

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2019

Call to Order by Mayor Allen at 3:01 p.m.

Invocation by Elder Leroy Stokes

Pledge by Mr. Chris Robertson

Roll Call: 5 present - Councilmembers: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Guess, and Mayor Allen and 2 absent – Thomas and Shapkoff.

Minutes of March 11, 2019 - To accept the minutes was moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess. Motion passed.

Monthly Bills for March 25, 2019 - To accept the monthly bills was moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed.

Financial Report was presented by Alex Morris due to the absence of Nicole Merlino. To accept the financial report was moved by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Guess. Motion passed.

Pay Requests:

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Pay Requests A. Motion passed.

A. Leesville DWRLF	M.A. Project No. A812037	
Geotechnical Testing Lab	Invoice No. 218552-219	\$1,315.25
Meyer & Associates, Inc.	Invoice No. 28354	\$7,618.22
Meyer & Associates, Inc.	Invoice No. 28359	\$165.00

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Pay Requests B. Motion passed.

B. 17-18 Street Rehabilitation	M.A. Project No. B617045	
Geotechnical Testing Lab	Invoice No. 218313-219	\$193.40
Meyer & Associates, Inc.	Invoice No. 28322	\$1,050.00
Meyer & Associates, Inc.	Invoice No. 28320	\$312.00
Meyer & Associates, Inc.	Invoice No. 28321	\$780.00
Jeffery K Skidmore, Clerk of Court	Invoice No. 2019-87045	\$105.00

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty updated the council on the current projects to include but not limited to Street Rehab – Phase I and Phase II, Elevated Water Storage Tanks, University Parkway, Water Tank Rehab, and Boone Street.

Mayor Allen asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include two items:

9B. A resolution for the City of Leesville to approve contract award for the Elevated Water Tank Rehab to Diamond Enterprise, Inc. and 9C. A resolution for the City of Leesville to authorize an IGSA with the Vernon Parish Police Jury to procure and deliver commercial road base to the Industrial Park.

There were no public comments made to amend the agenda and it was moved by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to amend the agenda. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Absent, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes.

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve a Resolution of 2019. Motion passed.

9B. A resolution for the City of Leesville to approve contract award for the Elevated Water Tank Rehab to Diamond Enterprise, Inc.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve a Resolution of 2019. Motion passed.

9C. A resolution for the City of Leesville to authorize an IGSA with the Vernon Parish Police Jury to procure and deliver commercial road base to the Industrial Park.

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 23 of 2019. Motion passed.

Resolution 23 of 2019 – A resolution for council approval to advertise for bids for lease of property at the Municipal Airport for hay production. (Public Comments - none)

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 24 of 2019. Motion passed.

Resolution 24 of 2019 – A resolution for the council approval to advertise for bids for vegetation control at the Municipal Airport. (Public Comments - none)

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 25 of 2019. Motion passed.

Resolution 25 of 2019 – A resolution of the City of Leesville to authorize Mayor Rick Allen, City Administrator Patti Larney, and Finance Officer Nicole Merlino as authorized signers for the FY 2018-2019 LGAP, CDBG, and CWEF Programs and to further authorizes City Clerk Sonny Harrell to certify signatures therewith. (Public Comments)

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 26 of 2019. Motion passed.

Resolution 26 of 2019 – A resolution to approve and authorize the City of Leesville to sign and execute a certain contract agreement by and between the City of Leesville and the State of Louisiana Division of Administration regarding the FY 2018 Contract for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. (Public Comments)

City Administrator – Patti Larney reminded the council on the upcoming entertainment events that will be held at Polk Theatre during the month of April. Thanked all the departments for their hard work.

City Attorney – Max Antony updated the council on the Firefighters case – trial date set for June 17, 2019 at the 30th Judicial District Court.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council asked for prayers extended to Councilman Thomas and his family.

Councilwoman Ybarra inquired and responded to the 90 day Stay of Demolition request by Anthony Miller, property owner of 813 Dennis Ave. Councilwoman Ybarra requested that Mr. Miller make continuous progress on cleaning up his property and acquire a contractor to assess repairs and asked the council to revisit the issue on the second meeting of April.

Councilman Robertson shared the success of the community clean up and commented that 4th and Harriett Streets are still holding large amounts of water. He reminded everyone of the job fair hosted by Champion Home.

No other pertinent comments were made regarding city business.

No public comments were made.

Mayor's Comment – No comment and asked for a motion to adjourn and it was moved to adjourn this regular session was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson at 3:29 p.m. Motion passed.

/S/Sonny Harrell
City Clerk

/S/Rick Allen
Mayor