

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

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Darrel Jackson, First Assembly Youngsville

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youngsville Cub Scout Pack 457

Mayor Ritter recognized Youngsville Cub Scout Pack 457 and leader Kevin Broussard for their continued efforts within the City of Youngsville.

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. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

3.1 Mayor Ritter presented the 2024 Youngsville Mardi Gras Awards: Best Original Float - Awesome 8; Prettiest Float - Monica Meyers, State Farm; Most Spirited Float - Krewe De Bontemp

Mayor Ritter also thanked Mayor Ryan “Spanky” Meche and his guests for judging the floats.

3.2 Krewe De Acadian and Krewe La Vie Doux announced the BYOB (Bringing You Our Burgers) Hamburger Cookoff to be held on April 13.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Public Comment on Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade

Public Comment was received from Brandon Pellerin, Charles Sharma, Mark Albarado, Jason Harwick and Deanna Montgomery.

Mayor Ritter and members of the Council thanked the public for their input and provided insight on the changes that were made for the 2023 Mardi Gras parade. They commended the staff, members of Public Works, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department & all other agencies that contributed to the preparation and cleanup.

Chief Cody Louviere stated that twenty minor calls for service were received, and one arrest was made.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of March 14, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, approving the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
Motion Approved.

6. FINANCE REPORT

6.1 Approval of February 2024 finance report

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon Bares, approving the February 2024 Finance Report.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Clare Morley to request a variance to allow her to postpone the installation of a sidewalk for a photography studio, located at 2513 Bonin Rd.

Ms. Morley stated she would like to postpone the sidewalk until there is something to connect it with.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, granting a variance to allow Clare Morley to postpone the installation of a sidewalk for her photography studio, located at 2513 Bonin Rd. until there is a need for the connection.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

7.2 Chad Huesers to request a variance to allow a reduction in a garage setback from 25' to 20', for Lot 10 of Sabal South.

The Council passed on this item & combined it with Item 7.3. No objection was heard.

7.3 Consider a variance to allow a reduction in the garage setback from 25' to 20', for all remaining corner and cul-de-sac lots (#s 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 34, 35, 37, 47, 48, 52 & 57) of Sabal South.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, granting a variance to allow a reduction in a garage setback from 25' to 20', for all remaining corner and cul-de-sac lots (#s 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 34, 35, 37, 47, 48, 52 & 57) of Sabal South, as amended to include Lot #10 for Chad Huesers.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- Road Projects: Concurrence received from FP&C for final GMP for Ph. 1 of Hwy. 89 and Fortune Rd. Roundabout Projects. S. Lariviere - addressing comments from DOTD to finalize cost estimates to resubmit. 2022 Roadway Improvements - adjust driveways to address punch list items. 2024 Roadway Improvements - finishing plans to put out for bid. Southern Connector – tweaking alignment.
- Drainage Projects: Anslem Coulee - survey complete, received environmental feedback & addressing archeological matters. The completed detention ponds allow for a lower BFE, working on mapping that will help with homeowners’ insurance.
- Sports Complex- Opening day for baseball & softball this Saturday with 1600 players. Will recognize Mr. & Mrs. MacGyver & their committee members for help with “Sports for All”, for inclusive play of sports. Raising Canes Tennis Center was one of seven host sights for Crawfish Classic. Sugarcane Showdown featuring UL Men’s Tennis team this Saturday. USPTA - Southern Division notified that Bill Bryan will be inducted into their hall of fame. Conference USA Collegiate Beach Volleyball Tournament will be televised live on ESPN+ April 25-27. Pixus Splash Park opens May 1. VFW Women's Auxiliary Cookoff - Saturday April 20. Schlumberger family event - 410 participants. There are a limited number of naming rights & available sponsorships at expansion site. Thanked Lions Club for the donated inclusive play set that will be located at expansion of the sports complex.
- Water & Sewer Projects: Wastewater Treatment Plant - received LDH permit, waiting on LDEQ & Fire Marshal approval. Pump Station 4 – waiting on rate study. Water Plant - bids opening May 1. Elevated Storage Rank - received LDH approval. Sugar Mill Pond Pump Station Upgrade - in progress coordinating with SMP engineer.
- Mayor Ritter congratulated McBade Engineers & Consultants for celebrating their 8th anniversary.

8.2 Council Announcements

- Matt Romero – Chamber did phenomenal job with annual banquet & congratulated those recognized.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano 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