

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), Simone Champagne (CAO), Ben Burley (Accountant), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director), Pamela Gonzales Granger (City Engineer), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation led by Pastor Allison Sikes, Asbury United Methodist Church.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Jamison Abshire

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of minutes of April 12, 2018.

Motion by Kenneth Stansbury, second by Dianne McClelland to accept the minutes of April 12, 2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

ABSTAIN: Lauren Michel

3. FINANCE REPORT

3.1 Acceptance of the Finance Report of March, 2018.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Matt Romero to accept the Finance Report of March 2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Skylar & Tammy Comeaux - Request a setback variance from 5' to 0' for pool decking on the east side of property located at 122 Long Oak Lane, Fortune Hills Subdivision.

Mayor Ritter stated that he contacted the developer, Louis Anzalone, and that he has no objection to granting the setback variance for the concrete decking.

City Engineer Pamela Granger said that the owner would have to provide drainage to take care of all water so that it remains on their property and not roll off to the adjoining property and in order to do this it would have to slope to the pool. She stated that this would have to be shown on the drawings when submitted for a permit and inspected.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to grant the setback variance from 5' to 0' for concrete pool decking on the east side of property located at 122 Long Oak Lane - Fortune Hills Subdivision on the condition that should the city require that the decking needs to be removed it will be at the property owners expense and prior to a permit being issued the drawings for the pool need to reflect the drainage sloping to the pool or being maintained on the property.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

4.2 Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux & School Board Member Jeremy Hidalgo - Discuss the addition of three (3) School Resource Officers to the 2018-2019 budget.

Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux stated that he is in negotiations with the Lafayette Parish School System to provide 3 additional School Resource Officers. He said that with salaries and benefits the cost would be about \$80,000 per officer and that LPSS is considering funding 50% of the cost per officer up to \$40,000. They will be used for other duties when not working at the schools such as providing security at the Sports Complex at no additional charge to the Complex. He also stated that LPSS is offering to pay for half of the SRO's Supervisor's salary.

Youngsville School Board Member Jeremy Hidalgo stated that the School Board voted to put an officer in every school and to use local officers instead of just Sheriff's department officers when possible. He said the officer will be on duty 180 days during the school year and will also have to go to training during the summer. Mr. Hidalgo said the officer will be at the School approximately 65% of the year.

After discussion and questions from the Council, Mayor Ritter stated that the issue is about setting priorities. He said there is a way that we can get there but there needs to be some give and take with the Police Department. The Mayor stated that you can't put officers in the schools, plus hire new officers and put new equipment in the vehicles and continue to purchase other items. Nobody has enough money to do everything that is needed. He summarized the discussion by stating the following:

- He and all the Councilmembers completely agree that SRO's are needed in all of the schools.
- According to Councilman Stansbury – the Police Department is spending 85% on personnel in the budget. With the new SRO's it would increase to 92% leaving 8% for the remainder of operations. Research that was done nationwide shows school systems paying 70% and the municipalities paying 30% for SRO's.

- The School Board needs to come to the table and pay more than 50% of the cost since the time spent in the schools will be at least 65% of the year.
- Request that Mr. Hidalgo relay their request to the School Board in asking for the additional dollars.
- According to Mr. Hidalgo, he would be happy to establish a meeting, but 50/50 is the vote that was cast by the School Board and doesn't know if that is going to change. If the municipalities cannot provide the officers the Sheriff's department will. The schools will have SRO's in them no matter who provides them.
- Mayor will work with the Council and Police Chief to deliver a budget that has the funding for the SRO's in it.

4.3 Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux - Request approval of funding for the purchase of In-Car Video System for Patrol Vehicles and related equipment in the amount of \$168,035.00 to be funded from the LACE fund.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Lauren Michel to approve the purchase of "In-Car Video System and Related Equipment for Patrol Vehicles" in the amount of \$168,035.00 to be funded from the LACE fund.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Prior to the motion, Chief Boudreaux stated that he will not be requesting additional Police Officers or raises in the upcoming 2018-2019 budget. He said that there will be 2 administrative personnel leaving and he will replace them with Police Officers.

4.4 Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux - Request approval to purchase In-Car Video System for Patrol Vehicles and related equipment through a "piggy-back" agreement with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office through their Bid Proposal #VP-31418, bid proposal firm for a period from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire, to approve piggy backing off of the Vermilion Parish Sheriff Office bid proposal #VP-31418.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Prior to the Motion Chief Boudreaux stated that the Vermilion Parish Sheriff has written a letter approving the request to Piggy-back off of their bid for the video equipment which is valid until June 30, 2019.

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 2018-09 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Youngsville to enter into a finance agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing cameras and equipment for the police department patrol vehicles.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Lauren Michel, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-09.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

5.2 Resolution No. 2018-10 a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Youngsville, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 28, 2018, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein.

Motion by Lauren Michel, second by Kenneth Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-09.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

## 6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance No. 405-2018 An ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the City of Youngsville and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to introduce Ordinance No. 405-2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

Prior to the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that it was time to renew the Franchise agreement at a rate of 4.5%. He stated that the term will be for 15 years and shall automatically renew for one-year periods unless either party gives notice of termination at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration. The total term shall not exceed 25 years from the effective date of the franchise. Mayor Ritter said that if the rate changes for any other governmental entity that the City would have that option to increase to the same rate.

## 7. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

7.1 Ordinance No. 404-2018 - an ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana authorizing the City of Youngsville to sell certain surplus property located at 201 Iberia Street, Youngsville, Louisiana, which is not needed for public purposes.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Dianne McClelland, to adopt Ordinance No. 404-2018 - an ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana authorizing the City of Youngsville to sell certain surplus property located at 201 Iberia Street, Youngsville, Louisiana, which is not needed for public purposes

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

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

## 8. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 8.1 Mayor Announcements/Staff Reports

- Chelsea Meadows Drainage Improvements Contract has been signed and kick off meeting has taken place.
- Griffin Road Easement - Attorney is reviewing the plans and the easement for the drainage project.
- Request for Bids are ready to be advertised for the 2018 Road Improvement Project Area A and Area B plans are 90% complete.
- Détente/Chemin Metairie Roundabout – good is to have preliminary plans ready for some time in July.
- Mayor and Simone Champagne met with Pat Forbes, Executive Director of the Office of Community Development and DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson to discuss getting the 20% match for the cost of the proposed Flood Detention Ponds. Also discussed the DOTD long awaited credits for Youngsville Hwy and road projects needing attention. In addition they met with the Acadiana Delegation.
- Submitted the plans on the Statewide Flood Controls. Should know by end of May if the City made the cut.
- Sewer I & I work starting in Fieldcrest and Woodcrest.
- Water Well No. 7 Project progressing well.
- HMGP grant application submitted.
- June 9th is Hazardous Waste Day.

### 8.2 Council Announcements

- Mayor Pro Tem Dianne McClelland - Captain Richard Breshahan with the Fire Department has offered to instruct Heart Saver, First Aid, CPR, AED Class Wednesday, May 23rd for City Employees and the cost is \$22.50 per employee.
- Councilman Romero - Movie in the Park is Saturday, June 2nd.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

### 9.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Lauren Michel, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTING: Kenneth Stansbury

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor

/s/ Sally M. Angers

Sally M. Angers, City Clerk