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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, December 2, 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 - John Cardone

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Johnnie Thibodeaux, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris and Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 2 - John Ieyoub, and Luvertha August

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

Prior to the meeting, Rodney Geyen presented Stuart Weatherford with a Memorial Plaque on the passing of Bobby Gerald Weatherford, Mr. Weatherford's father. The services will be held on December 3, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

1. 80-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3364, 2019 Wastewater Pipe Bursting.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Horseshoe Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$521,731.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18799

- 2. 289-2020** An ordinance accepting the best proposal received from the Request for Proposals issued for services relating to FEMA disaster recovery Public Assistance Grant Programs and to enter an agreement with said firm to carry out services relating thereto.

Ms. Harrell outlined the selection process for the Request for Proposals issued for services relating to FEMA disaster recovery programs. She stated the list of the companies submitting proposals was provided to the Council and the top three proposals were sent to the Council for their review. Ms. Harrell stated the committee's recommendation to the Council is to accept the proposal from Hunt, Guilliot and Associates (HGA). Mr. Morgan stated the ordinance authorizes the City to accept the proposal from HGA and allows the city to enter into negotiations with them for a long term contract.

The Mayor and Council members congratulated Ms. Harrell on a job well done.

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

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18800

- 3. 297-2020** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase forty (40) sets of structural firefighting bunker gear for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

Sponsors: John leyoub

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Casco Industries in the amount of \$66,080.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18801

4. 316-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase Ninety-two (92) portable clear ballistic shields, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, utilizing the additional purchase option provided by Ordinance No. 18699, approved and adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2020.

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

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18802

5. 320-2020

An ordinance allowing Capital Growth Buchalter Inc., to extend and connect water services for a proposed commercial retail store located at 6840 Big Lake Road, outside corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles as outlined in Section 21-57(d) and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to execute any and all agreements related thereto.

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

For: 5 - Thibodeaux, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18803

6. 321-2020

A resolution accepting Hurricane Laura - US 90 Emergency 12-inch Water Main Replacement project as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

Enactment No: 125-2020 - This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

7. 322-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3345 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Overlay Package No. 1 as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 126-2020

8. 323-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3305 George H. West Water Treatment Plant - Pressure Filter System Rehabilitation, Phase II as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 127-2020

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: 5 - Thibodeaux, 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 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**9. 315-2020**

An ordinance providing for a one-time special exception to the enforcement of Sec. 3-33 of the Code of Ordinances and further providing for the suspension of the assessment of the delinquency penalties related to the late filing of a renewal application for an alcoholic beverage dealer's permit from November 01, 2020 to January 01, 2021.

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

10. 324-2020

An ordinance providing for a one-time special exception to the enforcement of Sec. 12-2 of the Code of Ordinances suspending the assessment of the delinquency interests and penalties related to the late payment of occupational license taxes from the March 01, 2021 deadline to April 01, 2021 and further providing for the reduction of the occupational license renewal taxes for 2021.

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

11. 325-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Catholic Charities to fund a water/sewer utility service bill payment assistance program managed by Catholic Charities for the benefit of the customers of City of Lake Charles utilities who were adversely affected by COVID-19.

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

12. 326-2020

An ordinance of the City Council for the City of Lake Charles providing for a temporary suspension of the collection of the City of Lake Charles' bus fares as fixed pursuant to Sec. 22-1 and Sec. 22-1.1 of the Code of Ordinances from December 17, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

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

13. 327-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3362 2020 Lift Station Rehabilitation - Claire Gardens and Sowela.

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

14. 328-2020

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that grants economic incentives to AA Billiards for the construction of a retail store within the Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District.

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

Mr. Weatherford stated items 9-14 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be December 16, 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 2nd day of December, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 8th day of December, 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 2nd day of December, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 8th day of December, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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