

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 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), Matt Romero (Division C), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D)

ABSENT: Lauren Michel (Division B)

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), Simone Champagne (CAO), Ashley Sexton (City Treasurer), George Knox (City Attorney), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director), Pamela Gonzales Granger (City Engineer), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief), Burton Kolder & Brad Kolder (City Auditors)

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation led by Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne McClelland

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne McClelland

Ms. McClelland asked for a moment of silent prayer for former longtime employee of the City of Youngsville, Karen Babineaux and her family, who recently passed away.

2. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Mayor Ritter announced that a public hearing was held at 5:30 pm on Ordinance No. 398-2017 and Ordinance No. 399-2017 prior to the Special Council Meeting and comments were heard at that time.

Prior to the presentation of the amended budget and proposed budget by Kolder Champagne CPA's Burton Kolder and Brad Kolder, the following information was provided by Mayor Ritter on the 2017-2018 proposed budget:

We attempted to forecast revenues in a responsible manner while still improving city services to our residents. As you are aware, limitations to our funding are still prevalent as new state capital outlay is non-existent and the City is still unable to borrow against future sales tax earnings. Together we have endured 18 months of declining sales tax revenues and the worst disaster in our city's history. However, we remain optimistic that our city's future and economic outlook is strong. Despite the eight month positive trend, the basis for our sales tax forecast is conservative and mindful of the volatility of our energy sector based economy. Our commitment to providing services in the most efficient manner remains the focus of our administration and staff and was the primary concern when drafting this budget. Bulleted below are several departmental highlights:

Police:

- *Addition of two School Resource Officers*
- *Shifts one contract employee to FT status*
- *Proposed budget continues to invest in personnel by providing Chief Boudreaux's team a cost of living and market adjustment increase (8%).*

Fire:

- *Proposed budget funds Chief Rivette's request to enhance the current staffing model at the current station and adds staff to the Bonin substation as we enter a fire rating year.*

Public Works (Streets & Drainage):

- *Staffing model to increase by three*
- *Enhanced focus on routine maintenance, scheduling, and programming.*
- *Continued focus on improving drainage. Equipment requests such as the wash trailer/jetter, bobcat, street sweeper, & UTV are necessary to meet resident expectations.*
- *Returns to a neighborhood street overlay program. Select streets in Highland Ridge will see restorative work in addition to an overlay on Rushmore.*
- *Funds the design of a roundabout at Savoy & Chemin Metairie*
- *Bayou Parc Perdu Regional Pond will provide an overflow for a major drainage channel. This pond makes use of the city owned Horse Arena which will have a shared use with a new water well.*

Water & Sewer:

- *Funds the sewer capital improvements outlined in Engineer Susan Richard's presentation at the June council meeting.*
- *Continues to upgrade infrastructure and planning for future growth needs*
- *Provides for a new water well to be located at the Horse Arena*
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Sports Complex:

- *Budget provides for the continuation of current programming and the addition of sand volleyball funded from the dedicated recreation sales tax.*
- *Weekday janitorial services are absorbed by the addition of a staff member and janitorial contract services are reserved for weekends.*

Miscellaneous:

- *Purchase of neighboring property to City Hall is using a 15 year note.*
- *3% cost of living increase is included for City Hall, Public Works, & Sports Complex staff.*

2.1 Ordinance No. 398-2017 - An ordinance amending the annual operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Motion to adopt Ordinance 398-2017 amending the Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017 by Matt Romero, seconded by Jamison Abshire.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

2.2 Ordinance No. 399-2017 - An ordinance adopting the annual operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Prior to the vote on adoption of the budget, the following amendments were made:

Motion to reduce Line Item 27 on the Capital Outlay budget to \$20,000 for a Master Plan for Sand Volleyball by Dianne McClelland, second by Kenneth Stansbury.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Motion to change the title of Line Item 6 in Capital Outlay from Bayou Parc Perdu Regional Pond to General Drainage Improvements by Kenneth Stansbury, second by Dianne McClelland.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Motion to give all Police Officers 10% increase and 3% increase for Administrative Staff by Kenneth Stansbury, second by Dianne McClelland.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 399-2017 adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as amended by Dianne McClelland, second by Kenneth Stansbury.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 3.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Matt Romero, second by Kenneth Stansbury.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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