

PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 11, 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.**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:**

May 11, 2020 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Allen at 3:00p.m.

Roll call revealed 5 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Guess - Remote, Hunt, and Mayor Allen and 2 absent – Ybarra, Shapkoff. See Proclamation JBE 2020 issued March 19, 2020 - COVID-19 Mitigations.

Mayor Allen opened the floor for discussion of Ordinance 1 of 2020, an ordinance for the Council to consider for adoption to authorize the retirement of one Police K9 “Nigel”, authorize this dog as surplus property, and be donated to Police Officer, Jim Lewis.

Mayor Allen allowed for any Public Comments regarding the item listed and no comments were given.

At this time, Mayor Allen asked for a motion to accept Ordinance 1 of 2020 for adoption. Moved by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed with the following roll call: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Absent, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

Moved to adjourn this session of the public hearing was by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Hunt at 3:02p.m.

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:**

Regular session of the Leesville City Council Meeting was called to order was by Mayor Allen at 3:02 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Allen.

Pledge was led by Councilman Phillip Hunt.

Roll Call revealed 5 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Guess - Remote, Hunt, and Mayor Allen and 2 absent - Ybarra, Shapkoff. See Proclamation JBE 2020 issued March 19, 2020 - COVID-19 Mitigations.

Moved to accept the minutes of April 27, 2020 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed.

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

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty absent. No report provided.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess to Adopt Ordinance 1 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Absent, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

**Ordinance 1 of 2020** – An Ordinance for the Council to consider for adoption to authorize the retirement of one Police K9 “Nigel”, authorize this dog as surplus property, and be donated to Police Officer, Jim Lewis.

Moved by Councilmember Hunt and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to Accept Ordinance 2 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Absent, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

**Ordinance 2 of 2020** – An Introduction of an Ordinance for the City Council to consider for adoption of the FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment and FY 2020-2021 Budget Proposal. Public Hearing will be on June 8, 2020. (Public Comments)

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 22 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

**Resolution 22 of 2020** – A resolution for the Council to approve a Class B Alcohol Permit Application for Fina Mini Serv1, LLC located at 1401 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesville, LA 71446 – Melissa Lynn Eaves, owner.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve Resolution 23 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

**Resolution 23 of 2020** – A resolution for the Council to approve a bid award for the FY 2018 Rehabilitation of Sewer Crossing Project No. A9-17017-DA submitted by Meyer & Associates, Inc.

At this time, Mayor Allen asked Council to consider amending the agenda to add item 10B – Resolution 24 of 2020, a resolution for Council approval to award Core and Main the Procurement of Water Meters Project No. A8-12037-DP contingent upon approval from the Louisiana Department of Health – Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program. The floor was opened for public comments, no comments made.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve to amend the agenda. Motion passed with no public comments with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Absent, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 24 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments with the following roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Absent, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

**Resolution 24 of 2020** – A resolution for the Council approval to award Main and Core on the Procurement of Water Meters Project No. A8-12037-DP contingent upon approval from the LA Department of Health – DWRLF Program. Public Comments -

City Administrator – Patti Larney reminded everyone of Memorial Day Holiday closure; no 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting due to the holiday closure; and thanked all city departments for their hard work.

City Attorney – Max Antony was absent.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council thanked city employees and volunteers for their hard work in providing assistance in the community amid COVID-19, Councilman Robertson encouraged all citizens to move slowly and cautiously during the re-open process; Councilman Hunt addressed some issues around the city toward Grant Bush and Code Enforcement; and Councilwoman Kennedy addressed community concern regarding COVID-19 testing and was advised the City does not offer testing or have testing sites.

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 Guess seconded by Councilmember Hunt at 3:21 pm. Motion passed.