

PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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, June 8, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:

June 8, 2020 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Allen at 3:00p.m.

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

Mayor Allen opened the floor for discussion of Ordinance 2 of 2020, an ordinance for the Council to consider for adoption to adopt the 2020-2021 FY Budget and 2019-2020 FY Budget Amendment.

Mayor Allen allowed for any Public Comments regarding the item listed and one person spoke on the matter - Mr. Louis Hopkins of 1012 Simpson St., Leesville, LA. Mr. Hopkins asked if there were any money allocated for programs at the MLK Center. After no other comments were offered.

Moved to adjourn this session of the public hearing was by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy at 3:06p.m. Motion passed.

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:

Regular session of the Leesville City Council Meeting was called to order was by Mayor Allen at 3:06 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Allen.

Pledge was led by Councilwoman Willie Kennedy.

Roll call revealed 6 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Guess, 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 27, 2020 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed.

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

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty absent. Report provided and answered specific questions from the Councilmembers regarding streets in their district.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess to Adopt Ordinance 2 of 2020. Motion passed with 1 public comment with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, 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.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess to Adopt Ordinance 3 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

Ordinance 3 of 2020 - An introduction of an ordinance amending and enlarging the corporate limits of the City of Leesville, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, assent to the property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits – ENTRANCE ROAD. Public Hearing on this matter will be June 22, 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Hunt and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the condemnations of the properties located on Gulf Street and 801 S. 5th Street. Motion passed with no comments with the following roll call to wit: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Hunt – Yes, Mayor Allen – Yes.

Condemnations:

- 2 Structures on Gulf Street, Leesville, LA 71446 (Mr. Robert Manson, property owner)
 - Property Parcel# 0111488190
- 801 S. 5th Street, Leesville, LA 71446 (Dr. Francis Fraser, property owner)

Councilwoman Kennedy suggested the City offer the property owners a 30-Day stay on the condemnation of the property at 205 N. 10th Street to allow the owners opportunity to sell the property to an interested party. The Council agreed to grant the 30-Day stay and this item has been postponed until July 13, 2020.

- 205 N. 10th Street, Leesville, LA 71446 (Mrs. Florence Lane, property owner)

Moved by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 25 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 25 of 2020 – Resolution for the Council to authorize the City to seek bids to replace the roof at the Leesville City Police Department.

Moved by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 26 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 26 of 2020 – Resolution for the City Council to accept and approve new member, Mr. Tyson Ingram to the City Planning and Zoning Commission upon the recommendation by the Mayor.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 27 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 27 of 2020 – Resolution for the City Council to allow the City to apply for grant funding from the Louisiana Land and Water Conservation Funding Program and approve allocation of funds for projects in connection therewith.

Moved by Councilmember Ybarra and seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 28 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 28 of 2020 – Resolution for the Council to allow the City to apply for granting funding from Kaboom, Inc. to purchase and construct playground equipment at City parks.

At this time, Mayor Allen asked Council to consider amending the agenda to add 2 resolutions regarding the Runway and Taxiway Micro-Surfacing and Striping Project at the municipal airport. No public comments were offered with the amendment to the agenda.

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

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve Resolution 29 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 29 of 2020 – Resolution to submit grant application to FAA and DOTD for the Leesville Municipal Airport Runway and Taxiway Micro-Surfacing and Striping Project.

Moved by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 30 of 2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 30 of 2020 - Resolution to award the construction contract for the Leesville Municipal Airport Runway and Taxiway Micro-Surfacing and Striping Project contingent upon concurrence by FAA and LDOTD.

City Administrator – Patti Larney gave an update on the Ft. Polk Vegetation Department in regards to their new contract; City Hall Re-Opening its doors to the public; sales tax extension; and community news.

City Attorney – Max Antony was absent.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council welcomed Mr. Tyson Ingram to the Planning & Zoning Commission, provided updates on their individual city projects, and shared views on the annexation project.

No pertinent comments related to City business were made.

Mayor – Thanked the Council and employees for their hard work; suggested the City in inquiring to purchase lot across from the MLK Center offer more space for the activities; and explained the storm damage to building at the industrial park and cost estimate.

To adjourn the regular meeting was moved by Councilmember Robertson seconded by Councilmember Guess at 3:58 pm. Motion passed.

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor