

City of Leesville met in regular session on August 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Ms. Wilham 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	Present

Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to approve the August 22nd 2016 City Council Minutes. Motion passed.

At this time, Stacy Lewis, Accounts Payable, presented the monthly bills to the Council. She explained that there was an increase of \$98,332.90 the increase is attributed to the cleco bill being on today’s submittal Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

At this time, Alice Eddington, Finance Director, present the financial to the Council. She explained that the City has a surplus of \$128,481 as of July 31, 2016 based on the 2016-2017 budget year. The City has a surplus of \$734,651, the City is one month into the new fiscal year. Operating revenues are being collected at 8% and expenses at 7% of budgeted amounts. She also announced that the auditors would be here August 23rd to begin the 2015-2016 audit.

At this time, Councilman Dowd made the motion to admendment to the agenda to add resolution 43 of 2016. Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Thomas to admend the agenda. 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	Yea

Nikki Howe, City Clerk read the resolution out loud

Next, Mayor Allen presented the pay requests:

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

A. Acquisition of East Central Water System	Robinson Appraisal Services, LLC
C01 Appraisal Studies/Report	\$2,800.00
For Period Ending 8/31/16	Invoice No. 160728

Moved by Councilwoman Kennedy, Seconded by Councilman Shapkoff to approve pay request B. Motion Passed.

B. Jeffery K Skidmore, Clerk of Courts	Leesville DWRLF Water Improvements
A04 Recording Cost	\$50.00
For Period Ending 7/31/2016	Invoice No. 2016-00058173

Moved by Councilman Dowd, Seconded by Councilwoman Guess to approve pay request C. Motion Passed.

C. Pan American Engineer	Engineering Basic Service
Invoice No. 21427	\$6,723.50

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Dowd to approve pay request D. Motion Passed.

D. Pan American Engineer	Miscellaneous Services
Invoice No. 21426	\$8,966.00

Moved by Councilwoman Kennedy, Seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve **Resolution 41 of 2016**.

Resolution No. 41 of 2016 Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Vernon Parish Police Jury for the provision of manpower and equipment assistance for the demolition of condemned structures within City limits.

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy to Approve **Resolution 42 of 2016**.

Resolution No. 42 of 2016 authorizing the Mayor to sign and transmit the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 Fiscal Year to the Legislative Auditor's Office.

Moved by Councilman Dowd, Seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve **Resolution 43 of 2016**.

Resolution 43 of 2016 Mayor is hereby authorized to award the contract to the low bidder, Apeck Construction, LLC for the Short Street Water Line Replacement- Phase 1, MA Project No. A8-16020-DA.

City Administrator, DeLain Prewitt, gave an update on the transition of the water department moving to the new location. She announced that the sign for the new location has been ordered and should be delivered within the next week.

Chamber of Commerce, Anne Causey, gave an update on the chamber. She thanked the City for the participation in the adopt-a-school program. The 7th of September there would be a lunch at the downtown event center for General Membership. She announced that the Mayor would be signing a proclamation the 19th of September for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a walk/run was being coordinated at the golf course. She also announced that the 6th of December the Holiday Express Train would be in town and the theme of the parade this year would be "Christmas Around the World"

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, clean-up on 1st street has begun, weather permitted there would be a walk through Wednesday, August 24th. Also weather permitted paving will begin next week.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- School is back in session, please watch out for children

Councilman Dowd – Asked for an update on a new City Attorney, Mayor Allen announced that the previous attorney was wrapping up on things he had been working on prior to resignation and that once those tasks were completed a new attorney would be appointed.

Councilman Robertson- Thanked everyone for coming, he also asked that once dry enough for citizens to please mow and clean up their yards. He also thanked Stacy Lewis for helping him resolve an issue, and thanked Mark McCarty for all he does for the City.

Councilwoman Kennedy- Thanked Anne Causey, Chamber of Commerce for her update.

Councilman Shapkoff- Asked everyone to continue praying for the flood victims and asked if anyone had anything to donate to please do so.

Councilman Thomas – Also asked for prayers for the flood victims.

Mayor's Comments – Introduced Joey Goodwin, the new dare officer to the council. He also went over and discussed an IRS issue from 2013 1041's that were not filed and announced that the claim was denied and the city would be

responsible for paying \$9,960.00. He also announced bids were submitted for street rehabilitation and clarification and awarding would come before council next meeting. He also asked that Ricky West look into installing flush valves at the ice plant. He asked that everyone keep Billy and David West in their prayers for a death in their family.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to adjourn the regular session at 3:31 p.m. Motion Passed.

/S/Nikki Howe
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen
Mayor