

City of Leesville met in regular session on January 25th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Councilman Dowd, and the invocation was given by Councilwoman Kennedy

A roll call revealed the following members were present:

District 1	Chris Robertson	Present
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	Present
District 3	Danny Dowd	Present
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	Present
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	Present
Councilman at large	William Thomas	Present
Mayor	Rick Allen	Excused

Moved by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Robertson, to approve the January 11th, 2015 City Council Minutes. Motion passed.

At this time, Stacy Lewis, Accounts Payable, presented the monthly bills to the Council. She explained that the increase can be attributed to the Cleco bill being on today's submittal as well as the City operating under regular hours after the holidays. They thanked her. Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Thomas, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

At this time, Regina Smith, Finance Assistant, present the financials. She explained that the operating revenues are being collected at 41%, and the expenditures are at 29% of the budgeted amounts. The City of Leesville's operating income is a surplus of \$1,493,439.00 as of December 31, 2015. Moved by Councilman Shapkoff, seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to approve the Financials. Motion Passed.

Next, Mayor Pro Temp presented the pay requests:

Moved by Councilwoman Kennedy, Seconded by Councilman Shapkoff to approve pay request A. Motion passed.

A. Meyer & Associates, INC.	Leesville University Parkway Sewer Ext. LA Hwy	
DC Basic ENG SERV- Hwy 28 Sewer Ext to Hwy 177		\$2,520.04
For Period Ending 12/31/15	Invoice No. 25580	

At this time, Burton Kolder, from Kolder, Champagne, Slaven, & Co., LLC gave a presentation of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Audit. Mr. Burton explained to the Council that the City's overall audit was good. He explained that there were some findings but before the audit was finished everything was in compliance and our yearly audit was better this year than the previous four years.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2016

Mayor Pro Temp opened the **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2 of 2016**. Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the Ordinance out loud. Moved by Councilman Robertson, and seconded by Councilwoman Guess.

Motion passed through roll call vote:

District 1	Chris Robertson	Yea
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	Yea
District 3	Danny Dowd	Yea
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	Yea
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	Yea
Councilman at large	William Thomas	Yea
Mayor	Rick Allen	Excused

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2016

An ordinance to rezone on behalf of the City of Leesville, Parcel No. An ordinance to rezone , Parcel No. 0111513500, 0111708280 0111466642 0111565708 0111565708B 211887025 0111007151 0111874647 0111847300 0111840237 0111217000 0111832495A 0111299502 0111007222 0111002825 0111262718 0111262718C 0111262718A 0111539139A 0111539139B 0111832495 0111590510 0111207198 0111678740 0111533535 0111228748 0111742707 8111565708A 0111537854 0111537823 2118871019 8119151266 from A-6 Multi-Family Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, at a public hearing held January 7th, 2016 considered an application to rezone aforementioned parcels from A-6 Multi-Family Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, upon unanimous vote, recommended to the Leesville City Council that said property be rezoned as requested; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance was introduced during a regular meeting on the 7th day of January, 2016, with no opposition noted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Leesville City Council, hereby, accept the aforementioned parcels on behalf of the City of Leesville be rezoned from A-6 Multi-Family Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 25th day of January 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing of this ordinance will be conducted on the 22nd day of February, 2016.

This ordinance will be adopted on the 22nd day of February 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting, assuming no opposition comes forth, by the following votes:

- Chris Robertson: yea
- Willie Mae Kennedy: yea
- Danny Dowd: yea
- Tony Shapkoff: yea
- Alice Guess: yea
- William Thomas: yea
- Mayor Rick Allen: excused

ATTEST:

/s/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/s/Rick Allen
Mayor

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2016

Mayor Pro Temp opened the **Introduction of Ordinance No. 3 of 2016**. Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the Ordinance out loud. Moved by Councilman Shapkoff, and seconded by Councilman Thomas.

Motion passed through roll call vote:

District 1	Chris Robertson	Yea
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	Yea
District 3	Danny Dowd	Yea
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	Yea
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	Yea
Councilman at large	William Thomas	Yea
Mayor	Rick Allen	Excused

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2016

An ordinance to Merchant & Farmers Bank, Parcel No. 01118922965 and 0111822885; from A-8 High Density Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, at a public hearing held January 7th, 2016 considered an application to rezone Parcel No. 01118922965 and 0111822885; from A-8 High Density Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, upon unanimous vote, recommended to the Leesville City Council that said property be rezoned as requested; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance was introduced during a regular meeting on the 7th day of January, 2016, with no opposition noted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Leesville City Council, hereby, Parcel No. 01118922965, and 0111822885 – zone property from an A-8 High Density Urban District to C-2 Commercial District

The above ordinance was introduced on the 25th day of January 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing of this ordinance will be conducted on the 22nd day of February, 2016.

This ordinance will be adopted on the 22nd day of February 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting, assuming no opposition comes forth, by the following votes:

Chris Robertson:	yea
Willie Mae Kennedy:	yea
Danny Dowd:	yea
Tony Shapkoff:	yea
Alice Guess:	yea
William Thomas:	yea
Mayor Rick Allen	excused

ATTEST:

/s/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/s/Rick Allen
Mayor

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2016

Mayor Pro Temp opened the **Introduction of Ordinance No. 4 of 2016**. Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the Ordinance out loud. Moved by Councilwoman Kennedy, and seconded by Councilwoman Guess.

Motion passed through roll call vote:

District 1	Chris Robertson	Yea
District 2	Willie Mae Kennedy	Yea
District 3	Danny Dowd	Yea
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	Yea
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	Yea
Councilman at large	William Thomas	Yea
Mayor	Rick Allen	Excused

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ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2016

An ordinance to rezone Richard Sarver, Parcel No. 0111677360, 0111677499 and 0111677440; from A-6 Single Family Urban District to A-9 Apartment District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, at a public hearing held January 7th, 2016 considered an application to rezone Parcel No. 0111677360, 0111677499 and 0111677440; from A-6 Single Family Urban District to A-9 Apartment District.

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, upon unanimous vote, recommended to the Leesville City Council that said property be rezoned as requested; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance was introduced during a regular meeting on the 7th day of January, 2016, with no opposition noted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Leesville City Council, hereby, Parcel No. 0111677360, 0111677499, and 0111677440 – zone property from an A-8 High Density Urban District to A-9 Apartment District.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 25th day of January 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing of this ordinance will be conducted on the 22nd day of February, 2016.

This ordinance will be adopted on the 22nd day of February 2016 during a regularly scheduled meeting, assuming no opposition comes forth, by the following votes:

Chris Robertson: yea
 Willie Mae Kennedy: yea
 Danny Dowd: yea
 Tony Shapkoff: yea
 Alice Guess: yea
 William Thomas: yea
 Mayor Rick Allen: excused

ATTEST:

/s/Nikki Howe
 City Clerk

/s/Rick Allen
 Mayor

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve **Resolution No. 4 of 2016**. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 4 of 2016 the Mayor and the City Council to approve the Final Financial Report compiled by Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company.

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve **Resolution No. 5 of 2016**. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 5 of 2016 Mayor and City Council that the Planning Commission of the City of Leesville, Louisiana 71446 shall hold regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m., unless this scheduled date interferes with a holiday, in which case the meeting will be rescheduled for the following Thursday (2nd Thursday of the month) at 4:30 p.m., in the court room of the Leesville Municipal Complex located at 101 West Lee Street, Leesville, LA 71446.

At this time, Mayor Pro Temp called upon Mr. Babineaux, Planning and Zoning Chairman to speak. The topic of special meetings and meeting criteria was discussed and upon recommendation of the chairman, he asked if the commission could also be an agenda item once a month to allow updates to be given to the council.

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve **Resolution No. 6 of 2016**. Motion Passed.

Resolution No. 6 of 2016 Mayor and the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Vernon Parish Police Jury for the provision of services pertaining to grading gravel roads within the corporate limits of the City of Leesville to include: Ronald Drive, Smith Road, Cherry Street, and Woodland Drive, and Froggy Bottom Road.

City Administrator, Richard Karamatic, had no update. Councilman Dowd ask a question about inspection fees, which was answered by Code Enforcement. Councilman Thomas asked about the State School pool, and asked for precautions to be taken to prevent any accidents and asked if the area under the underpass could be cleaned up, Mr. Karamatic explained he would get a crew to cleanup the underpass and precautions would be taken at the State School around the pool area.

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, asked if City could move forward with the first phase of the street rehabilitation which would be Fertitta Boulevard, 10th Street, and Arkansas Street, and begin with soil testings. Council recommended soil testing to begin and the first phase being to move forward.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- Thanked all employees who makes the council’s job easier, and thanked Alice Eddington, Fianance Director for getting the City back on track.

Councilman Robertson- Thanked Mr. Kolder for coming and for his presentation. Thanked Mr. Babineaux, Planning and Zoning Chairman, for coming and hopes to get the City moving further in the right direction. Thanked all the employees for a job well done on a good audit report.

Councilman Dowd- Thanked Mr. Kolder for his detailed report, and expressed his gratitude for the major turnaround on water leaks and complimented Ricky West for being back on board and taking control of the issue.

Councilwoman Kennedy- Thanked Mr. Kolder and Mr. Babineaux as well as the other City Volunteers for their time and commitment to the City. Also thanked Mr. West for all his work done especially in District 2 and for his great communication with getting the job done.

Councilman Shapkoff- Thanked all City employees for the savings of City money for a good audit report, he also asked for clarification for public speaking comments during a council meeting, which was explained that all comment cards must be filled out 30 minutes prior to the meeting and that any item discussed must be an item on the agenda.

Councilman Thomas – Thanked everyone for coming and apologized to Mr. Hopkins for the confusion on public speaking.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to adjourn the regular session at 4:37 p.m. Motion Passed.

/S/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen
Mayor