

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 AT 5:30 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), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D)

ABSENT: Matt Romero (Division C)

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), Simone Champagne (CAO), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director), Charles Langlinais (Water & Sewer Superintendent), Pamela Gonzales Granger (City Engineer), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Councilman Kenneth Stansbury.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Kenneth Stansbury

Mayor Ritter asked for everyone to keep Youngsville resident, Mr. Perry Wilson, who recently passed away, in their prayers. Mr. Wilson was a Veteran and played a big role in helping to design and build the Youngsville Veteran's Roundabout at Young Street (Hwy 92) and Youngsville Highway.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

2.1 Lafayette Parish School System - Request for variance to the sign ordinance for signage at the new Southside High School.

Motion by Lauren Michel, second by Ken Stansbury, to approve a variance to Sign Ordinance No. 280.6-2015 for signage at the new Southside High School as follows: 1) Increase in monument sign to 120 square feet; 2) Entrance Signs to be on poles; 3) Reserved parking directional signs to be 10 square feet.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

2.2 Present cost estimates for drainage improvements.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Lauren Michel, to approve the funding to construct outfall structures in Highland Ridge, at an approximate cost of \$75,000 and an outfall structure in LaVilla at an approximate cost of \$35,320.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Kenneth Stansbury, Dianne McClelland

Prior to the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that during his Administration, the City has been doing everything it possibly can to improve drainage.

- Continue to seek funding for Master Plan which includes 7.5 million in drainage

- Cleaning outfall drainage ditches and then will start with the inside ditches along roadways.
- Raised development standards to hold larger storm events (25 year storms)
- Seeking FEMA recovery and mitigation dollars for drainage improvements
- Public Works is in the process of increasing the drainage pipe size along Chemin Metairie near Chelsi Meadows Subdivision
- Continue to communicate with Lafayette Parish requesting the cleaning of the Parish ditches.

Mayor Ritter stated that a major issue to cleaning ditches and drainage channels is that property owners have illegally built structures such as pools, decks storage facilities, and fences on drainage easements throughout the city and it is impossible to get equipment in these locations to clean the ditches. He said that our attorneys are searching what can be done about making the owners of the properties in violation remove these. He then called upon City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger to present the cost estimates of possible drainage projects in areas that flooded:

Ms. Granger stated that the following estimates were based on contractors doing the work and not the City Public Works Department.

- Atlas Road Rear Drainage/Highland - \$209,263.75
- La Villa Circle Pond and Outfall. - \$35,320.00
- Highland Plantation/Rousseau Road - \$207,617.50
- Highland Ridge, Almonaster Rear Drainage, Larriviere Rear Drainage \$492,350.00
- La Villa Circle New Pond - \$1,570,655
- Retention/Detention Pond located on Iberia Street at the "Horse Arena" - \$491,000

Ms. Granger stated that a quick and fairly inexpensive relief would be constructing the outfall structures. She stated that the opinion of probably cost for these are:

- LaVilla Circle - \$35,320
- Highland Ridge - \$75,000

Upon questioning about doing work on the ponds in LaVilla Circle and Highland Ridge which are privately owned by the HOA's, City Attorney George Knox stated that if you can show a connectivity that the public drainage is effecting the private areas, the City can expend public dollars to fix.

Mayor Ritter stated that the City does not have the funds to do all of these drainage projects but recommended that the Council approve the funding for the outfalls which he said are in financial reach and would accelerate those projects if ever funding becomes available.

3. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Dianne McClelland, second by Lauren Michel and unanimously approved.