

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 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), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Charles Langlais (Public Works Director), Pamela Granger (City Engineer)

GUESTS: Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux, Gary P. Williams, Donalyn Vallot, Barry Bleichner, Jeremy Fontenot (CH2M), Mark Simon, Jordan Simon, Pervis Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux, Ruby Hebert, Teddy Beaulieu

Mayor Ritter announced that Councilwoman Michel was absent due to illness. He then called upon Pastor Tommy Faulk – First Assembly of God, to lead the prayer and Carleigh Romero to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 1a. Dee Stanley announced his candidacy for Lafayette City-Parish President

AGENDA ITEM 1b) Mayor Ritter read a proclamation declaring October 3 -12, 2015 as “Acadiana Heritage Celebration Period” and encouraged all residents and businesses to take part.

AGENDA ITEM 1c) Holly Buffy, announced her candidacy for re-election to BESE Board District 7

AGENDA ITEM 2. Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2015. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Approval of finance report for August, 2015. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to approve the finance report for August, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Staff Report

City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger presented the monthly project report to the Council and upon questioning provided the following information:

- Recreational Facility - source of the water in the handicap parking area has not been determined. There are no leaks coming from the facility. The GeoTech report has made a recommendation to possibly put a French drain underneath or soil replacement and soil treatment. Mayor Ritter stated timing is a factor and the contractor is trying to finish up and would like to deduct work for the

handicap parking because we don't have a resolution to the water issue. He stated that the building cannot open without the handicap parking in place and would prefer that the Contractor do the work if possible. Architect Mark Lalande stated that the building is almost complete and if everything goes according to schedule an Act of Substantial Completion will be presented at the October 8, 2015 Council meeting.

- Recreational Facility Parking Lot – Plans have been submitted to Facility Planning and Control and we are waiting on the approval to bid.
- Iberia Street Sidewalks – City will be applying for grant funding and plans are being modified plans to avoid easements.
- Brookshire Grocery - Bonin Road/Ambassador water/sewer/turning lane – Mayor Ritter stated that the Opinion of Probable Cost is more than originally thought because of a change in the path that needs to be taken and he will bring the cost back to the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Police Chief Ricky Boudreaux – Report on LACE program and department updates. Chief Boudreaux presented a report of the accomplishments of the department from January 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 (report will be added to the minute book). He added that the L.A.C.E. program has generated \$176,530 for the same time period which the department will get approximately 43% after expenses.

Chief Boudreaux added that the first annual National Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at Sugar Mill Pond 5 – 7 pm and an open house at the Police Department will be held on Thursday, September 17th.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Councilman Jamison Abshire – Introduction of the Advisory Board for Recreation. Councilman Abshire stated that Mayor Ritter has appointed him as the liaison to the Sports Complex and Director Tim Robichaux and that the City has a unique opportunity to mold and design the recreation programs to best benefit the youth of the community and the City. He announced the following persons have volunteered to be on the Youngsville Recreation Advisory Board: Todd Landry, Buffy Massey, Jim Abshire, Catherine Cassidy, Randy Reid, Jon Domingue, Tim Robichaux, Matt Romero and Ken Stansbury.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Mr. John C. Broussard – ask for support to request the Lafayette Parish School Board to name the new high school after deceased Youngsville Educator Paul Broussard. This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of Mr. Broussard

AGENDA ITEM 8. Discuss and consider additional cost for engineering for the Hwy 89/Fortune Roundabout. Mayor Ritter stated that DOTD has requested that the project be re-designed to allow for the roundabout to be moved over to avoid utility lines having to be moved. He said that it would be less costly to do the redesign than to relocate the utility lines and that this will also allow for traffic flow to be easier during construction. Mayor Ritter said that C.H. Fenstermaker submitted a lump sum proposal in the amount of \$144,000 to do the additional work. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to authorize \$144,000 in additional funding for the engineering fees for the redesign of the roundabout at Hwy 89 and Fortune Road as submitted by C.H. Fenstermaker in proposal dated September 2, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

PRELIMINARY PLATS

AGENDA ITEM 9. Preliminary Plat Approval of Metrolife Church, 3301 Chemin Metairie Parkway; Owner: DJD Development Group, LLC; Developer: Metro Life Church. A public hearing was held at 5:15

pm on this preliminary plat prior to the Council Meeting. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Romero, to grant preliminary plat approval of Metrolife Church, 3301 Chemin Metairie Parkway; Owner: DJD Development Group, LLC; Developer: Metro Life Church, all as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Granger in a letter dated August 1, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Preliminary Plat Approval of Cypress Gardens Phase II – Residential Development Savoy Road; Owner/Developer: Louis Anzalone. A public hearing was held at 5:15 pm on this preliminary plat approval prior to the Council Meeting. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to grant preliminary plat approval of Cypress Gardens Phase II – Residential Development Savoy Road; Owner/Developer: Louis Anzalone, all as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Granger in a letter dated September 3, 2015, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Preliminary Plat Approval of Maisons Des Cherie Phase I – Residential Development – LA Hwy 89 (Guillot Road); Owner/Developer: Hasha Margot Hebert & Roman Gloria Dupleix. A public hearing was held at 5:15 pm on this preliminary plat approval prior to the Council Meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. McClelland, to grant preliminary plat approval of Maisons Des Cherie Phase I – Residential Development – LA Hwy 89 (Guillot Road); Owner/Developer: Hasha Margot Hebert & Roman Gloria Dupleix, all as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Granger in a letter dated August 31, 2015, subject to the following: 1) Add verbiage to Plat Condition No 3 in the Engineer letter to state: “Fencing will also be required along the Northern Boundary behind lots, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with no gate access to the adjoining property”, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 12. Preliminary Plat Approval of Maisons Des Cherie Phase II – Residential Development – LA Hwy 89 (Guillot Road); Owner/Developer: Hasha Margot Hebert & Roman Gloria Dupleix. A public hearing was held at 5:15 pm on this preliminary plat approval prior to the Council Meeting. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to grant preliminary plat approval of Maisons Des Cherie Phase II – Residential Development – LA Hwy 89 (Guillot Road); Owner/Developer: Hasha Margot Hebert & Roman Gloria Dupleix, all as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Granger in a letter dated August 31, 2015, subject to the following: 1) Add verbiage to Plat Condition No 3 in the Engineer letter to state: “Fencing will also be required along the Northern Boundary behind lots 6 through 46 with no gate access to the adjoining property”, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM 13 .Resolution No. 2015-12 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Parish School System to lease city property for Green T. Lindon Elementary School to use as a playground. A motion was offered by Mr. Abshire, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12- a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Parish School System to lease city property for Green T. Lindon Elementary School to use as a playground, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 14. Resolution No. 2015-13 – Approving the revised fee schedule for construction and development in the City of Youngsville. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13 approving permit and development fees for the City of Youngsville with an implementation date of January 1, 2016, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that this discussion took place earlier this year and with the feedback that he received, he is presenting a revised fee schedule for Council consideration to recover some of the costs that the City is currently expending for developments and annexations.

Upon questioning by Councilman Stansbury, Mayor Ritter stated that, although the resolution states that the fee schedule would be effective immediately, he is now recommending delaying implementation until January 1, 2016.

Councilman Romero suggested a 30 day start time in order for the City to start collecting the new fees to offset the cost being currently expended.

Upon questioning by Councilwoman McClelland, Mayor Ritter replied that the current permit process will not be changed at this time.

Councilman Stansbury suggested that the City look at possibly having an in-house Inspection Department in lieu of contracting it out to see if this would save funds. Mayor Ritter stated that it is worth looking at but he would not want to hinder quality and timely service and that to do what Parish Inspections currently does for the City might take anywhere up to 4 employees who are certified inspectors. He said that it will take some time but he would research this and report back.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ritter asked for comments from the public. Jimmy Ricks, Engineer, agreed with the January 1st implementation date. Teddy Beaulieu with Southern Lifestyle Development, stated that they understand that with growth comes cost and they are in support of the fee schedule but with an implementation date of January 1, 2016. There were no other comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Resolution No. 2015-14 – Supporting the Display of the National Motto “IN GOD WE TRUST” in a prominent location at City Hall. Councilman Romero stated that he has had numerous discussions with residents and fellow elected officials and feels that it is the appropriate time to have visual representation of the spiritual foundation of the Community. He therefore asked for Council support to display “IN GOD WE TRUST” at City Hall. A motion was offered by Mr. Abshire, seconded by Mr.

Romero, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14 supporting and approving the display of the National Motto “IN GOD WE TRUST” in a prominent location at City Hall, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

Pastor Tommy Faulk stated that his Church would like to contribute to the cost of the display. Gary Williams stated that he thought his Church would do the same.

AGENDA ITEM 16. Resolution No. 2015-15 – Authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Youngsville to execute an Act of Abandonment of property and revocation of dedication for public utility servitudes on lot 5 of Metairie Centre. A motion was offered by Ms. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Stansbury, to adopt Resolution 2015-15 a resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Youngsville, to execute an Act of Abandonment and Revocation of Dedication for the abandonment of a sixty (60’) foot public utility easement, a ten (10’) foot public utility easement and a seventy (70’) foot public utility and sewer easement on the property of Teal Investment Properties III, LLC, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, City Attorney George Knox and City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger stated that these servitudes are no longer needed.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

AGENDA ITEM 17. ORDINANCE NO. 280.6-2015 An ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 280.5-2014 regulating the construction, installation, maintenance, alterations, and placement of all signs within the Municipal Limits of the City of Youngsville. A motion was offered by Mr. Stansbury, seconded by Mr. Abshire, to introduce Ordinance No. 280.6-2015 An ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 280.5-2014 regulating the construction, installation, maintenance, alterations, and placement of all signs within the Municipal Limits of the City of Youngsville with the following amendments: change the maximum size of the signs to 40 square feet; change Article IV: Sign Standards - F. Snipe signs. to read: “Snipe signs are only allowed for City supported event signs (i.e. Lafayette Strong). City Supported event signs may be displayed for the City declared time frame which will be on a case by case basis identified by the CAO”; add verbiage in the proper sections to allow for under canopy signs, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lauren Michel

Motion was approved.

Prior to the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that the ordinance is up for introduction only and changes can be made prior to adoption.

Much discussion took place on changing the maximum square footage of the signs from 30 square feet to 40 square feet instead of 30 square feet to 50 square feet as stated in the proposed ordinance. The Council was in agreement to change the square footage to 40 square feet but not to exceed 75% of the store front.

Discussion also took place on Snipe Signs. Mayor Ritter opined that it would not be good for the City to allow the real estate open house signs as recommended in the ordinance because it would open the flood gate for others. CAO Simone Champagne added that there are many questions that would need to be answered as it relates to permitting, where signs can be located, who is going to police, etc. She also said that it would create clutter and we are proud of the way the city looks now without all of the snipe signs that breed other snipe signs.

Councilman Romero said that he could support real estate signs at the neighborhood entrance only, the day of the event and Councilwoman McClelland agreed and said that she would be ok with real estate open house signs the day of and implement guidelines.

City Attorney George Knox said that this would create monitoring issues and that it would be difficult to allow one business like the realtors to put them out without allowing all businesses. He said it is not allowed right now but people are still putting them out.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Stansbury announced that an Economic Development Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 30th from 11:30 – 1:00 and invited anyone that is interested to please attend. He also requested that a discussion item on the 1981 Sales Tax reserve fund be placed on the October meeting agenda.

Mayor Ritter stated that the new City Hall sign is in the process of being erected. He also stated that he recently met with the Fire Department and they are anxious to move forward with the new substation on city owned property on Bonin Road and are requesting assistance with funding.

Councilman Abshire requested that the City get a cost estimate to close all of the water line loops around the City to help maintain and increase water pressure.

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 carried.

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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