



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, April 7, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

INVOCATION - Mark Eckard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Judge Ron Richard

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris, and President or Presiding Officer Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 1 - John Ieyoub

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

Mr. Weatherford stated items 6 and 27 were being deferred to the April 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2021

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

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

Against: 0

11a. 86-21

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to participate in the amnesty program proposed by the Lake Charles City Court and the Ward Three Marshal's Office whereby fines, court costs and other fees may be reduced for outstanding warrants and other criminal proceedings.

Without objections, this item was considered first on the agenda.

City Court Judge Jamie Bice gave an overview of the amnesty program proposed by the Lake Charles City Court and the Ward Three Marshal's Office. City Court Judge Ron Richard explained the marketing program and urged the City Council Members to help get the word out about the program. Both Judges answered questions from the Council. The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18845

PUBLIC HEARINGS**1. 33-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 511 First Avenue, Don Erik Muhammad, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Don Muhammad, 1517 Martha St., owner of the property, stated he planned on repairing the structure. Ms. August recommended time delays of 30/30 and indicated that if he was making progress with the repairs, he could request an extension. The time delays were approved by the following vote:

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18846

2. 34-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1900 7th Street, Ella Soileau Rougeau, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned 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 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: 6 - Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18847

3. 35-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2609 Common Street (Carport Only), Zelli, LLC, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Louis Stutes, representing the owner, stated he planned on demolishing the structure. Time delays of 15/30 were approved by the following vote:

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

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

Against: 0

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Enactment No: 18848

4. 338-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of public safety uniforms for use by the Lake Charles Fire and Police Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bids from Acadian Promotional Products for categories 1, 2, 3, 5 and 9 in the amount of \$1,012.85, ordered on as-needed basis and Barney's, Inc. for categories 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 in the amount of \$1,401.45, ordered on as-needed basis. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18849

5. 21-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of janitorial supplies for use by various City of Lake Charles Divisions and Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for one (1) additional twelve (12) month period.

Sponsors: John leyoub

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bids from Cajun Chemical in the amount of \$4,453.44 for items 13, 108 and 109; Economical Janitorial & Paper Supplies in the amount of \$334,716.12 for items 1, 12, 14-93,101-107 and 110-114; and Interboro Packaging in the amount of \$5,354.12 for items 94-100. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18850

6. 347-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3177, West Prien Lake Road Widening, Cove Lane to Ihles Road

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Deferred to the April 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

7. 32-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3360, Foster Street and Riverside Drive Drainage Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: John leyoub

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Asphalt Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$287,330.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18851

8. 47-21

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into A&E agreements with architects, engineers and other consultants with whom the City of Lake Charles has existing professional service agreements for the purpose of hurricane repairs and rebuilding.

Ms. Morris asked Mr. Huber, out of the companies that submitted a RFQ, how many have looked at hiring minority companies or small businesses. Mr. Huber stated when the companies go out for bids our departments encourage the hiring of minority contractors and disadvantaged business enterprises. Ms. Morris stated for the record that we have an ordinance regarding this and we want to make sure they are reaching out to the minority businesses and the small businesses.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18852

9. 48-21

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive), containing 0.76 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Michael Murff, 5577 E. Pinewood Dr. representing the applicant, spoke regarding the ordinance. Ms. Morris asked if a cost analysis was done as required. Mr. Morgan responded stating annexations do not require a cost analysis. Ms. Morris expressed her concern regarding annexing property into the city, providing water and sewer while the sewer issues in Council District A are not addressed.

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18853

10. 49-21

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Mixed Use to 0.76 acres, more or less, generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive).

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18854

11. 50-21

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "F" to newly annexed property containing 0.76 acres more or less generally described as 2302 Smith Road (Southeast section Smith Road at its intersection with East Pinewood Drive).

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18855

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

12. 51-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve a Preliminary and Final Subdivision approval in order to subdivide a .21-acre tract of land into two (2) residential development tracts with a lot size variance, within a Neighborhood Zoning District at 715 Iris Street.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The Public Hearing date is April 21, 2021.

Enactment No: 17-21

13. 52-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3295, Southwest Water Treatment Plant New Ground Storage Tank #2, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 18-21

14. 53-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3296, 2019 Asphalt Overlays, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 19-21

15. 54-21

A resolution accepting Project No. HL-82, Greinwich Village Lift Station Electrical Supply and Controls, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 20-21

16. 55-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3300, 2018 Sidewalk Construction, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 21-21

17. 56-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3330, Kirkman Street Bridge Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 22-21

18. 57-21

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

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mary Morris was designated Chairperson.

Enactment No: 23-21

19. 58-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase one (1) side loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division.

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

Enactment No: 24-21

20. 59-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive bids to purchase one (1) rear-end loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Trash Collection Division.

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

Enactment No: 25-21

21. 60-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of bulk lubricants, for a one (1) year period, with the option to renew for up to two additional twelve-month periods, for use by all City of Lake Charles Departments.

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

Enactment No: 26-21

22. 67-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3308, Streetscape - Mill and Division, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 27-21

23. 68-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration on alteration of shoreline (Prien Lake) through the repair of an existing breakwater utilizing rip-rap, at 3320 Country Club Drive, by Leonard Knapp, Jr.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The Public Hearing date is April 21, 2021

Enactment No: 28-21

24. 75-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a request for qualifications for contractor services to pre-qualify contractors with experience in Restoration and Rehabilitation of structures individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places to complete work at the 1911 Old City Hall located at 1011 Ryan Street.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Rodney Geyen was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 29-21

25. 83-21

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake Charles supporting applications by housing developers to the Louisiana Housing Corporation's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program to develop affordable rental housing within the city limits of Lake Charles.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 30-21

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: 6 - 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 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

26. 61-21

An ordinance naming "W. Bilbo Alley" to the alley running North/South between the 300 block of 10th Street and 11th Street.

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

27. 62-21

An ordinance amending and enacting the provisions in Article II (Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code) of Chapter 6 (Building, Construction, and Occupancy Codes) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles pertaining to the application of the International Residential Code, permit requirements, and stop work orders within the City of Lake Charles.

Deferred for introduction at the April 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

28. 63-21

An ordinance enacting Sec. 13-39.2, Sec. 13-39.3 and Sec. 13-39-4 under Chapter 13 of the City's Code of Ordinances entitled "*Offenses and Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Provisions*" regarding the prohibitions of the possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of twenty-one and the purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons over the age of twenty-one on the behalf of persons under the age of twenty-one as well as providing penalties for violations.

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

29. 64-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Atakapa Services, LLC to conduct drainage cleaning, CCTV inspection, GIS mapping and rehabilitation recommendations for Belden Street south to Broad Street Area Drainage CCTV.

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

30. 65-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Deere and Company to purchase five (5) new John Deere alternative fueled propane ZTR (zero turn radius) mowers for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division (3), and Parks and Recreation Department (2), utilizing the State of Louisiana Contract #4400016614.

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

31. 66-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Motorola Communications to purchase portable radios for use by Public Works Department, Waste Water (30 each) and Water (32 each) Divisions, utilizing Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office Contract #24875.

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

32. 69-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Bolton Ford to purchase one (1) SSV Ford Expedition, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Administration/Investigations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400018788.

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

33. 70-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Billy Navarre Chevrolet to purchase one (1) new Chevrolet Traverse, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Support 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.

34. 71-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Premier Chrysler Dodge Jeep to purchase two (2) new police pursuit sedans, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Operations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400020872.

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

35. 72-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Courtesy Dodge to purchase six (6) new Dodge Charger sedans, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Investigations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400020875.

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

36. 73-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Bolton Ford to purchase eight (8) new police pursuit sport utility vehicles for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Operations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400016601.

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

37. 74-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Bolton Ford to purchase eleven (11) new police pursuit sport utility vehicles, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Operations Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400016601.

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

38. 76-21

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

Sponsors: Mary Morris

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

39. 77-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) side loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

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

40. 78-21

An ordinance authorizing the settlement of a claim against the City of Lake Charles in the suit styled "Catherine Celestine Randall vs. City of Lake Charles and Mary May", No. 2015-4791, Div. "E" on the docket of the 14th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Calcasieu, involving a motor vehicle accident.

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

41. 79-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) rear-end loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Trash Collection Division.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

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

42. 80-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase and delivery of bulk lubricants, for a one (1) year period, with the option to renew for up to two additional twelve-month periods, for use by all City of Lake Charles Departments.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

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

43. 81-21

An ordinance accepting the most qualified proposal received in response to the request for qualifications for contractor services to pre-qualify contractors with experience in Restoration and Rehabilitation of structures individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places to complete work at the 1911 Old City Hall located at 1011 Ryan Street.

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

44. 82-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Calcasieu Parish School Board Region 5 STEM Center to cost share in the STEM Center Voyage Solar System as well as participation through the utilization of the First Avenue Walking Path for installation of the equipment and components.

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

45. 84-21

An ordinance extending the timeframe for the cooperative endeavor agreement with Catholic Charities to fund a water/sewer utility service bill payment assistance program through November 2021 or until funds are depleted, for the benefit of the customers of the City of Lake Charles utilities who were adversely affected by Hurricanes Laura, Delta and the winter storm.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

46. 85-21

An ordinance amending Sec. 20-2 and enacting Sec. 20-15.1 under Article I "In General" of Chapter 20 "Traffic" of the Code of Ordinances regarding reckless driving upon the Civic Center grounds and providing enhanced penalties for violations.

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

Mr. Weatherford stated items 26, 28-46 would be read into the record by Lynn F, Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be April 21, 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 7th day of April, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 16th day of April, 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 7th day of April, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 16th day of April, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans With Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, or national origin. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI and/or Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.