secure the funding for the Recreation Center Parking lot and also getting language put in House Bill 2 stating that the City can be reimbursed for any expenditures related to the parking lot. He said the biggest hurdle will be getting the approval at the September Bond Commission meeting. Mr. Borill stated that there is \$1.4 million in Priority 2 for the infrastructure needs of the Youngsville Sports Complex.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Craig Spadoni, request sidewalk variance for Bead Busters & Float Rentals business to be located on Bonin Road. Mr. Spadoni said he is requesting a waiver from having to put a sidewalk in front of his new business on Bonin because the sidewalk would lead to an unincorporated area of the Parish and no connecting sidewalks would ever be built unless the city annexed that property.

A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Ms. Michel, to grant the variance to not have to construct a sidewalk to Craig Spadoni for Bead Busters & Float Rentals, property located at 2034 Bonin Road, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM 11. Sunshine Connick – Address the Council about dedication of bike trail. Ms. Connick said that her family would like to request that the new bike lane on Chemin Metairie be dedicated in honor of her father who lost his life while riding his bike. She said that she would like to see the signage from the roundabout at Rouses to Savoy or Détente.

Councilman Abshire said that Mayor Ritter suggested a possible partial dedication of the bike lane on Chemin Metairie and incorporate with any existing signage.

Councilman Romero said he would like to wait until the bike lane is finished to decide what will be done.

Mayor Ritter stated that cycling is a big part of the community and he supports the idea but also agrees with Councilman Romero that the any dedication should wait until the bike lane is complete.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

AGENDA ITEM 12a. Resolution No. 2015-10 A resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Youngsville to execute an Act of Abandonment of Property and revocation of dedication of servitude created by Act No. 95-11041. City Attorney George Knox stated that this is the Our Lady of Lourdes property located at Heart d Farm and Hwy 89 being developed by Bob Austin and the current servitude will no longer be needed because a new 20' servitude in another location will be designated on the final plat. A motion was offered by Mr. Abshire, seconded by Mr. Romero to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Youngsville to execute an Act of Abandonment of Property and revocation of dedication of servitude created by Act No. 95-11041, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM 12b. Resolution No. 2015-11 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Youngsville to execute an Act of Abandonment of property and revocation of dedication for the servitude of passage created by Act No. 2015-00034397 (property located at 2715 Youngsville Hwy entitled "Tract 3A Heirs of Walter Comeaux, Sr./Pendulum Property). City Attorney George Knox stated that the servitude was always designated as a private passage on the plat but the Act of Dedication of Servitude that was prepared by the Engineer on the project and recorded stated that right of passage was public and this resolution will correct that. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11 authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Youngsville to execute an Act of Abandonment of property and revocation of dedication for the servitude of passage created by Act No. 2015-00034397 (property located at 2715 Youngsville Hwy entitled "Tract 3A Heirs of Walter Comeaux, Sr. (Pendulum Property), and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

#### **ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

AGENDA ITEM 13. Annexation Ordinance No. 380-2015 – An ordinance 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 Margot Hebert Hasha & Gloria Roman Dupleix property located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 5 East. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Ms. Michel, to adopt Annexation Ordinance NO. 380-2015 An ordinance 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 Margot Hebert Hasha & Gloria Roman Dupleix property located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Abshire, Michel, Romero, Stansbury, McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

*Motion was approved.*

#### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Abshire announced that he and several Councilmembers, the Mayor and City Clerk attended the LMA Conference recently and stated that it was very informative and educational. He said that one of the sessions was the true impact of suburban sprawl which is something the Mayor and Council have been reviewing. He also said that he was able to see what the advantages of the new Code of Ordinances that is in development right now for the City by Municipal Code Corporation will bring to City Government and its residents and businesses.

Councilman Stansbury stated that he recently made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce about the creation of an Economic Development Steering Committee and said it would be a grass roots effort bringing citizens and business people together and said to let him know if anyone would like to be involved.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Ms. Michel, seconded by Ms. McClelland and unanimously carried.

/s/ Ken Ritter  
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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