



# City of Lake Charles

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

326 Pujo Street  
P.O. Box 1178  
Lake Charles, LA 70602-  
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Wednesday, December 5, 2012

5:30 pm

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - Mark Eckard, President of the Council, presided**

**INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Marshall Simien, Jr.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Dana Carl Jackson, Marshall Simien and Luvertha August

**Absent:** Stuart Weatherford

*Also present were Mayor Randy Roach, Mr. Billy E. Loftin, Jr., City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

*Mayor Roach recognized Lt. James Steward for his efforts in arranging for the painting of the army tank at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mr. Weatherford entered the meeting.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Dana Carl Jackson, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 420-12** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. 2012-609, CP. No. 2944, Demolition of North Underground Reservoir at the George West Water Plant.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen as Chairman.**

2.      **483-12**      An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at the rear of 2008 Gieffers Street, Edward Washington and Mazie Washington, owners.
- Mr. Loftin presented photographs and a report as to the condition of the structure and requested to proceed with the demolition with the normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Simien recommended time delays of 30/60 which were approved by the following vote.*
- A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- For:**            John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August
- Enactment No:** 16461
3.      **484-12**      An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1329 Fournet Street, Kimberli Tremayne Williams, owner.
- Deleted due to incorrect owner information.**
4.      **690-11**      An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. 2011-594, CP. No. 3143, 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation.
- Sponsors:**      Rodney Geyen
- A motion was made that this matter be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Asphalt Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$230,371.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- For:**            John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August
- Enactment No:** 16462
5.      **485-12**      An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for purchase of PVC and Ductile Iron Pipe for a one year period, with the option to renew for an additional one (1) year period, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.
- Sponsors:**      Dana Carl Jackson
- A motion was made that this matter be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Louisiana Utilities Supply, Co. in the amount of \$131,889.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- For:**            John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August
- Enactment No:** 16463

6.        **533-12**        An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase Five (5) 4-Door, Full-size, Rear Wheel Drive, Police Package Sport Utility Vehicles, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Patrol Division, through State Contract No. 409387.

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**        John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16464

7.        **535-12**        An ordinance authorizing the City enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office to accept the donation of a vehicle purchased by the District Attorney's Office for use by the Lake Charles Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division.

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**        John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16465

8.        **536-12**        An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in order to re-zone property located at 1228-1232 North Wendell Street, from Residential to a Business Zoning District to construct a Raceway Market Development.

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**        John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16466

9.        **537-12**        An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in order to re-zone property located at the south side of the 2500 block of Industrial Avenue, from Residential to a Mixed Use Zoning District to construct an accessory gravel parking and truck staging area for the existing industrial uses.

*Alfred Ceasar 2709 N. General Wainwright stated his concerns about dust particles in the air coming from the business at this location. Mr. Geyen recommended amending to ordinance to require an 8 foot fence along the south side of the property. Phillip Guzzino, 4319 Edgewater Dr., answered questions from the Council regarding hours of operation of the business which he indicated would be normal business hours.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Geyen, seconded by Councilman Simien, that this matter be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**        John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16467

- 10. 538-12** An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16468

- 11. 540-12** An ordinance authorizing an extension of the deadlines on a condemned structure located at 649 V. E. Washington Avenue, Leona Pickens Estate, Martha Pickens Pettaway, Mary Pickens Collins, Jessie Pickens, Walter Pickens, Joseph D. Pickens, Anna M. Pickens, Leon N. Pickens and Caroline Mitchell Thompson Glenn, owners.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Deferred to the December 19, 2012 City Council meeting.**

- 12. 546-12** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a moratorium on permits to erect crematoriums within the city limits of the City of Lake Charles pending the findings of the City Council committee.

**Sponsors:** Dana Carl Jackson

**Deferred to the January 16, 2013 City Council meeting.**

- 13. 547-12** An ordinance naming an unnamed alley running east of Hodges St. to Common St. between 10th St. and 11th St. "M. H. Jessen Alley"

**Sponsors:** John Ieyoub

*Barbara Fruge, 2201 Fitzenreiter Rd., spoke in favor of naming the alley after her great grandfather who originally owned the Hodges Street property.*

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16469

14.      559-12      Introduction and final action on an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to allocate funds from the City's unappropriated Capital Project funds to finance emergency repairs to the south exterior wall of the Lake Charles Civic Center

*Mr. Loftin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was due to the dire condition of the structure.*

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted as amended and introduced as read into the record by Billy Loftin. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**            John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 16470

### **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS MAY BE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**

18.      557-12      A resolution cancelling the Lake Charles City Council Agenda meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 25, 2012 due to the Christmas Holiday

**Sponsors:**      Mark Eckard

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**            John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 200-12

19.      558-12      A resolution authorizing a Special Event Permit be issued to the Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo to allow horses to be included in the 2013 Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo Parade

**Sponsors:**      Dana Carl Jackson and Stuart Weatherford

*Blaine Crochet, 7101 Gulf Highway, representing the Southwest District Livestock Show and Rodeo, requested a special permit be issued granting permission to have horses in the Rodeo parade. The parade is scheduled for January 31, 2012 in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Southwest District Livestock Show and Rodeo. Glenn Daigle, who is in charge of the trail ride, answered questions from the Council regarding their plan for clean-up after the parade. It was suggested the item be deferred to the December 19, 2012 City Council meeting to allow time to meet to discuss the requirements for parades in the City limits.*

**Deferred to the December 19, 2012 City Council meeting.**

20.     **561-12**     A resolution naming the southwest softball field at Henry Heights Recreation Center as "Bob Poullard Field"

**Sponsors:**     Stuart Weatherford

**A motion was made that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**             John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Enactment No:** 201-12

15.     **549-12**     A resolution accepting Project No. CP3114, Pear Street Overlay and Drainage Improvements, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

**This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Enactment No:** 202-12

16.     **550-12**     A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase Six (6) New Patrol Handheld Thermal Viewers, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department.

**This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Enactment No:** 203-12

17.     **551-12**     A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve, as amended, a request for a Variance in order to construct a 30' x 24' open carport 27 1/2' from the front setback versus the required 30', within a Residential Zoning District, at 2222 Orchid Street.

**This Matter was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Enactment No:** 204-12

### **Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:**             John Ieyoub, Mark Eckard, Dana Carl Jackson, Rodney Geyen, Marshall Simien, Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

21.     **552-12**     An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase Six (6) New Patrol Handheld Thermal Viewers, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**
22.     **553-12**     An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to approve requests from public procurement units within the State of Louisiana, as defined in La. R.S. 39:1701 to purchase materials and supplies under publicly procured contracts approved by the City Council of the City of Lake Charles prior to and during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and to authorize the City to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with said public procurement units.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**
23.     **554-12**     An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Bolton Ford to purchase Eleven (11) Half Ton Single Cab Trucks for use by the Public Works Department, Street Division, (1), Vehicle Maintenance (1), Wastewater Division (4), and Water Division (5) utilizing the additional purchase option provided by Ordinance No. 16274, approved and adopted on May 2, 2012.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**
24.     **555-12**     An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Abell & Son to purchase One (1) Diesel, Two Wheel Drive Backhoe Loader Tractor, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division utilizing the additional purchase option provided by Ordinance No. 16207, approved and adopted on March 7, 2012.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**
25.     **556-12**     An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. 2012-612, CP No. 3159, 30" Sewer Main CIPP Lining Franklin Street from Church Street to Pryce Street, Pryce Street from Franklin Street to 1st Avenue; and 1st Avenue from Pryce Street approximately 80 feet.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**
26.     **560-12**     An ordinance removing the 10% cap on change orders for the Bord du Lac Park - Children's Playground, CP #DD0008.
- Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**

27.      562-12      An ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs on Tulane Street at the intersection of Harvard Street creating an all-way stop

**Sponsors:**      Stuart Weatherford

**Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.**

*Mr. Eckard stated items 21 through 27 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, December 6th at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**



STATE OF LOUISIANA :

PARISH OF CALCASIEU :

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux  
LYNN F. THIBODEAUX  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

STATE OF LOUISIANA :

PARISH OF CALCASIEU :

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Ordinances adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 5th day of December, 2012.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux  
LYNN F. THIBODEAUX  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL