

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Mayor Pro Tempore Dianne McClelland (Division E), Jamison Abshire (Division A), Matt Romero (Division C)

ABSENT: Lauren Michel (Division B), Kenneth Stansbury (Division D)

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), Simone Champagne (CAO), George Knox (City Attorney), Ben Burley (City Treasurer), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief)

1. OPENING

Mayor Ritter announced that Councilman Stansbury was at National Guard Training and Councilwoman Michel was absent due to business.

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Roland Fontenot.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jamison Abshire.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

2.1 Mayoral Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

3. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

3.1 Judge David Blanchet & Judge Charles Fitzgerald - discuss tax millage for Lafayette Parish Courthouse

Judge Blanchet said they he and Judge Fitzgerald were present just to explain the Courthouse funding proposition that is on the ballot. He stated the following:

- Proposition on the ballot is for 2% millage for 10 years to fund the Courthouse
- Lafayette Parish is responsible for the funding of the Courthouse, eight (8) Judicial secretaries and a share of the Court reporters and Law Clerks
- There is currently No dedicated tax
- Parish General fund has shrunk by about 25%. All 15th Judicial reserves have been used since the Parish has reduced the support by 1 million dollars in the last 3 years.
- Currently 2.34 mills for the Courthouse Complex with 80% going to the jail and the Courthouse is funded by the remaining 20%.
- Courthouse is in deplorable condition and has not been updated in 50 years and the Courts on Floors 3, 4, 5 have not been updated in 35 years.
- If the millage doesn't pass, the only alternative is to sue LCG. LCG is duty bound to maintain a court system. If they win the suit there would be less parish funds for drainage and other needs in the unincorporated areas of the parish.

3.2 Jenny Best & Kate LeBeau with Susan G. Koman, presentation on upcoming events for Breast Cancer Awareness

Jenny Best stated that Susan G Komen of Acadiana is sponsoring a fundraising event called "Big Wigs" and those that volunteered are trying to raise at least \$1,000. She said that Councilman Matt Romero has volunteered to be one of the "Big Wigs" and is having two (2) fundraising events. The first is on October 16th at Agave Restaurant in Youngsville and they will donate 10% of the proceeds for the night to Councilman Romero's fundraising efforts. There will also be another fundraiser October 19th at Southside Sharks Football game at Clark Field. Everyone is encouraged to wear ping in honor of breast cancer awareness month and donations will be accepted for Pink Lapel Pins/Ribbons with all funds raised going to Susan G. Komen.

3.3 Phil Gallet - Promote Veterans Day Event

Mr. Gallet stated that the VFW Post 9210 will be having a Barbecue Cook Off on Saturday, November 10th at Sugar Mill Pond in honor of Veterans' Day. He said everyone is invited and more information can be found on the VFW website at www.VFW9210.org. Proceeds will go to Veteran's and their families to help pay for their needs.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Acceptance of Minutes of September 13, 2018

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to adopt minutes of September 13, 2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

5. FINANCE REPORT

5.1 Acceptance of the Finance Report of August, 2018.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire, to accept the finance report of August, 2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ritter stated that sales tax is up 16.91% over fiscal year last year.

6. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL

6.1 Preliminary Plat approval of Chemin Metairie Park - Phase II located in Section 18, T-11-S, R-5-E

Mayor Ritter stated that a public hearing for public comment was held at 5:30 pm prior to the Council meeting.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to grant preliminary plat approval of Chemin Metairie Commercial Park - Phase II, located in Section 18, T-11-S, R-5-E, Owner: Young's Industries, Inc, as recommended by City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger, in a letter dated October 4, 2018. with the following condition: Waive Condition No. 10 in the ADRC report dated September 17, 2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Maegan M. Duhon - request a variance to reduce the back yard setback to 5' at 115 Beacon.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to approve the request for variance from Maegan M. Duhon to reduce the set back in the back of the lot located at 115 Beacon to 5' in order to add on to their house provided that a drainage plan is submitted and approved prior to getting a permit.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

Prior to the motion, City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger, stated that the yard would have to drain to the front so as not to impact the adjacent property owners.

7.2 Jason Charrier, 202 Bella Vista Pkwy, Sugar Mill Pond, variance request to reduce the required setback from 5' to 2' on the southside of the property for a pool.

Mayor Ritter asked if anyone was present representing the property owner and no one in the audience responded.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Dianne McClelland, to table Agenda Item 7.2.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

7.3 Susan Richard, Domingue, Szabo & Associates – Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade Study. Ms. Richard presented the following:

- Sewer Plant will not be able to handle the flow with the predicted growth of the City
- City will need to upgrade the treatment plant.
- Options:
 - Construct parallel treatment plant to existing plant at a cost of \$6,630,000
 - Construct new treatment plant capable of handling all projected flow at a cost of \$6,780,000

- Improvements needed now:
 - Sludge Dewatering System at a cost of \$1,562,000(included in 2018-19 budget)
- Schedule for Upgrade
 - Funding application – December 2018
 - Sludge dewatering facility – July, 2020
 - Design of WWTP November, 2019
 - Construction of WWTP upgrade November, 2021

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to construct a new treatment plant.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

8.1 Annexation Ordinance No. 410-2018 - an ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the Official Map of the City providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, being a 5.06 acre tract located in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, in Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 4 East into the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire, to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 410-2018.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

9. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

9.1 Annexation Ordinance No. 411-2018 - An ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the Official Map of the City providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, into the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (Vallot-Viator Property - S. Larriviere)

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero, to introduce Annexation Ordinance No. 411-2018

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Matt Romero.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

9.2 Ordinance No. 412-2018 - An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018 of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Dianne McClelland, to introduce Ordinance No. 412-2018

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

9.3 Ordinance No. 413-2018 - An ordinance amending and replacing Section Numbers 115-1 through 115-69 (Ordinance No. 199-1996 and 299-2007) Instituting Floodplain Management measures required by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and adopting the 2018 Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Jamison Abshire, to introduce Ordinance No. 413-2018

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

A FEMA, State, Parish, and City Flood Map open house will be held on November 7th at 6:00 pm at Southside High School.

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 Resolution No. 2018-21 Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Youngsville to submit a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund loan program for funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection Systems Upgrades.

Motion by Dianne McClelland, second by Jamison Abshire to adopt Resolution No. 2018-21

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

Prior to the motion, Mayor Ritter stated that the initial application would be to borrow \$10,500,000 but this amount could be amended if less or more is needed. He stated that Bonding Attorney Jason Akers said the City's 1999 Sales Tax for sewer generates enough to pay back the loan.

10.2 Resolution No. 2018-22 - A resolution of the City of Youngsville declaring eleven (11) WatchGuard In-Car Video Systems as surplus property and authorizing the City to sell the WatchGuard Systems to other municipalities

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Jamison Abshire, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-22.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

10.3 Resolution No. 2018-23 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government concerning the maintenance of Coulee Anslem and other channels.

Motion by Ms. McClelland, second by Jamison Abshire, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-23.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ritter stated that this item was tabled at the last meeting because of some concerns in the wording of the agreement pertaining to who is responsible for getting the easements and responsible for the perpetual maintenance.

City Attorney George Knox said that he reworded the agreement to address these specific issues of concern. He said that Youngsville should not be responsible for easements and according to his research, Louisiana Revised Statutes says that the Parishes are responsible for the main drainage channels. He said LCG also gets the funds from the drainage tax, so they should be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance. Mr. Knox said he forwarded the revised IGA to LCG's attorney who drafted it, but he has not gotten a reply yet.

Mayor Ritter also informed the Council that at a meeting with LCG Public Works Director Mark Dubroc to talk about S. Larriviere Road, City Engineer Pamela Gonzales Granger, CAO Simone Champagne and Public Works Director were informed that LCG had removed the Anslem drainage cleaning from the bid project and added it as an alternate since the Mayor had not signed the Intergovernmental Agreement that they originally presented. He said, as the Council is aware, the agreement was not signed because of the different opinions on who is responsible for the channels.

Mr. Knox recommended that the Council approve the resolution and give the Mayor the authority to sign an IGA that would be to the benefits of the Citizens and added that the major parish channels have always been the responsibility of Parish Government.

11. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Mayor Announcements and Staff Reports

- Permits issue since January 1, 2018: Residential-206 and Commercial-28. Ten (10) more Commercial Permits over prior year.
- Halloween Trick or Treating is Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6 - 8 pm.
- FEMA Flood Map Information Meeting is Nov 7th at 6:00 pm at Southside High School Cafeteria.
- Farmers Market - Saturday, October 12th at Sugar Mill Pond
- Youngsville Candidate Forum for City Council is October 18th - 6:00 pm at the Youngsville Recreation Center.

- 2018 Street Improvements: Project Area A is almost complete. Project Area B ready to begin. Design work will be presented on the Roundabout at Détente/Chemin Metairie Parkway in the next month or so.
- Chelsea Meadow drainage improvements complete and Shadowbrook drainage is being dressed up.
- Fence was removed from the back of the Sports Complex to allow for the areas around the pond to be maintained.
- LCG Councilman Kevin Naquin is hosting a town hall meeting on October 25th at the Recreation Center to promote the millage for Fire Protection in the Parish. 20% of the calls for the YFD take place outside the City Limits but Lafayette Parish Government only gives the city \$38,000 and City is using City dollars to make up the difference. The YFD has a deficit and if the unincorporated area doesn't start paying their share they will look at the City to make up the difference.

11.2 Council Announcements

- Councilman Romero - Movie in the Park is on October 20th.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dianne McClelland asked for the City to post an explanation of Council Divisions.
- Councilman Abshire -Farmers Market with Face Painting and the train Ride this Saturday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Adjourn Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

YEAS: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Dianne McClelland

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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