



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, February 15, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

INVOCATION - Mark Eckard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Stuart Weatherford

ROLL

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. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The monthly financial reports for January, 2023 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.

On a point of personal privilege, Councilman Craig Marks asked to recognize the Lake Charles City Police Department for their hard work in solving a cold case and stated the community appreciates their efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

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. 593-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3428, Various Citywide Drainage and Ancillary Infrastructure Improvements, Phase 2.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

2. 620-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new tandem axle (12 yard) dump truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

3. 660-22

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

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

4. 662-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase four (4) new one-half ton extended cab short wheel base pickup trucks, for use by the Public Works Department, Vehicle Maintenance Division (1); Wastewater Division (2); and Engineering Division (1).

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

Appointed Ronnie Harvey Chairman.

5. 663-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase two (2) new three-quarter ton crew cab pickup trucks, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman.

6. 691-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3262, Southeast Water Treatment Plant.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

7. 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

Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman.

12. 38-23

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with McNeese State University to establish and construct the LNG Center of Excellence.

Without objection, this item was considered next on the agenda. Dr. Daryl Burckel, president of McNeese State University, was present and available to answer questions from the Council. Dr. Burckel thanked the City for its cooperation on many fronts and stated they are excited about their partnership with the city and thanked the Mayor and the Council members.

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: 19483

PUBLIC HEARINGS**8. 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.

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. Morgan stated Ms. DeVille spoke to the owner who stated he was in the process of tearing down the structure. Mr. Harvey recommended time delays of 30/60. 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: 19484

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION**9. 692-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3308, Downtown Streetscape Phase II.

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

A motion was made by Mr. Harvey to reject the sole bid as it was in excess of the available funds budgeted for this project and to rebid in the next budget year. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

10. 36-23

An ordinance amending Sec. 3-4 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the proximity of permitted alcoholic beverage control outlets to schools, churches, etc.

Mr. Marks stated he received calls regarding this item and asked for clarification as to the purpose of the addition. Mr. Morgan stated the amendment is the addition of full-time certified day care centers and certified correctional facilities to be consistent with state law.

Ellaweena Woods, 1909 4th St. stated she had concerns regarding the ordinance and thanked Mr. Marks for asking the question which clarified the purpose of the ordinance.

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: 19485

11. 37-23

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase tracts of land in the 1500 block of North Martin Luther King, from the record owner.

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: 19486

13. 50-23

Introduction and final action of an ordinance accepting the best quote received for fencing repairs at Nelson Park ballfields, No. 1 and No.2.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to get the parks open for playing ball.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19487

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS MAY BE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

26. 67-23

A resolution thanking Commissioner of Insurance James J. "Jim" Donelon, the Southwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation and Governor John Bel Edwards for their quick action in working together in bringing a solution to assist with providing homeowners insurance coverage with an incentive plan for insurance companies to write new business in Louisiana.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 27-23

14. 3-23

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

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 28-23

15. 43-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1020 17th Street, Charles Stafford Valentine and Annette F. Braxton Valentine, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 29-23

16. 44-23

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 317 Brammer Lane, Raymond Antoine, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 30-23

17. 45-23

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3353, Center East and Chennault Water Treatment Plants - Pressure Filter Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 31-23

18. 46-23

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a Request for Proposals for appraisal services for its' HOME and CDBG housing programs.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Craig Marks was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 32-23

19. 47-23

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3003 - North Beach Recreational Pier.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Ronnie Harvey, Jr. was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 33-23

20. 48-23

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. DR0008, Civic Center Exterior Repairs.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Ronnie Harvey, Jr. was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 34-23

- 21. 49-23** A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive bids for repairs and improvements at the Prejean Park ballfields.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Craig Marks was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 35-23

22. 58-23

A resolution cancelling the Lake Charles City Council Agenda Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 due to the Mardi Gras Holiday.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 36-23

23. 59-23

A resolution authorizing and declaring the intention of the City of Lake Charles (The "City") to proceed with development of project for acquisition and establishment of additions and improvements to the City's waterworks system, involving issuance of not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 dollars (\$1,400,000) taxable excess revenue bonds, (City of Lake Charles - George West Water Plant Project), Series 2023; authorizing application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 37-23

24. 60-23

A resolution authorizing and declaring the intention of the City of Lake Charles (The "City") to proceed with development of project for acquisition and establishment of additions and improvements to the City's waterworks system, involving issuance of not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 dollars (\$1,400,000) taxable excess revenue bonds, (City of Lake Charles - Southwest Water Plant Project), Series 2023; authorizing application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 38-23

25. 61-23

A resolution authorizing and declaring the intention of the City of Lake Charles (The "City") to proceed with development of project for acquisition and establishment of additions and improvements to the City's waterworks system, involving issuance of not to exceed Two Million and No/100 dollars (\$2,000,000) taxable excess revenue bonds, (City of Lake Charles - Center East Water Plant Project), Series 2023; authorizing application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 39-23

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 10:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**27. 18-23**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3308 South General Wainwright, Geraldine Savoy January, owner.

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

28. 51-23

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19089 to allow an additional 20% increase in change orders for Project No. CP9778, Rosa Hart Theatre Repairs.

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

29. 52-23

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1020 17th Street, Charles Stafford Valentine and Annette F. Braxton Valentine, owners.

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

30. 53-23

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 317 Brammer Lane, Raymond Antoine, owner.

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

31. 54-23

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into agreements with the most qualified firms responding to a Request for Proposals for appraisal services for its' HOME and CDBG housing programs.

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

32. 55-23

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3003 - North Beach Recreational Pier.

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

33. 56-23

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. DR0008, Civic Center Exterior Repairs.

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

34. 57-23

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for repairs and improvements at the Prejean Park ballfields.

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

35. 62-23

An ordinance authorizing issuance of not to exceed \$20,000,000 taxable water revenue bonds, (City of Lake Charles Public Improvement Project), Series 2023; prescribing the form and certain terms and conditions of said bonds; providing for payment thereof in principal and interest; entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said bonds; selling said bonds to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Health; providing for the delivery of the bonds to said department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

36. 63-23

An ordinance creating Chapter 24 - Zoning, and moving Appendix A to this new section.

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

37. 64-23

An ordinance adopting the Fee Schedule for the City of Lake Charles and incorporating into the Code of Ordinances as Appendix A.

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

38. 65-23

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Entergy to complete lighting repairs on the Contraband Parkway corridor.

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

39. 66-23

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property located at 1201 6th Avenue from the record owner.

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

Mr. Ieyoub stated items 27 - 39 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is March 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 meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 15th day of February, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 20th day of February, 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 15th day of February, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 20th day of February, 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.