



City of Lake Charles

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Stuart Weatherford, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Nic Hunter

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, and Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 1 - Mary Morris

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 September, 2020 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 OCTOBER 21, 2020

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

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

Against: 0

1. 280-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3340, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Sale Road at Ryan Street Improvement.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

Appointed Johnnie Thibodeaux Chairman

2. 219-2020

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 Asphaltic Mixtures for Cold Application under a Twelve (12) month Contract with the option to renew for an additional Twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Unique Paving Materials as follows: Category A - \$120.00/Ton, Category B - \$145.53/Ton and Category C - \$11.04/Bag. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18787

3. 264-2020

An ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Lake Charles from a Residential Zoning District to a Mixed Use Zoning District at the northwest section of Common Street at Oakwood Street (including 108 Oakwood).

Tommy Quirk, 1004 8th St. requested a Mixed Use Zoning District instead of a Business Zoning District. After comments from the Council, a motion was made by Johnnie Thibodeaux seconded by John Ieyoub to allow a Mixed Use Zoning District. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: 18788

4. 265-2020

An ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Lake Charles from a Residential Zoning District to a Mixed Use Zoning District classification at the southeast corner of Nelson Road at Woodland Drive.

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

Enactment No: 18789

5. 274-2020

An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Mayor Hunter gave an overview of the budget amendment and the financial impacts of Hurricane Laura and Delta. He stated news received last week of a 100% FEMA cost share adjustment would be a significant savings to the City of Lake Charles. He stated the City has 43 fewer employees and a hiring freeze has been instituted. Employees that have had a slow-down in work activity have been reassigned to other departments. He outlined how construction projects are being handled as a result of COVID-19 and the hurricanes. Karen Harrell, Director of Finance, reviewed the budget amendment and answered questions from the Council. She stated the budget amendment was prepared prior to the news of the 100% FEMA cost share adjustment and was pleased about the additional funds.

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

Enactment No: 18790

6. 303-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Utility, Inc. (BodyWorn) for a cloud-based in-car/body-cam system for use by the Lake Charles Police Department.

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

Enactment No: 18791

7. 310-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18784 passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana on October 7, 2020 to extend the emergency ordinance for Hurricane Laura through December 31, 2020.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to continue the emergency relief services due to Hurricane Laura through the end of the year.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18792

8. 311-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance suspending Section 2-29(a) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana through December 31, 2020.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature is that this streamlines the public bid process which will allow the City to get its buildings repaired and for public safety and is a part of the recovery effort.

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

Enactment No: 18793

9. 312-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 18745 adopted by the Lake Charles City Council on August 19, 2020 to extend the dates and timelines for demolition of 1815 North Junior Street, Ernest Willis, Jr. Estate, owner.

The council previously gave timelines of 30/60 on August 19, 2020 and the demolition was pending due to Hurricane Laura. This is a request to set a new 30/60 deadline as the City was closed for several weeks due to Hurricane Laura.

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

Enactment No: 18794

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

10. 307-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase NetApp brand computer data storage equipment from CMA Technology Solutions through Louisiana State Contract #4400002790.

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

11. 308-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase Dell computers, servers, network equipment, computer security hardware and software, data storage equipment, and application software from CMA Technology Solutions through Louisiana State Contract #4400002525.

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

12. 309-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase Extreme Networks brand network equipment and related hardware and software from Kinetic IT Solutions through Louisiana State Contract #4400001078.

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

Mr. Weatherford stated items 10-12 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 9:00am in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be November 18, 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 4th day of November, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of November, 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 4th day of November, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of November, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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