



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen  
Ronnie Harvey Jr, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford  
Council President: John Ieyoub*

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Wednesday, February 1, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - John Ieyoub, President of the Council, presided**

**INVOCATION - Craig Marks**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Police Chief Shawn Caldwell**

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 0

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

*Mr. Ieyoub stated item number 9 was being deferred to the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting and would not be discussed at this meeting.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2023

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

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

**Against:** 0

#### 1. 692-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3308, Downtown Streetscape Phase II.

**Sponsors:** Ronnie Harvey,

**Appointed Ronnie Harvey, Jr. Chairman.**

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**2. 497-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2212 Common Street, Ray M. Morgan Estate, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the commercial 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. Morgan stated the owner has making repairs and recommended deferring the item to the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting.*

**Deferred to the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting.**

**3. 520-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 124 Ryan Street, James Bernard Mistretta, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the commercial 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. Morgan stated this item was deferred to this meeting in order for the owner to repair the roof and secure the building which he did complete as requested. Mr. Harvey recommended deleting the item.*

**Mr. Harvey recommended deleting the item as requested repairs have been completed and the building is secured.**

**4. 648-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2837 Wingate Street, Kenneth Ray McManus, Jr. and Melissa D'Laine McManus, owners.

*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. Kenneth McManus, 181 S. Pine Dr. Ragley, LA. He stated he did try to remove some of the grass and trees however, it is very wet and the property needs to be able to dry. Mr. Harvey recommended time delays of 30/90. The ordinance passed by the following vote.*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19475

**5. 708-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3000 Broad Street, Southern Amusement Company, 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. George Crosby, 3236 Queens Circle, representing Southern Amusement, stated he has a letter of intent to purchase the property and requested additional time to complete the sale. Ms. August recommended deferring the item to the April 5 City Council meeting. If he receives a purchase contract he will deliver it to the Legal Department in City Hall.*

**Deferred to the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting.**

**6. 709-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1926 11th Street, Equicredit Corporation of America, 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. Dwayne Brown, 3878 Levy Loop, has been working on the house and working on getting a permit. FEMA is involved and it is in a flood zone so things have been complicated. Ms. August recommending deferring the item to the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting.*

**Deferred to April 5, 2023.**

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

**Against:** 0

**7. 710-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 619 Enterprise Boulevard, Treyvon M. Gumms, 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. Leroy Gumms, 261 Caldera St., Paris, CA, owner, wants to repair the structure and pulled a permit and has a contractor working on repairing the structure. Ms. August recommended deferring the item to the May 3, 2023 City Council meeting.*

**Deferred to the May 3, 2023 City Council meeting.**

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

**Against:** 0

**8. 711-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 407 South 1st Avenue, Joann Nixon Gatlin and Harold Jacob Nixon, owners.

*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. The ordinance passed by the following vote.*

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

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19476

**9. 712-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3537 Greinwich Boulevard, KAJA Holdings 2, LLC, owner.

**Deferred to the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting in order to appoint a curator.**

**10. 713-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2444 6th Street, Aubrey Cecil Cooley, 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. Geyen recommended time delays of 15/15. The ordinance passed by the following vote.*

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

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19477

**11. 714-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 740 18th Street, Crystal Lynn Trahan, Megan Renee' Trahan and Mattheau Gunner Trahan, owners.

*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. Crystal Trahan, 3738 Burl Lee Rd stated they plan on tearing the structure down. Mr. Ieyoub recommended time delays of 30/60 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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19478

**12. 715-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2150 Willowick Street, Dorie Ruth Clements Newport, 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. Marks recommended time delays of 15/15. The ordinance passed by the following vote.*

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

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19479

**13. 32-23**

An ordinance adopting the latest editions of the State Uniform Construction Code adopted by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and enacted by the Louisiana Legislature, hereby amending Sec. 6-35 (1-7) of Chapter 6, of the Lake Charles Code of Ordinances effective January 1, 2023.

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

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19480

**14. 39-23**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance allowing the funding of additional hurricane improvement items for Project No. HL-53, City Hall Interior and Exterior Repairs.

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19481

**14a. 42-23**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance to accept the Best Quote for fencing repairs at College Oaks ballfields.

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19482

**15. 698-22**

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. for a series of parades to be held Friday, February 17, 2023 through Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in celebration of Mardi Gras 2023.

*Rebecca Moss, 4180 Weaver Rd. was present and available to answer questions from the Council. With no questions being asked, the resolution was adopted by the following vote.*

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 22-23

**16. 33-23**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3324, AMI Collector Site Electrical Improvements, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

**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:**

Enactment No: 23-23

**17. 34-23**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3359, St. Louis Area Drainage Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 24-23

**18. 35-23**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3246, Wastewater System Improvements - Salene Road, Lawrence Lane, and A Miller Road.

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

Enactment No: 25-23

**19. 41-23**

A resolution declaring Lock Park a "Family Friendly Zone" during the 2023 Mardi Gras parade activities, and requesting the Lake Charles Police Department enforce the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles that prohibit the possession, consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages in parks within the City of Lake Charles and prohibit parking within the Lock Park grounds during the 2023 Mardi Gras parades.

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

Enactment No: 26-23

## **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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 10:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**20. 36-23**

An ordinance amending Sec. 3-4 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the proximity of permitted alcoholic beverage control outlets to schools, churches, etc.

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

**21. 37-23**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase tracts of land in the 1500 block of North Martin Luther King, from the record owner.

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

**22. 38-23**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with McNeese State University to establish and construct the LNG Center of Excellence.

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

**23. 40-23**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3246, Wastewater System Improvements - Salene Road, Lawrence Lane, and A Miller Road.

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

*Mr. Ieyoub stated items 20 - 23 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 10:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.*



**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is February 15, 2023.

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 1st day of February, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of February, 2023. 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 1st day of February, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of February, 2023. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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