

City of Leesville met in regular session on February 8th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Councilman Shapkoff, and the invocation was given by Mr. Stokes, MLK Supervisor.

A roll call revealed the following members were present:

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

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, seconded by Councilman Thomas, to approve the January 25th, 2015 City Council Minutes. Motion passed.

At this time, Alice Eddington, Finance Director, presented the monthly bills to the Council. She explained that the decrease can be attributed to the Cleco bill not being on today's submittal. They thanked her. Moved by Councilman Shapkoff, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

At this time, Jamie Armbruster presented Mayor Allen, Chief Hill, and Sheriff Craft with a signed edition frame in tribute of Trooper Vincent and in support of men and women who serve the people of Vernon Parish.

At this time, Mr. Connella, DOTD Representative as well as other contractors came forward to discuss the Highway 171 Project. He explained that this project is a two segment project. One, being a concrete rehab and the second being an asphalt resurface. Mr. Connella explained the original contract was planned for 240 calendar days to complete the project, thus an additional \$247,000.00 worth of work has been added to the project, which added 26 calendar days to be added to the contract as well as weather days for the contract to be completed early April. He answered questions that were previously given to him which were received by the City and turned over to DOTD for answering.

Next, Mayor Allen presented the pay requests:

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

A. Trinity Capital Resources	Capital Consultants
1,500,000 Limited Tax Certificates, Series 2015	\$6,750.00

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Robertson to approve pay request B. Motion passed.

B. Foley & Judell, LLP	Certificates of Indebtedness Series 2016
Legal Services	\$21,791.00

Moved by Councilman Thomas, Seconded by Councilwoman Guess to approve pay request C. Motion passed.

C. Apeck Construction, LLC	Leesville DWRLF Water Improvements
KG Construction- US 171 Water Line Replacement	\$35,021.76
For Period Ending 1/31/16	Pay Estimate No. 1

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Shapkoff, to approve **Resolution No. 7 of 2016**. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 7 of 2016 City Council of the City of Leesville that Mayor Rick Allen is hereby authorized to decline all loan funds offered to the City of Leesville by the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of improving the City's water system.

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Shapkoff, to approve **Resolution No. 8 of 2016**.
Motion passed.

Resolution No. 8 of 2016 Mayor is hereby authorized to grant mayoral authority to Kushal Upadhyay to fulfill his duties as Mayor for a Day with mayoral authority reverting back immediately following Proclamation "Recycle Day" and presentation of his winning board for agenda item number eleven.

At this time, Mayor Allen called upon Kushal Upadhyay, winner of Mayor for a Day to present his winning board and a proclamation for "Recycle Day."

City Administrator, Richard Karamatic, asked council to start to prioritize items that is wished to be budgeted for next 16-17 budget. He also gave an update on the Leesville Golf Course, the golf course last month had a profit \$3,300.00 last month and since July an overall profit \$28,000.00 in a year and we have received a great amount of positive feed back from golfers. At this time Councilwoman Kennedy commented to the priority list. She has asked that we move forward for the roofing of the MLK Center, she asked that we do not patch this building but to replace this roof for safety concerns. Mr. Richard explained to Councilwoman Kennedy as well as the rest of the council that revenues will have to be found for this project due to it not being budgeted in this years budget.

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, no update.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- Thanked DOTD for coming out and explaining work proccess, and answering questions from local business owners. Made comment to MLK roof discussion in agreeance with Councilwoman Kennedy, asked that we really try to get some work done.

Councilman Robertson- Thanked everyone for coming and listening to the matter brought up for discussion and thank Kushal for coming for the Mayor for the Day. Thanked Chamber for coming and representing City so well. Discussed looking closer to Golf Course building for updates as well to create more revenue for the City.

Councilman Dowd- Absent

Councilwoman Kennedy- Thanked everyone for coming and asked that we all worked together and get a handle on work at MLK Center

Councilman Shapkoff- Thanked DOTD coming and thanked local citizens for coming and for all the support for the community. He also recognized Represenative Armes and Sentor Smith for all their work done on the 171 Highway Project.

Councilman Thomas – no update.

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

/S/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen
Mayor