

PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC & the current STAY AT HOME ORDER, physical public attendance was prohibited in the council meeting as part of the COVID-19 Mitigations. If any person desired to submit comments on item(s) listed on the public hearing/meeting agenda, he or she was allowed to submit their comment(s) to your elected officials or the Leesville City Clerk of the Council Sonny Harrell via phone, fax, email, or mail prior to Monday, April 13, 2020. This public/hearing meeting was made available via Facebook Live for public access to maintain transparency and allow for public participation. Councilmembers were permitted to participate remotely pursuant to Proclamation JBE2020 – LA R.S. 42:11 amid COVID-19.

Regular session of the Leesville City Council Meeting was called to order was by Mayor Allen at 3:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Allen.

Pledge was led by Councilman Chris Robertson.

Roll Call revealed 6 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Guess - Remote, Hunt, and Mayor Allen and 1 absent - Shapkoff. See Proclamation JBE 2020 issued March 19, 2020 - COVID-19 Mitigations.

Moved to accept the minutes of April 13, 2020 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Hunt. Motion passed.

Moved to approve the monthly bills was by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra. Motion passed.

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty had no updates. See Detailed Report.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 16 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 16 of 2020 – A resolution for the City Council to authorize advertisement of Runway and Taxiway Micro-Surfacing and Striping Project at the Leesville Municipal Airport.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 17 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 17 of 2020 – A resolution for the City Council to authorize the advertisement of Runway Safety Improvement (Runway End Turnabouts) Project at the Leesville Municipal Airport.

Moved by Councilmember Ybarra and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve Resolution 18 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 18 of 2020 – A resolution for the Council to approve Change Order No. 2 related to the Replacement of Water Meters Project and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute any related documents thereof.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 19 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 19 of 2020 – A resolution for the Council to approve Change Order No. 6 related to the Ground Storage Tank for North Water Plant Project and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute any related documents thereof.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 20 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 20 of 2020 – A resolution for the Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute grant award and any related documents in connection with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – CARES Grant of 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve Resolution 21 of 2020.
Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 21 of 2020 – A resolution for the Council to approve Special Paid Leave to employees affected by COVID-19 mandatory quarantine and retroactive pay employees who were instructed to quarantine due to COVID-19 effective March 1, 2020.

City Administrator – Patti Larney had no current updates.

City Attorney – Max Antony had no updates.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council thanked city employees and volunteers for their hard work in providing assistance in the community amid COVID-19, provided updates to perspective projects for the benefit of the city and enlisted for volunteers to help with feeding programs and continued to encourage social distancing.

No pertinent comments related to City business were made.

Mayor – Thanked the Council, legislative officials and employees for their work for the citizens of this community and Vernon Parish and updates on COVID-19.

Moved to adjourn the regular meeting was by Councilmember Ybarra seconded by Councilmember Hunt at 3:25 pm.
Motion passed.

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor