

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024, AT
6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Chris Fuselier, First Baptist Church

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jamie Creed

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Shannon D. Bares (Division A), Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Mayor Pro Tem Matt Romero (Division C), Jamie L. Creed (Division D), Simone B. Champagne (Division E)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Nicole Guidry (City Clerk), Terry Bourque (Chief Operating Officer), Cody Louviere (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Cathryn Greig (Chief Financial Officer), Tim Robicheaux (Director of Parks & Rec).

3. MINUTES

3.1 Approval of December 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, approving the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

4. FINANCE REPORT

4.1 Approval of November 2023 finance report

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, approving the November 2023 Finance Report.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation and acceptance of Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 - Burton Kolder (Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC)

Burton & Brad Kolder, auditors with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC presented the audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 by providing a brief overview of each fund.

Brad noted that five verbal comments were addressed with the Administration which is an improvement from last year & that the firm sees an improvement within the accounting function and processes. He also stated that the audit has the same three findings as last year, 2 of the 3 can likely be resolved within the

fiscal year. He pointed out that the third finding requires a CPA on staff to draft the financial statement, but that it can be outsourced.

Burton pointed out that the city has had an operational surplus for the last six years, but that revenues have now flattened. He noted that the city has 86 days of available surplus city wide. He suggested improving efficiencies and making reductions to level off some of the expenditures. Mayor Ritter concurred.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, accepting the audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, as presented.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

- 5.2 C'est Bon Storage to request a variance to Section 107-5 (a)(a) to allow a super polymer grade vinyl siding to the East and South sides of the facility, located at 461 Almonaster Road.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon Bares, granting approval of a variance to Section 107-5 (a)(a) to allow a super polymer grade vinyl siding to the East and South sides of C'est Bon Storage, located at 461 Almonaster Road.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

6. RESOLUTIONS

- 6.1 Resolution No. 2024-01 - A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of movable surplus property from the Lafayette Police Department.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Simone B. Champagne, adopting Resolution No. 2024-01.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Approved.

Upon questioning, Chief Louviere stated that the equipment on the motorcycle would remain as is when received & that they would only change the graphics.

7. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 7.1 Ordinance No. 488-2024 - An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending Section 24-23 "Rates Established" prescribing the rates, charges, and deposits for water, sewage, solid waste and recycling service accounts services by the City of Youngsville, Louisiana.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Jamie L. Creed, introducing Amended Ordinance No. 488-2024, as amended to increase the price of an additional cart(s) to \$17.00 per month per additional cart.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.
Motion Approved.

Public Comment was received from Karen Cox.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- Sports Complex: 2024 host for Girls World Series, Awarded Conference USA Women's Beach Volleyball Tournament April 25-28. Mardi Gras Mambo Tournament February 9-11. Youngsville Lions Club Cookoff Jan. 20. Bark Park has around 300 permits.
- Road Projects: Fortune Rd. Roundabout and Rd. - started clearing and grubbing on Broussard side. Met with DOTD and APC on projects. Putting together GMP's for concurrence with FP&C for Fortune Rd. & Hwy. 89 projects. Drainage and Bridge Study reports to submit for Larriviere Rd., construction to begin this fiscal year. Langlinais Rd. - will meet with different property owners to finalize alignment & will schedule a meeting with SLEMCO to discuss utility easement. Completed survey for Prescott Roundabout and at 50% plans. Hwy. 92 - 90% complete with survey for future sidewalk drainage project. Pending approval from Enterprise to being drainage and roadway for Velasco Crossing.
- Drainage Projects: Ponds complete, finalizing paperwork and punch list items. Anslem Coulee – modeling complete & feedback received on environmental documentation, will ask for extension on plans because of potential archeological issue, will meet with various property owners to determine location.
- Water/Sewer Projects: Wastewater treatment plant, pump station #4 upgrade, water connections and tank - pending completed rate study. Water Treatment Plant - bid soon. Mayor Ritter noted the City was awarded a \$5M grant for both water and sewer, with the caveat that income is sufficient to operate & maintain the systems. Draft water & sewer rate study reports indicate that a \$1,300 water impact fee & a \$1,700 sewer impact fee would be required for new development.

8.2 Council Announcements

- Mr. Bolgiano stated that the Youngsville Volunteer Fire Dept has maintained a Class 3 fire rating.
- Ms. Creed announced that Leadership Youngsville applications are open until March 8.
- Mr. Romero announce that Keep Youngsville Beautiful annual litter pickup will be held the Saturday after Mardi Gras at Sugar Beach.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne, seconded by Shannon D. Bares to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry
Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor