

PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2020.

Public Hearing Minutes:

Public hearing for September 14, 2020 was called to order by Mayor Allen at 3:07PM.

Roll called revealed 6 present (Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Guess, Hunt, Mayor Allen) and 1 absent (Shapkoff).

After the reading of Ordinance 5 of 2020, Mayor Allen opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were given.

Moved to accept Ordinance 5 of 2020 was by Councilmember Hunt and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra. Motion passed with the following roll call votes: Robertson - Yes, Kennedy - Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff - Absent, Guess - Yes, Hunt - Yes, Mayor Allen - Yes.

After the reading of Ordinance 6 of 2020, Mayor Allen opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were given.

Moved to accept Ordinance 6 of 2020 was by Councilmember Hunt and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra. Motion passed with the following roll call votes: Robertson - Yes, Kennedy - Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff - Absent, Guess - Yes, Hunt - Yes, Mayor Allen - Yes.

Moved to adjourn this public hearing was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy at 3:10PM. 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 3:10 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Allen.

Pledge was led by Councilwoman Ybarra.

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

Moved to accept the minutes of August 24, 2020 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra. Motion passed.

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

Moved to approve the Pay Request A was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess. Motion passed.

A. Leesville DWRLF Water Improvements	Project # A812037-DP
Core & Main	Invoice No. M508889 \$40,000.00

Moved to approve the Pay Request B was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt. Motion passed.

A. 18-19 LCDBG Rehab of Sewer Crossings	Project # A917017-DA
Williams Equipment Services, LLC	Pay Application #1 \$97,278.38

City Engineer - Mark McCarty was absent.

Moved to adopt Ordinance 5 of 2020 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed with the following roll call votes: Robertson - Yes, Kennedy - Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff - Absent, Guess - Yes, Hunt - Yes, Mayor Allen - Yes. Motion passed with no public comments.

Adoption of Ordinance 5 of 2020 - An ordinance to adopt the “Adjusted” Millage Rates for General Alimony, Sewerage System, and Streets in the City of Leesville for Tax Year 2020.

Moved to adopt Ordinance 6 of 2020 was by Councilmember Hunt and seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed with the following roll call votes: Robertson - Yes, Kennedy - Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff - Absent, Guess - Yes, Hunt - Yes, Mayor Allen - Yes. Motion passed with no public comments.

Adoption of Ordinance 6 of 2020 - An ordinance to set forth the General Alimony, Sewerage Systems, Streets “Adjusted” Millage Rates and Roll Forward to Millage Rates not exceeding the “Maximum” authorized rates for Tax Year 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Hunt to approve Resolution 48 of 2020. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson - Yes, Kennedy - Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff - Absent, Guess - Yes, Hunt - Yes, Mayor Allen - Yes. No public comments were made.

Resolution 48 of 2020 - A resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled “BASSETT, ET AL V. CITY OF LEESVILLE, ET AL, NUMBER 2:20-CV-00295 ON THE DOCKET OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Administrator or their designee, to execute all appropriate documents in connection therewith”.

City Administrator - Patti Larney stated that Suddenlink will be setting up a hotspot at City Hall and asked everyone to keep Ricky West and his family in prayer.

City Attorney - Max Antony was absent.

Council Member Comments - Collectively, thanked all the city departments for their dedication and hard work during the hurricane; extended their condolences to families during their bereavement; thanked all volunteers for the services; and asked for updates on trash and debris schedules.

Mayor Allen - Informed the public that the curfew has been lifted; burn ban was still in place mandated by the state fire marshal’s office; shared areas where disaster relief supplies being given out; and congratulated Terry Lambright for his new role as Vernon Parish District Attorney.

To adjourn the regular meeting was moved by Councilmember Robertson seconded by Councilmember Hunt at 3:33 pm. Motion passed.

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor