

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 09, 2026 AT 6:00
PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Joe Cormier, First Assembly Youngsville.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pack 457.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Terry Bourque (COO), Jean Paul Broussard (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Tim Robichaux (Parks & Rec).

3. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

- 3.1 Francis Touchet, Jr., Superintendent of Lafayette Parish School System provided a quarterly update.
- 3.2 Charles Sharma with Krewe De Acadian announced the 2026 BYOB (Bringing You Our Best) Hamburger & Hotdog Festival to be held at the Youngsville Sports Complex Amphitheater on April 12.
- 3.3 William "Dirk" Soileau with Entergy addressed the Council with information on services to the City of Youngsville.

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 Approval of March 12, 2026 minutes.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Simone B. Champagne, approving the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

5. FINANCE REPORT

- 5.1 Approval of February 2026 finance report.

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, approving the February 2026 finance report.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Discuss a variance to the Land Use Regulations for a Slemco substation, to be located at 1029 Savoy Road.

Glenn Angelle and Charles Kramer with Slemco provided brief information on the various substations that provide service to the City of Youngsville. Mr. Angelle acknowledged the hurdles Slemco is experiencing in order to provide power to the growing city. As a result, Slemco previously purchased 5 acres of land on Savoy Rd next to an existing transmission line in order to bring 5 new circuits to solely serve the City of Youngsville.

Questions and concerns were raised by the members of the Council and public as it relates to the proposed substation.

Mayor Ritter advised that the required variances would include a waiver for the 100' greenbelt and a waiver for a number of trees per equivalent acre, for the three sides that abut residential lots. In addition, a waiver to the 400' commercial development requirement would be necessary.

Public comment was received from: Jason Leonard, George Taylor, Bradley Kohrt, Rick Kohrt, Reid Smith, Bryan McElroy, Kelly Daniel, Kathy Crutchfield and Ricky Murphy.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, denying variances to the Land Use Regulations for a Slemco substation, to be located at 1029 Savoy Road.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

- 6.2 Bryan McClain requested a variance to the rear setback for a shed located at 117 Greenhouse Rd., Charli's Crossing.

Motion made by Nicholas Niland, seconded by Matt Romero, granting a variance to the rear setback for a shed located at 117 Greenhouse Rd., Charli's Crossing.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

7. RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 Resolution No. 2026-12 - A Resolution amending the 2025-2026 1981 Sales Tax Fund Budget to accept a \$50,000 award in Opioid Abatement funds, and to allocate said funds to a mobile camera surveillance trailer; and further authorize the Mayor to execute any and all agreements associated with this grant project.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon Bares, adopting Resolution No. 2026-12.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Approved.

8. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

8.1 Ordinance No. 511-2026 - An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 130 "Land Use Regulations" to establish procedures for commercial development variances.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, introducing Ordinance No. 511-2026.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- Roads/Drainage: Fortune Rd. Ext. - 95% complete, adding an apron for big trucks. Hwy. 89 Improvements - 85% complete on Ph. 1A, Ph. 1B is 30% complete, Ph. 2 is 60% complete with plans. Hwy. 92/Prescott - 90% complete with design. Chemin Agreeable improvements pending as current focus is on left turn lanes on Hwy 92 which is about 40% complete. Stripe Project - plans and specs to go over with mayor. Lariviere Rd - 50% complete. Hwy 89. Sidewalk Grant – in CEA phase. Submitted for a grant for road improvements for Hwy 89 south of Church St to Chemin Metairie. Lariviere & Hwy 92 Roundabout – kickoff meeting being scheduled.
- Water/Sewer: WWTP – formed the foundation of the headworks, preparing foundation for sequencing batch reactors. Water Plant – advertising bids for 4th filter. SMP Pump Station – progressing on plans. Pump Station 5 – pending funds. Pump Station 1 – impellers ordered. Pump Stations 8 & 17 – submitting to LDH for permitting.
- Sports Complex: teams and leagues continue with games. Conference USA Collegiate Women’s Beach Tournament on April 23 – 25, televised on ESPN. Youngsville Lions Club Fais Do Do Festival & Litter Pick Up Day on April 18. Farmers Market on Saturday at Foster Park.
- Chamber Banquet on April 21. Rotary Club has open scholarship opportunity.

9.2 Council Announcements

- Councilman Niland – Announced Healthy Kids Running Series kickoff at Foster Park this Sunday. Addressed e-bike concerns used by children throughout the City.
- Councilman Bolgiano –Eggstravaganza was phenomenal. Welcomed back Miguel Cardoza, Combat Medic with the 2nd Battalion, 56th Infantry.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Shannon Bares, to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry
Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter
Ken Ritter, Mayor