



City of Lake Charles

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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 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

Special Meeting - date change from January 18, 2023

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

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Nic Hunter

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Absent: 0

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The monthly financial reports for December, 2022 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 4, 2023 AND SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023

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

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

Against: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 589-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3119 General Patton, Charles Earnest Wiley, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owner.

Without objection, this item was deferred indefinitely.

2. 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.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Rubin presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Mr. Weatherford stated he spoke to the owner who requested additional time as he is going through a succession. Mr. Weatherford recommended time delays of 90/120 with the condition that the debris piles in the front yard be removed. The ordinance passed by the following vote.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19468

3. 688-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2010 Gerstner Memorial, Gregory D. Brooks, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the commercial structure and Mr. Rubin presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. Mr. Hester stated the roof and interior walls were removed and no permits were pulled. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Rubin provided a letter from JD Bank requesting additional time to allow Mr. Brooks to repair the structure as they have a mortgage on the property. The letter was made a part of the record. Mr. Geyen 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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19469

4. 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

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Material Resources, Inc. for Category A in the amount of \$116.00 per ton, Category B in the amount of \$144.12 per ton and Category C in the amount of \$20.00 per 50lb bag. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19470

5. 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

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Utility Truck & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$253,800.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19471

6. 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.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19472

7. 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.

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: 19473

8. 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

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: 19474

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

11. 3-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3308 South General Wainwright, Geraldine Savoy January, owner.

Mr. Geyen stated he spoke to Geraldine Savoy, owner of the property, who was in attendance at the meeting. Corey Rubin agreed to speak to Ms. Savoy after the meeting to explain the demolition process. The item was deferred to the February 15, 2023 City Council meeting.

Deferred to the February 15, 2023 City Council meeting.

9. 1-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 903 4th Avenue, Paul Allen Brown and Joyce May Leger Brown, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 8-23

10. 2-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 907 4th Avenue, Paul Allen Brown and Joyce May Leger Brown, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 9-23

12. 4-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3424 Gerstner Memorial Drive, Thuy Anh Do and Trung Xuan Thanh Mai, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 10-23

13. 5-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2454 13th Street, Emmanuel (NMN) Jack and Nebraska Alliance Realty Company, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 11-23

14. 6-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2832 General Mitchell Street, Clarence Arvie, Sr., and Rosalie Philips Arvie, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 12-23

15. 7-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2732 East 12th Street, Helen Hilliard Nash, Frances Hilliard, Mary Lou Hilliard, Isabelle Hilliard, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 13-23

16. 8-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2700 Common Street, Melvin E. Addison, II, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 14-23

17. 9-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2360 Lake Street, Crochet Realty, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 15-23

18. 10-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 608 Sycamore Street, Clannie James Rogers Estate, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 16-23

19. 11-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 524 10th Street, Douglas Graham Donaldson, Jr., owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 17-23

20. 12-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3828 Ernest Street, The Congregation of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish Roman Catholic Church, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 18-23

21. 13-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 425 West School Street, Beryl Kyle Moreno and Emily L. Kyle, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 19-23

22. 14-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3830 Swanee Street, Robert Leblanc Properties, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 20-23

23. 15-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 905 West Sale Road, Barrett Development, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing date is March 15, 2023.

Enactment No: 21-23

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

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

24. 16-23

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 903 4th Avenue, Paul Allen Brown and Joyce May Leger Brown, owners.

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

25. 17-23

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

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34. 26-23

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39. 32-23

An ordinance adopting the latest editions of the State Uniform Construction Code adopted by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council and enacted by the Louisiana Legislature, hereby amending Sec. 6-35 (1-7) of Chapter 6, of the Lake Charles Code of Ordinances effective January 1, 2023.

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

Mr. Ieyoub stated items 24-39 would be read into the record on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers and that item 26 was deferred to the February 15, 2023 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Ieyoub declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is February 1, 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 special meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 25th day of January, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 27th 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 special meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 25th day of January, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 27th day of January, 2023. 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.