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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*

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Craig Marks

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 items 4, 12 and 21 were being deferred and would not be discussed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2022

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. 525-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of 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: Stuart Weatherford

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

2. 595-22

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

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman

PUBLIC HEARINGS**3. 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 requested additional time to demolish the structure himself. Mr. Harvey asked if he could cut the grass and remove the trees then recommended deferring this item to the February 1, 2023 Council meeting to assess the status of the property. The item was deferred by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be deferred to the February 1, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

4. 649-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition structure located at 1220 Opelousas Street, Willis Jacob, Sr. and Claude Brooks, III, owner.

Deferred to the January 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

5. 650-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1111 Junior Street, Mattie Green Estate, 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. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/15 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19455

6. 651-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1016 North Shattuck Street, Horace R. Sallier, 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. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/15 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19456

7. 652-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2006 Vito Street, Cynthia Morgan, Odelia Richard Moton, Willie Belle Thomas, Edna Shuffer, Gracie Price, and Grant Moton, 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. Mr. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/15 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19457

8. 653-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2416 2nd Avenue, Main Street Liquor, 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. Mr. Amrik Tnind, 54 Mulberry Rd., Sulphur, LA requested additional time to complete repairs to the structure. Mr. Geyen recommended deferring the item to the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting to assess the progress of the repairs which was approved by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be deferred to the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

9. 654-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2312 Lilly Street, WKC, 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. Dinie Montgomery, 1606 Opelousas St., and Williams Turner, 2828 Gen. Marshall St. requested additional time to complete repairs to the structure. A permit has been pulled and repairs have started. Mr. Geyen recommended deferring the item to the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting to assess the progress of the repairs which was approved by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be deferred to the first meeting in April which is April 5, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

10. 655-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2220 Tulip Street, Donald Ray Franklin, Sr., 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. Donald R. Franklin, 2216 Lilly St. stated the home was burned during repairs and he plans on repairing the structure and needs additional time. Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 15/60 stating to reconvene at that time, assess the status of repairs and give further extensions as needed 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19458

11. 656-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3533 Center Street, Alvin McGee, 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. Weatherford 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19459

12. 657-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3912 Vanderbilt Street, Anthony Morvant and Debra Gandy Morvant, owners.

This item was deferred to the January 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

13. 658-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 4404 Lake Street, V & S Holdings, LLC, 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. Patrick Schultz, 528 Meridin Rd., Eunice, LA stated he just settled with his insurance company and plans to demolish the structure and rebuild. Mr. Eckard 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19460

14. 659-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 5005 West St. Charles Avenue, Dylan Gerhart Jay, and Daniel McCoy Jay, 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. Daniel Jay, 415 E. Claude St stated he was in the process of demolishing the carport and cleaning up the yard and plans to sell the property as is. Mr. Eckard recommended deferring the item to March 1, 2023 which passed by the following vote:

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

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

Against: 0

15. 626-22

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a request for a Variance in order to establish a pool hall with an alcohol license within 300' of a Residential Zoning District, within a Business Zoning District, located at 1200 N. Martin Luther King Highway, Suite 400.

Doug Burguières, Director of Planning, stated this item was deferred to give the applicant an opportunity to show good faith in operating the lounge establishment. He stated this matter was considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 10, 2022 and the request was denied by a vote of 4-1 and was appealed by the applicant, Sven Poullard. Mr. Burguières stated that appeal vacates the decision of the Commission so you are voting on the request as originally presented.

Sven Poullard, 2210 S. Savannah Lakes, applicant., gave background information on his education and on various parties that were held at the establishment without incident. He stated he was here to ask for a fair chance.

Robert Joubert, 983 N. Berryvine Ln. applicant, gave background information on his education and having been a 20 year member of the LA Army National Guard. He asked to give him a fair chance and allow the variance for alcohol. He stated we will put precautionary measures in place to mitigate a majority of the risk and show that they can be a valuable part of the community.

Mr. Joubert showed a video of a resident who lives in the neighborhood and has no problem with them being open and selling alcohol. He showed another video which shows his front door of the establishment then driving to where Ms. Joseph's home is indicating there should not be a problem because of the distance.

Mr. Ieyoub stated there were a number of cards from citizens in opposition but they requested to donate their time to Alvin Joseph. Those donating their time were Brandon Antoine, Valerie Guillory, Joan Ceasar, Tezra Francis, Mycah Francis, Anna Williams, Anna Antoine, Elsie Lewis and Juanita Bartie.

Pastor Lannis Joseph, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Cameron, LA, home address 2812 Gov. PBS Pinchback Dr., stated there were children in the neighborhood and spoke against the request to sell alcohol but was in favor of the new business.

Alvin Joseph, 2309 17th St., stated there was an ordinance adopted in 2003 requiring an establishment that sold alcohol could not be within 300ft from a residence. This establishment is zero feet from the residence of his mother's property. He asked the council to do the right thing and not allow alcohol. He is not against new business but is against what happens when you add alcohol. Mr. Joseph presented a petition from the neighbors on Blackwell St. and Grace St. against the request. The petition was made a part of the record.

Mr. Marks stated to give a variance is also the law. He stated if the owners do not follow the rules, we have the right to come back and pull their license. He stated he was in favor of granting the variance.

Ms. August stated she admires the owners of the establishment but she has had problems in her district with this type of variance. The proximity of the business to the residents is not met therefore she has to go by the law so cannot support the variance.

Mr. Geyen stated he has to follow the law and cannot support the variance.

Mr. Harvey stated laws are frequently amended and he feels the establishment should have an opportunity. If there is a problem, the license can be withdrawn.

After comments from the Council members, Mr. Marks recommended amending the request to add the condition that the establishment provide security during peak hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mr. leyoub called for a vote on the amendment which passed by the following vote:

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

For: 6 - Eckard, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 1 - leyoub

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

For: 4 - leyoub, Marks, Weatherford, and Harvey,

Against: 3 - Eckard, Geyen, and August

Enactment No: 2-23

28. 731-22

A resolution proclaiming January 5, 2023 as “Joe Dumars Day” and recognizing the unveiling event naming the basketball court at the Legacy Center at McNeese State University as “Joe Dumars Court”.

Sponsors: John leyoub and Stuart Weatherford

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: 1-23

16. 365-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Water Treatment Plants - Various Building Repairs.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$285,500.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19461

Councilman Craig Marks left the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mark Eckard, President or Presiding Officer John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Absent: 0

Excused: 1 - Craig Marks

17. 366-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plants - Various Building Repairs.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$329,950.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 19462

18. 591-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3355, Nellie Lutcher Memorial Pocket Park.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Keiland Construction, LLC in the total amount of \$548,800.00 . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 19463

19. 690-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. DR008, Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart & Center Section Interior Repairs.

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Seth Priola Construction, LLC in the total amount of \$2,379,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 19464

20. 619-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for professional services for flood mitigation, public safety, and citywide resilience - BRIC 2021 on high priority ditches and culverts in the 2021 Critical Drainage Improvement Program.

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC for the planning contract. They were the only firm to respond, but have the qualifications needed for this work. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 19465

21. 487-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Development Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the construction of a new Judicial Complex.

Deferred to the January 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

22. 707-22

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19321 to allow an additional fifteen (15%) percent increase in change orders for Project No. HL-15 Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

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

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 19466

23. 721-22

A resolution reappointing Laura P. Richardson to the Calcasieu Parish Public Library Board of Control for a five year term commencing in January 2023 for a five-year term.

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

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

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

Enactment No: 3-23

24. 722-22

A resolution accepting Project No. CP9778, Rosa Hart Theatre Remediation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 4-23

25. 723-22

A resolution accepting Project No. HL-126 - WWTP D Debris Removal and Disposal, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 5-23

26. 724-22

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase three (3) new one-half ton regular cab, short wheel base pickup trucks, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Stuart Weatherford was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 6-23

27. 730-22

A resolution adopting a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation (RADR) Plan for the City's Louisiana Love Outdoors (LLO) grant program.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 7-23

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: 6 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Excused: 1 - Marks

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 11:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

29. 725-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept ownership and maintenance of The Crest at Morganfield, Phase IV sewer lift station.

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

30. 727-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with McManus Construction, LLC for CP3277 - State Project No. H.013870 - Enterprise Boulevard Overlay, 12th Street to Broad Street, and to amend the budget as necessary.

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

31. 728-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3411, 2020 CDBG Infrastructure Asphalt Overlay Sanitary Sewer Repairs.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

32. 729-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase three (3) new one-half ton regular cab, short wheel base pickup trucks, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

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

Mr. Ieyoub stated items 29-32 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council at 11:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Ieyoub declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m. the next meeting of the City Council is January 18, 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 4th day of January, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 12th day of January, 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 4th day of January, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 12th day of January, 2023. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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