

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE,  
LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Mayor Pro Tem Jamison Abshire (Division A), Councilman Matt Romero (Division C), Councilman Ken Stansbury (Division D), Councilman Gary Williams (Division E)

ABSENT: Councilman Lindy Bolgiano (Division B)

STAFF: Sally M. Angers (City Clerk), George Knox (City Attorney), Tim Robichaux (Sports Complex Director), Terry Bourque (Public Works Director) VIA ZOOM, Clint Simoneaux (Planning & Development Director) VIA ZOOM, Pamela Gonzales Granger (Engineer) VIA ZOOM, Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief)

### **OPENING**

There was a moment of silence recognized for Ms. Brenda Burley former Youngsville Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem.

The Invocation was led by Pastor Tim Miller, White Dove Fellowship Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Jamison Abshire.

### **RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL**

1. Donald "Don" Landry announce his candidacy for District Attorney - 15th JDC  
Mr. Landry was unable to make the meeting.
2. Ms. Kay Karre Gautreaux announced her candidacy for District Judge, 15th JDC
3. Mr. Kip Judice announced his candidacy for Lafayette City Marshal.

### **MINUTES**

4. Accept Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 25, 2020  
Motion by Jamison Abshire, second by Ken Stansbury, to accept he minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 25, 2020.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams Motion approved.
5. Accept the Minutes of July 9, 2020  
Motion by Matt Romero, second by Gary Williams, to accept the minutes of July 9, 2020 meeting.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

6. Accept the Finance report of June, 2020  
Motion by Ken Stansbury, second by Jamison Abshire, to accept the finance report of June, 2020.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

## OTHER BUSINESS

7. Approve Variance request from Grucer Properties to reduce the buffer zone from 20' green space to 2' on property located at 2513 Bonin Road for Frisson's Snowball Stand with the requirement that an 8' fence be erected.

Motion by Matt Romero, second by Ken Stansbury, to approve the Variance request from Grucer Properties to reduce the buffer zone from 20' green space to 2' on property located at 2513 Bonin Road for Frisson's Snowball Stand with the requirement that an 8' fence be erected  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

8. Update on Foster Park

Mayor Ritter stated that Youngsville Recreation Director, Tim Robichaux, has devised a Master Plan for Foster Park to be considered as a starting guide for the vision of Foster Park. He then called on Tim who presented the following:

### FOSTER PARK MASTER PLAN SPONSORSHIPS/VOLUNTEERS/RECREATION FUNDING

- ENTRANCE SIGNS: 4'x3'
- DOG STATIONS
- DISTANCE MARKERS FOR WALKING TRAIL: Fitness trail sponsor signs x 4 (2/3 of a mile)
- PLAYSETS: Blown in mulch & borders, 25'x25' Swing area (Paint set)
- BALL FIELDS: Fencing, Lights, Dugouts (New tin roofs), Lumber for benches, Bleacher areas, Foul poles (Painted), Scoreboards, Bases, mounds, etc., Grass surface to Bermuda, Batting Cage Nets (Split cages to create four cages) Turf
- TREE TRIMMING: throughout the park
- PAVILLIONS: Paint, 1 new picnic table
- TENNIS COURTS: Pressure wash, Nets, Benches (Lumber), Paint for pickleball courts possibly
- LIGHTING: Ball fields, add more security lighting, Pavilion lights
- BASKETBALL AREA: Cement stenciling, Pressure wash, Upgrade goals
- PRESSURE WASHING: All cement, Pavilions, Dugouts, Bleacher areas
- PAINTING: Pavilion covers, Dugout benches, Batting cage pipe, Swing set pipe
- QUESTIONS TO ANSWER: 1. Where are we? 2. Where are we going?, 3. Where do we want to be?, 4. How do we want to get there?
- CREATING A PLAN: Community visioning, Engage the public, Design with community in mind, Survey monkey, Facebook, Public meeting, Community cleanup day, Build the information system, Cost analysis, Budgeting, Phase or phases, Build the plan, Data evaluation, Identifying how, when, and by whom, Implement the plan, Monitor the plan, Update and amend the plan
- THINGS TO CONSIDER: Park History, Community Vision, What Amenities, Connectivity to Sports Complex and Neighborhoods, Trends, Future Vision, Community Center

Mayor Ritter stated that he would like to see it be used as a family park with multiple uses with lots of green space and also wants to get community input.

Suggestions from Councilmembers included:

- Upgrade restroom facilities

- Community/Public Workday;
  - Multiple entrances at Park; green space; tennis courts could be used as pickle ball courts;
  - Police Department building on 4<sup>th</sup> Street could possibly be used as a Community Center in the future;
  - Signage needed to be addressed.
9. Request for a land use ordinance variance reducing greenbelt on northern side on property located at 402 Lafayette Street.

Mayor Ritter stated that he met with the owner of the property, Mr. Alok Banga, who is requesting a reduction in the greenbelt from 25' to "in order to fit the building he is constructing and allow for the large trucks to deliver the fuel and goods. Mayor Ritter added that he believes it is more important to preserve the Heritage Live Oak than the buffer zone.

After questioning from the Council, Mr. Banga agreed to erect an 8' fence along the north side of the property where the greenbelt reduction is being requested prior to any construction beginning. He also agreed to change the name from "More 4 Less" to a name that would honor the Heritage Oak and that the lawn and property would be appropriately maintained.

Motion by Ken Stansbury, second by Jamison Abshire, to approve the request for a land use ordinance variance reducing greenbelt on northern side of property located at 402 Lafayette Street to 10' on the condition that an 8' fence be erected prior to construction beginning and to name the facility in honor of the Heritage Live Oak.

Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion was approved.

## RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolution No. 2020-17 - a resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit engagement for the City of Youngsville for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Motion by Matt Romero, seconded by Ken Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-17.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion was approved.

11. Resolution No. 2020-18 levying the millages for 2020

Motion by Matt Romero, seconded by Gary Williams, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-18  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

12. Resolution No. 2020-19 - a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Youngsville authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents pertaining to Louisiana Facility Planning & Control (FP&C) Project No. 50-MW2-20-01, Youngsville Highway 89 Improvements and approving the 25% in matching funds as required by the State

Motion by Jamison Abshire, seconded by Ken Stansbury, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-19  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

## ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

13. Ordinance No. 445-2020 - an ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending Chapter 105, Section 105-33 "Building Setbacks" to provide a reduced setback for residential lots whose rear lot line abuts a detention pond owned by the Homeowners Association (HOA) subject to approval by the HOA and City Engineer

Motion by Jamison Abshire, seconded by Matt Romero, to introduce Ordinance No. 445-2020.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

14. Ordinance No. 373.1-2020 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 373-2014 to amend Chapter 110 "Design Standards," Section Number 110-4 "Design Standards and Incentives" to amend inlet capacity for street design.

Motion by Matt Romero, seconded by Ken Stansbury, to introduce Ordinance No. 373.1-2020.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

## MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 15. Monthly Reports

- Mayor Ritter complimented staff on their working though the Covid successfully.
- Cedar Hills - final walkthrough this week.
- Détente/CMP roundabout – expected to be finished in 30 – 45 days depending on weather.
- Reminded everyone that 2020 Census is till ongoing and to please submit.
- Savoy/CMP roundabout in final designs
- CMAR (Construction Management at Risk) process was approved for the City of the Municipal Complex
- Sales Tax Collections up 21% from same month prior year.
- VFW Blood Drive – August 18, 2020

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Matt Romero, seconded by Gary Williams.  
Voting Yea: Jamison Abshire, Matt Romero , Ken Stansbury , Gary Williams  
Motion approved.

/s/ Ken Ritter  
Ken Ritter, Mayor

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