

City of Leesville met in regular session on October 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, Leesville, Louisiana. The pledge was given by Grant Bush, Community Development and the invocation was given by Mr. Stokes, MLK Supervisor. A roll call revealed the following members were present:

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

Moved by Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilwoman Guess, to approve the October 10, 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 \$123,549.66, the increase is attributed to the bills not being presented at the last council meeting due to the server being down. Moved by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Shapkoff, to approve the Monthly Bills. Motion passed.

At this time, Alice Eddington, Finance Director, presented the monthly financials to the Council. She explained that the City has a budget surplus of \$714,268, which means that the City's projected expenses are less than the projected revenue. An increase in revenue will be seen during the months of November thru March while the spending remains steady throughout the year. Operating revenues are being collected at 18% of budgeted amounts, and operating expenses are 22% of budgeted amounts.

At this time Mayor Allen asked for an amendment to the agenda for renumbering of item number 9. Motion made by Councilman Dowd, Seconded by Councilwoman Kennedy. Motion Passed.

A roll call revealed the following members were present:

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

Moved by Councilman Thomas, Seconded by Councilwoman Guess to approve **Resolution 50 of 2016**.

**Resolution No. 50 of 2016** Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for funds to support a project to preform improvements and replace maintenance equipment to our city through the 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program.

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Dowd to Approve **Resolution 51 of 2016**.

**Resolution No. 51 of 2016** Current Interim City Administrator, DeLain Prewitt, is hereby relived of her duties as Interim City Administrator for the City of Leesville.

City Clerk, Nikki Howe, Read the Resolution aloud. Moved by Councilwoman Kennedy, Seconded by Councilman Robertson to Approve **Resolution 52 of 2016**.

**Resolution No. 52 of 2016** Mayor and City Council to appoint a City Administrator for the City of Leesville effective the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

Moved by Councilwoman Guess, Seconded by Councilman Thomas to Approve **Resolution 53 of 2016**.

**Resolution No. 53 of 2016** Mayor is authorized to advertise for BIDS for Leesville 2016 Street Rehabilitation Phase II, M.A. Project No. B6-14075-DA.2.

City Administrator, DeLain Prewitt, gave her fairwell and thanked the Mayor and the Council for allowing her the opportunity of coming back to the City and working with them. She also updated council on the server crash, everything is almost back to normal and running properly.

City Engineer, Mark McCarty, gave update on Street Rehabilitation Phase I and Ground Storage Tank.

City Council Members Closing Comments:

Councilwoman Guess- Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and thanked her for everything she has done. Thanked Sonny Harrell for her work at Mertle Park, and thanked everyone that was involved in the park build. She also welcomed Mrs. Larney.

Councilman Dowd – Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and thanked her for everything she has done. Thanked Sonny Harrell for her work at Mertle Park, and thanked everyone that was involved in the park build as well as the Mayors Youth Council for coming and helping. He also welcomed Mrs. Larney.

Councilman Robertson- Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and thanked her for everything she has done, he also welcomed Mrs. Larney. He also brought up an issue with Yellow Top Cab and assured them that he was working on resolving their problem.

Councilwoman Kennedy- Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and thanked her for everything she has done, She also welcomed Mrs. Larney. She announced that she attended the presentation of the book nooks and how she looks forward to seeing them throughout the City. She announced that she had seen the street sweeper in District 2 and how she was pleased with the work being done. Announced that Jubilee Park Christmas Lighting would be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Shapkoff- Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and he also welcomed Mrs. Larney. He asked that Verone Street be cleaned that the gutters in District 4 be cleaned. He also asked about permitting pricing.

Councilman Thomas – Fairwell to Mrs. DeLain and also welcomed Mrs. Larney. He checked with each department head to make sure things were running properly for each of them.

Mayors Comments – Announced that the city carpenter was working on building benches and a new sign at Magnolia Park, and that public works would be purchasing sand and boarders for the playground equipment that was installed at Mertle Park. He announced that the City was also purchasing flags and flag poles that were going to be placed in the City. Also he announced that City would be doing an escort for Sgt. Martin of his remains from the Korean War on November 16<sup>th</sup> at asked that everyone show their respect and patriotism on that day.

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 3:40 p.m. Motion Passed.

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/S/Nikki Howe  
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen  
Mayor