

The City of Leesville held a public meeting on February 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana, for the Approving of Ordinance 2 of 2016, Ordinance 3 of 2016, and Ordinance 4 of 2016

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	Absent

Mayor Pro Temp, opened the Public Hearing of Ordinance 2 of 2016 an ordinance to rezone, Parcel No. 0111513500, 0111708280 0111466642 0111565708 0111565708B

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2118871019 8119151266 on behalf of the City of Leesville, 71446, from A-6 Multi-Family Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

He asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on this ordinance? No one requested to speak.

Mayor Pro Temp, opened the Public Hearing of Ordinance 3 of 2016 an ordinance to rezone Merchant & Farmers Bank, Parcel No. 01118922965 and Parcel No. 0111822885, from A-8 High Density Urban District to C-2 Commercial District.

He asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on this ordinance? No one requested to speak.

Mayor Pro Temp, opened the Public Hearing of Ordinance 4 of 2016 an ordinance to rezone Richard Sarver, Parcel No. 0111677360, Parcel No. 0111677499, and Parcel No. 0111677440, from A-6 Single Family Urban District to A-9 Apartment District.

He asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on this matter? There was several residents from the area of Chateau Place that came forward opposing the idea of rezoning said parcel. The biggest concern was that the rezone would depreciate the value of their homes, and that the upkeep of the apartments, the roads, and the drainage is not being kept up. The council explained that the reason for rezoning was to update the City maps only that property values would not depreciate due to the rezoning.

Mayor Pro Temp asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilwoman Guess offered, with a second by Councilwoman Kennedy. Motion Passed.

City of Leesville met in regular session on February 22nd, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Councilwoman Kennedy, 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	Present
District 4	Tony Shapkoff	Present
Councilwoman at large	Alice Guess	Present
Councilman at large	William Thomas	Present
Mayor	Rick Allen	Absent

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, seconded by Councilman Robertson, to approve the February 8th, 2015 City Council Minutes. Motion passed.

At this time, Stacy Lewis , Finance Director, presented the monthly bills to the Council. She explained that the increase was due to just general spending. They thanked her. Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

At this time, Alice Eddinging, Finance Director, presented the financials to the Council. She explained that operating revenues are being collected at 41% and expenditures are at 36% of budgeted amounts. The City’s operating income is a surplus of \$846,841 as of January 31, 2016. Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy to approve the financials.

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 LGAP Sewer
DA Basic Engineering Services	Invoice No. 25614	\$5,000.00
For Period Ending 1/31/16		

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

B. Willie Deon Jr. Clerk of Court		Leesville LGAP Sewer
A04 Recording Cost	Receipt No. 2016-00052194	\$50.00
For Period Ending 1/31/16		

Mayor Pro Temp opened the discussion of Condemnation Review, Wood Frame House, Located at 1004 Marvin. Upon request of Councilman Dowd the condemnation was condemned with 60 days given to remove the structure. Moved by Councilman Guess, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy to condemn this structure.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2016

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

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	Absent

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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 was 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 absent

ATTEST:

Nikki Howe
City Clerk

Rick Allen
Mayor

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2016

Mayor Pro Temp opened the **Adoption of Ordinance No. 3 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	Absent

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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.

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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 was 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	absent

ATTEST:

Nikki Howe
City Clerk

Rick Allen
Mayor

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2016

Mayor Pro Temp opened the **Adoption of Ordinance No. 4 of 2016**. Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the Ordinance out loud. Moved by Councilman Robertson, and seconded by Councilman Shapkoff.

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	Absent

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

ATTEST:

Nikki Howe
 City Clerk

Rick Allen
 Mayor

Motioned by Councilman Robertson, Seconded by Councilman Thomas to table item 13, Resolution 9 of 2016 and 14, Proclamation Presentation by Jayden Cortez until next meeting due to Mayor being sick.

City Administrator, Richard Karamatic, explained that he would be meeting with the Mayor and Alice, Finance Director, to go over the amended budget. Councilman Thomas asked that a meeting with Mr. West to investigate the issues mentioned at the Public Hearing in regards to Ordinance No. 4 of 2016. Councilwoman Kennedy also asked that Mr. Richard and Mayor take a look at the photos taken of the MLK Center damages.

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, gave update that the only active construction going on right now was the 12 inch water line on Highway 467 which is in Phase 2.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- Thanked everyone for coming out and mentioned being for allowing public speaking. She also mentioned that the Spring Trash Bash would be March 24th, 2016.

Councilman Robertson- Thanked the Vernon Parish School Board for working with the City for assistance at Dogwood Park for the assembly of playground equipment. He also gave recognition to Ron Smith from Cleco for having a great working relationship with the City and also responding so quickly to every need. He also gave a big thank you to the Lions Club for the being so heavenly involved with the projects at the Golf Course.

Councilwoman Kennedy- Agrees to allow for public comments to help with solutions and problems around the City. She announced that the Rotary Club is starting a new program Keeping Kids Safe, this program is a name tag that would be filled out for medical conditions which can be attached to bags, ect. She also announced that there will be a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 27th for Black History Month at the MLK Center from 9-12 A.M. all the proceeds will go to buying school supplies.

Councilman Shapkoff- Asked that City Attorney and Mayor look into a way to allow for public comments at the council meetings to allow for citizens to address problems and/or issues around the City.

Councilman Thomas – Thanked everyone for coming out, announced that the City has being working on a lot and will continue to work on things. Gave his appreciation to each department for all the work being done for the City and asked the community to be patient on work still being done.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Robertson, and seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to adjourn the regular session at 4:12 p.m. Motion Passed.

/S/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen
Mayor