



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Mary Morris,  
Johnnie Thibodeaux, Stuart Weatherford  
Council President: Luvertha August*

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Luvertha August, President of the Council, presided

**INVOCATION** – Rodney Geyen

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Stuart Weatherford

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris, and Stuart Weatherford

**Absent:** 0

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

*The monthly financial reports for December, 2019 were provided to the City Council members by the Department of Finance. The reports include the Budget to Actual Revenues and the Budget to Actual Expenditures.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2020

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**1. 414-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2126 Legion Street, Hardcore Records, LLC, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition with the normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18622

**2. 420-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 405 North 1st Avenue, Edwina Handsome, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure. Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition with normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. Morris 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18623

**3. 464-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 620 Boston Street, Treyvon M. Gumms and Theresa Lewis Davis Day, owners.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure. Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition with normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18624

**4. 465-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1311 Pine Street, Jonathan Gray and Jaquay Jackson Gray, owners.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure. Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition with normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18625

**5. 466-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2707 Fruge Street, Nelson Louis Carmouche and Bernice Marie Carmouche, owners.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure. Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition with normal delays. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. Morris 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18626

**6. 467-19**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1118 South Elton Court, Yolanda Angeline Herrigan, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure. Mr. Morgan presented photographs and requested to proceed with the demolition under the emergency ordinance due to the structure being burned and dangerous. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Thibodeaux recommended emergency delays of 24 hours 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18627

**7. 439-19**

An ordinance accepting Croyant Court, street right-of-ways, drainage, water and sewer lines and traffic control devices in Croyant Court Subdivision, for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18628

**8. 469-19**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3294, Southwest Water Plant Chlorine Containment.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$612,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18629

**9. 500-19**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an A&E Agreement with Spell Structure Consulting, LLC for engineering services for Broad Street Incinerator Repairs.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18630

**10. 501-19**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to permanently close the intersection of Riverside Drive and Sallier Street to create a dead-end on Riverside Drive.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18631

**11. 509-19**

A resolution nominating a member to the Calcasieu Parish Public Library Board of Control to fill the expiring term of Willie L. Mount, said term to expire in January, 2020.

*Mr. Geyen offered a motion to rescind the action of the City Council taken on this matter on January 2, 2020.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Geyen, seconded by Mr. Ieyoub, that this item be rescinded. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

*David Morgan stated two applications were received for the position, one from Mr. Bill Shearman and one from Ms. Willie Mount. The order in which they arrived is the order in which they will be considered. Mr. Shearman will be taken up first, then Ms. Mount second. He stated it is a vote for someone, not a vote against someone. Ms. August called for a vote for Mr. Shearman*

**Mr. Shearman received one vote from Ms. Morris.**

*Ms. August called for a vote for Ms. Willie Mount. Ms. Mount was nominated by the following vote: Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, John Ieyoub and Johnnie Thibodeaux.*

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

**Did Not Vote:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 1-2020

**12. 1-2020**

A resolution accepting Project No. OP0403, Fire Station No. 7 Building Repairs, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 2-2020

**13. 2-2020**

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1705 North Martin Luther King Highway, David E. Grove, owner.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for March 4, 2020.**

Enactment No: 3-2020

**14. 3-2020**

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1705 7th Street, Leon Creadieur and Wynecia Creadieur Estate, owner.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for March 4, 2020.**

Enactment No: 4-2020

**15. 4-2020**

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1501 Pear Street, Murphy Fuselier, owner.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for March 4, 2020.**

Enactment No: 5-2020

**16. 5-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase one (1) new trailer-mounted six inch (6") sewer pump, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thibodeaux was appointed chairman.**

Enactment No: 6-2020

**17. 6-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase milk for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Geyen was appointed Chairman.**

Enactment No: 7-2020

**18. 7-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase food for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Geyen was appointed Chairman.**

Enactment No: 8-2020

**19. 8-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase food containers and other non-food items for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Geyen was appointed Chairman.**

Enactment No: 9-2020

**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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**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. 498-19**

An ordinance amending Sec. 5-203 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances to clarify language addressing the parking of vehicles in the front yard setbacks of certain developments.

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

**21. 9-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a contract with the State of Louisiana for the City of Lake Charles to operate a Summer Food Service Program for children 18 years of age and younger.

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



**22. 10-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a contract with the Calcasieu Parish School Board for the use of two (2) schools with adequate facilities for preparation sites for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

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

**23. 11-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with the Calcasieu Parish School Board to purchase surplus food items for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

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

**24. 12-2020**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1705 North Martin Luther King Highway, David E. Grove, owner.

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

**25. 13-2020**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1705 7th Street, Leon Creadieur and Wynecia Creadieur Estate, owner.

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

**26. 14-2020**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1501 Pear Street, Murphy Fuselier, owner.

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

**27. 15-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new trailer-mounted six inch (6") sewer pump, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division.

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

**28. 16-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of milk for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

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

**29. 17-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of food for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

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

**30. 18-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of food containers and other non-food items for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

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

*Ms. August stated items 20 through 30 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.*

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, Ms. August declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m. The next regular City Council meeting is February 5, 2020.

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 15th day of January, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 21st day of January, 2020. 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 15th day of January, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 21st day of January, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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