

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 AT 6:00 PM
AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Logan Lannoo (Division A), Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Mayor Pro Tem Matt Romero (Division C), Ken Stansbury (Division D), Simone B. Champagne (Division E)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Nicole Guidry (City Clerk), Terry Bourque (Deputy CAO/Public Works Director), Rickey Boudreaux (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Tim Robichaux (Director of Parks & Recreation), Ben Burley (City Treasurer)

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance were led by Matt Romero.

2. RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Resolution No. 2023-19 - A Resolution of the City of Youngsville authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of immovable property, a 1.07 acre commercial lot from Metairie Place, LLC.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Ken Stansbury, adopting Resolution No. 2023-19.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Approved.

3. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Mayor Ritter announced that a public hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. prior to this meeting to receive comments on Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 484-2023 and Budget Adoption Ordinance No. 485-2023 for FY 2023-2024. The following information was presented by Burton Kolder and Brad Kolder, CPA's.

The budget satisfies the legal requirement of filing as set forth under R.S. 39:1316 since the consolidated budget statement uses the uniform revenue and expenditure classifications and includes information similar to the information required by the form Annual Report on the Budget. This budget represents a continuation of present service levels. The budget documents include anticipated revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds, ARPA Capital Projects, Utility Fund and Youngsville Sports Complex Fund. Additionally, the documents provide significant aspects of the budget which are detailed below:

ALL FUNDS

Revenues and expenditures have been increased or decreased over/under the previous year on a line-item basis for each revenue source and expenditure. Salaries have been budgeted for a 3% cost of living increase at a total cost to the City of Youngsville of \$148,000.

Projecting a 4% increase in sales tax revenues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which are conservative estimates.

GENERAL FUND

Projecting a 3% increase in ad-valorem taxes for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which are conservative estimates.

An increase in the Police Department Fund is for additional patrol and one additional SRO for ARCA, the equipment items listed in capital outlay, as well as a 1.85% increase in MPERS (32.5% to 34.35%).

The Fire Department's staffing and expenditure allocation remains flat with the exception of \$257,000 in annual debt paid by the City for three previously approved firetrucks.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The budget includes a capital outlay request for numerous items listed on Pages 5 and 6 of the budget documents totaling \$74.3 million. This capital outlay request includes approximately \$42.2 million for roadway & drainage improvements and approximately \$15 million to enhance water & sewer utility operations.

Approximately \$14 million of expansion to parks and recreation will be made to the Youngsville Sports Complex which will be funded from a 1% Recreational Sales Tax Fund and \$14 million of Recreation tax bonds.

UTILITY FUND

The 6/30/24 budget revenues include growth for the water and sewer departments based upon the CPI Index. During the 2024 fiscal year, the City is expecting an increase of approximately 350 utility customers.

Mayor Ritter opened the floor for public comments and there were none.

3.1 Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 484-2023 - An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Motion made by Ken Stansbury, seconded by Simone Champagne, adopting Budget Amendment No. 484-2023.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Approved.

3.2 Budget Ordinance No. 485-2023 - An Ordinance to adopt the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Ken Stansbury, adopting Budget Ordinance 485-2023, as amended to: (a) increase the salary of the Mayor by \$10,000 and (b) Police Department: keep the 3% cost of living increases for staff, keep the addition of (1) one SRO for ARCA, allow the department to fill the (3) three vacant positions with no new additional positions, and further applying a freeze on all other additional requests until further information can be gathered.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Approved.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Session to discuss pending civil actions pursuant to LA 42:17 (A) (2) & (4), as follows:

(a) Weola Landry, et als. vs. Youngsville-City, Docket No. C-20233187 C;

(b) Justin Desormeaux, et al. vs. Youngsville-City et al., Docket No. C-20231748 G; and

(c) Chief Rickey Boudreaux - Declaratory Action.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Ken Stansbury, that the Council of the City of Youngsville does hereby recess its regular session and convene into Executive Session to discuss pending civil actions pursuant to LA 42:17 (A) (2) & (4), as follows: (a) Weola Landry, et als. vs. Youngsville-City, Docket No. C-20233187 C; (b) Justin Desormeaux, et al. vs. Youngsville-City et al., Docket No. C-20231748 G; and (c) Chief Rickey Boudreaux - Declaratory Action, at 6:19 p.m.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

Those present in Executive Session included all members of the City Council, Mayor Ken Ritter, City Attorney Wade Trahan and City Clerk Nicole Guidry.

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne, seconded by Logan Lannoo, that the Council of the City of Youngsville does hereby close Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session at 6:48 p.m.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

City Attorney Wade Trahan stated that the Council entered into Executive Session to receive an update on the status of each pending litigation(s) involving the City of Youngsville. No action was taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Ken Stansbury to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Logan Lannoo, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Ken Stansbury, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry
Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor