



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks,  
Marshall Simien, Jr., Stuart Weatherford  
Council President: Rodney Geyen*

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - Rodney Geyen, president of the council, presided**

**INVOCATION - Mark Eckard**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Marshall Simien**

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mark Eckard, President or Presiding Officer Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks, Marshall Simien Jr., Stuart Weatherford, and Luvertha August

**Absent:** 0

*Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

#### 1. 186-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of an annual supply of polymer flocculants for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, for a one (1) year period, with the option to renew on same terms for an additional twelve (12) months.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman**

#### 2. 296-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase replacement curtains for the Rosa Hart Theatre.

**Sponsors:** Craig Marks

**Appointed Craig Marks Chairman**

**3. 332-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of annual supply of water meters, under a twelve (12) month contract with the option to renew for an additional twelve (12) months, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Appointed Luvertha August Chairperson**

**4. 333-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of water treatment chemicals for the period of twelve (12) months, with an option to renew on the same terms for an additional twelve (12) months, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

**Sponsors:** Stuart Weatherford

**Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman**

**5. 334-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3303, Transit Bus Storage Paving.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman**

**6. 335-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3336, Oak Park Lateral Drainage Improvements.

**Sponsors:** Craig Marks

**Appointed Craig Marks Chairman**

**7. 346-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3391, West Oak Lane Drainage Improvements.

**Sponsors:** Stuart Weatherford

**Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****8. 328-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1206 North Wendell Street (House and Shed), William Cahee, Jr., owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Simien recommended time delays of 15/15 which were approved by the following vote:*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18982

**9. 329-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 416 South Shattuck Street, Edward Syas, Jr., owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August recommended time delays of 15/15 which were approved by the following vote:*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18983

**10. 330-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3006 General Collins Drive, Sandra Marie Isaac, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Sandra Isaac, 1918 Augusta St., Westlake, La. owner of the property, indicated she would like to sell the property to the Louisiana Watershed program. She stated she is in area three and they are now in area one. Mr. Geyen indicated this property is in poor condition and has been for over a year. Janie Williams,*

3005 General Collins Drive, spoke in favor of the demolition stating people were sleeping in the garage and old furniture was being dumped at the location. Her husband, Wayne Williams, indicated police have been called due to this activity. Mr. Morgan indicated this location was considered by the PPDR program for assistance and is being appealed. Mr. Williams reported tall grass concerns in the neighborhood. Reginald Jenkins with the Property Standards Department stated the area will be inspected. After discussion from the Council, Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 15/30 which were approved by the following vote:

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18984

## 11. 331-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 901 East McNeese Street, Lake City Construction, Inc., owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Gerald Guillory, 4221 Beau Chene Dr., owner of the property, stated he was a contractor and planned on repairing the structure and was waiting for clearance from the Fire Marshal. Mr. Marks recommended time delays of 30/30 which were approved by the following vote:*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18985

## 12. 365-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an Entity State Agreement with Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development for Project No. CP3277, Enterprise Boulevard Overlay - Broad Street to 12th Street.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18986

**13. 366-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional services agreement with The Picard Group.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18987

**14. 380-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3311, Louisiana Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation.

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended quote from B & J, Inc. in the amount of \$99,530.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18988

**15. 382-21**

An ordinance allowing Tiffany Dawn Natali Fontenot, to extend and access sewer services for a proposed commercial development located at 2313 Country Club Road, outside the corporate limits of City of Lake Charles as outlined in Sec. 21-57(d) and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to execute any and all agreements related thereto.

*Mr. Morgan stated the property owners agreed to be annexed into the city.*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18989

## **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**

### **16. 383-21**

A resolution accepting Project No. OP7304, Broad Street Incinerator Repairs, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 167-21

### **17. 384-21**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3316, New Municipal Golf Course - Cart Storage Facility and Parking Area, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 168-21

### **18. 385-21**

A resolution accepting Project No. HL-25, Storm Repairs - Central School - Roof Replacement, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 169-21

### **19. 386-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-15, Bord7 Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. John Ieyoub was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 170-21

### **20. 387-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-66, Lake Charles Police Department Station Renovations.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Marshall Simien was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 171-21

### **21. 395-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new one ton regular cab with

service body pickup truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Communication/Traffic Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Luvertha August was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 172-21

**22. 396-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase one (1) new three-wheel sweeper, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mark Eckard was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 173-21

**23. 397-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new mid-size sport utility vehicle, for use by the Public Works Department, Engineering Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Craig Marks was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 174-21

### **Approval of 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:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

### **THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 11:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**24. 388-21**

An ordinance abandoning a 60' x 65' more or less portion of street located at dead-end of 500 block of Emerald Street.

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

**25. 389-21**

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18783, passed and adopted on August 19, 2020 to correct minor omissions and make minor corrections to the "Drainage Requirements for Developments" ordinance.

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

**26. 390-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Billy Navarre Chevrolet to purchase three (3) new Chevrolet Traverse for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Support and Investigations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400018787.

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

**27. 391-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-148, Center Street Water Facility Interior Renovations.

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

**28. 392-21**

An ordinance authorizing the settlement of a claim against the City of Lake Charles in the suit styled "Nicole Edwards vs. City of Lake Charles, et al", No. 2:19-cv-01150, on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division.

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

**29. 393-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-15, Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

**Sponsors:** John Ieyoub

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

**30. 394-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-66, Lake Charles Police Department Station Renovations.

**Sponsors:** Marshall Simien

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

**31. 398-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Clark Equipment company d/b/a Bobcat Company to



purchase one (1) new mini excavator for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400017962.

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

**32. 399-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Bolton Ford to purchase three (3) new small size four-door sport utility vehicles for use by the Planning (1) and Permit Center (2) Departments, utilizing the additional purchase option provided by Ordinance No. 18901, approved and adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2021.

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

**33. 400-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one (1) new one ton regular cab with service body pickup truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Communication/Traffic Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

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

**34. 401-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new three-wheel sweeper, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

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

**35. 402-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one (1) new mid-size sport utility vehicle, for use by the Public Works Department, Engineering Division.

**Sponsors:** Craig Marks

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

**36. 403-21**

An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the

2020-2021 fiscal year.

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

**37. 404-21**

An ordinance amending Section 1-8 of Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles to increase the fine for violations of the ordinances of the City of Lake Charles.

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

**38. 405-21**

An ordinance amending Section 12-5.9 of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles related to blighted and abandoned properties to reduce the period of time for which a commercial structure may be boarded and to increase the fines for violations of this section.

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

**39. 406-21**

An ordinance creating a privilege in favor of the City of Lake Charles for the costs of demolition of condemned, abandoned, and/or blighted properties, providing for notice, delivery, lien rights, interest, ranking of liens, and providing for other matters related thereto.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Geyen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be October 20, 2021.

*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 6th day of October, 2021.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 8th day of October, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council*

*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 6th day of October, 2021.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 8th day of October, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

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