

PUBLIC HEARING / MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 8, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to Order was made by Mayor Allen at 3:03PM.

Roll Call revealed 6 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, and Mayor Allen and 1 absent: Thomas.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Guess to accept the adoption of Ordinance 6 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Adoption of Ordinance 6 of 2019 – An ordinance recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission for rezoning from A-7 Multi-Family Urban District to A-6 Single Family Urban District to allow for a mobile home in District 2. (Public Comments)

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Shapkoff to accept the adoption of Ordinance 7 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Adoption of Ordinance 7 of 2019 – An ordinance recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission for Council approval to accept the application for annexation of New Willow Baptist Church and properties thereof into the corporate limits of the City of Leesville. (Public Comments) Public hearing will be on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Moved to adjourn the July 8, 2019 public hearing was made by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy at 3:16pm.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Call to Order was made by Mayor Allen at 3:17PM.

Invocation was given by Elder Leroy Stokes

Pledge was led by Mr. Kenny Haymon

Roll Call revealed 6 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, and Mayor Allen and 1 absent: Thomas.

Minute of June 24, 2109 – motion to accept the minutes was moved to accept the minutes of June 24, 2019 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed.

Monthly Bills – motion to approve the monthly bills was moved by Councilmember Shapkoff and seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Shapkoff to approve Pay Request A. Motion passed.

A. Leesville DWRLF Improvements Plan	M.A. Project No. A812037	
Diamond Enterprises, Inc.	Pay Estimate No. 2	\$229,862.00

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty gave brief update on the elevated tank rehab. Project; discussed change orders. See attached engineer’s update.

Presentation was made by Grant Bush awarding the Leesville Police Department with a donation check for the police officers' benevolent fund.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to accept the adoption of Ordinance 6 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Adoption of Ordinance 6 of 2019 – An ordinance recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission for rezoning from A-7 Multi-Family Urban District to A-6 Single Family Urban District to allow for a mobile home in District 2. (Public Comments)

Ordinance 6 of 2019

An ordinance to rezone , Parcel No. 0102650035 from A-7 Multi-Family Urban District to A-6 MS Single Family Urban District to allow a mobile home;

WHEREAS, the Leesville Planning and Zoning Commission, at an open meeting held June 6th, 2019 considered an application submitted by Mike Jones to rezone aforementioned parcel from A-7 Multi-Family Urban District to A-6 MS Single Family Urban District to allow a mobile home; and

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 parcel listed above is located on Haynes Drive, Leesville, LA in District 2 and encompasses approximately 1.06 acres that will allow for a 14x80 mobile home for personal use; and

WHEREAS, there were no known adverse health, safety, or general welfare issues or concerns associated with this request.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Leesville City Council, hereby, accepted the aforementioned parcel **0102650035** on behalf of the City of Leesville be rezoned from A-7 Multi-Family Urban District to A-6 MS Single Family Urban District to allow a mobile home in District 2.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 24th day of June 2019 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing of this ordinance will be conducted on the 8th day of July 2019.

This ordinance will be adopted on the 8th day of July 2019 during a regularly scheduled meeting, assuming no opposition comes forth.

On motion by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Guess this ordinance is adopted by the City of Leesville in regular session on this 8th day of July 2019 by the following votes:

Yeas:	6 – Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Mayor Allen
Nays:	0
Abstains:	0
Absents:	1 - Thomas

ATTEST:

Sonny Harrell
City Clerk

Rick Allen
Mayor

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to accept the adoption of Ordinance 7 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Adoption of Ordinance 7 of 2019 – An ordinance recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission for Council approval to accept the application for annexation of New Willow Baptist Church and properties thereof into the corporate limits of the City of Leesville. (Public Comments) Public hearing will be on Monday, July 8, 2019.

ORDINANCE 7 OF 2019

The following Ordinance to Annex New Willow Baptist Church and properties thereof was introduced by Mayor Allen on June 24, 2019 and after a public hearing will be held at Leesville City Hall on July 8, 2019. On a motion by Councilmember Shapkoff and seconded by Councilmember Robertson this ordinance was adopted on July 8, 2019.

"AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA, ASSENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNER(S) WITHIN THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS"

"NEW WILLOW BAPTIST CHURCH"

WHEREAS, an application has been presented to the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Leesville, Louisiana, containing the written assent of the property owner(s), requesting annexations of properties described as parcels: 8109011200 and 8119040509 into the territorial corporate limits of the City of Leesville, so as to constitute a part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the notice of said application was accepted and approved for recommendation by the City of Leesville Planning & Zoning Commission and now seeking the City Council approval of the requested annexations; and

WHEREAS, the notification of a public hearing was scheduled on July 8, 2019 by publication in the Leesville Daily Leader; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will be adopted during regular session on July 8, 2019 if there is no opposition filed thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA, in legal session convened, after a public hearing held on the 8th day of July 2019 that:

SECTION 1. Properties proposed for annexations into the Corporate Limits of the City of Leesville, Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana; is more particularly described as follows:

*** See Exhibit "A" attached hereto. ***

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a description of the boundaries of the corporate limits of the City of Leesville, inclusive of the above described and annexed territory shall be recorded by the Clerk of Court of Vernon Parish, Louisiana, in the conveyance records of said parish within ten (10) days from the adoption hereof.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. With the above ordinance having been introduced on June 24, 2019, and a public hearing having been held and a record vote was taken and the following result was had.

The following Council Members voted as follows:

- Chris Robertson.....Yes
- Willie Mae Kennedy..... Yes
- Nicole Ybarra.....Yes
- Tony Shapkoff.....Yes
- Alice Guess..... Yes
- Linda Thomas..... Yes
- Mayor AllenYes

Where upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly accepted for adoption on July 8, 2019 and Mayor Rick Allen affixed his signature in open session.

CITY OF LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA

/s/ Rick Allen
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sonny Harrell
City Clerk

DATE ADOPTED: July 8, 2019

Moved to amend the agenda to change the word adoption to introduction was made by Councilmember Shapkoff and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to accept the Introduction of Ordinance 7 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Absent, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Adoption Introduction of Ordinance 8 of 2019 – An ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article II, Section 30- 100 for the maintenance of immovable property within the City of Leesville, providing for notice to correct prohibited conditions of such property, providing authority to the City to correct prohibited conditions of such property, and providing for liability for costs of such correction by the City. (Public Comments)

Ordinance 8 of 2019

The following Ordinance amendment was introduced by Mayor Allen on July 8, 2019 and after a public hearing will be held at Leesville City Hall on July 22, 2019. On a motion by Councilmember Ybarra and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy this ordinance was accepted to be adopted on July 22, 2019.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (GARBAGE, TRASH, AND WEEDS), ARTICILE II (WEEDS, TRASH, AND JUNK), SECTION 30-100 TO SECTION 30-110 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO CORRECT PROHIBITED CONDITIONS OF SUCH PROPERTY, PROVIDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY TO CORRECT PROHIBITED CONDITIONS OF SUCH PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY FOR COSTS OF SUCH CORRECTION BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Leesville, Louisiana finds that the Administration of the City has incurred undue difficulty and expense as a result of some owners and occupants of immovable property failing to maintain same in a safe and sanitary condition through timely and frequent cutting, destruction, and/or removal of noxious weeds, grass and other deleterious, unhealthful, or noxious growths, trash, debris, refuse and discarded or noxious matters within the City, thereby causing charges, costs and expenses to be incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is necessary to amend provisions for the City Code Section 30-106 of the City’s Code of Ordinances to rectify the aforementioned conditions and to provide the notice to correct prohibited conditions, to provide for compliance with such notice, to provide authority of the City to correct prohibited conditions, to provide for liability for costs of such correction by the City, and to provide for liens and privileges in favor of the City for such costs of correction, all pursuant to Louisiana Law, including, but not limited to, La. R.S. 33:4754 and 5062:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANINED that the aforementioned Section 30-106 (Cost charged to owner, lessee or processor) of Chapter 30 of the City’s Code of Ordinances be, and the same are hereby, replacing with the following, corresponding, numbered sections of said Code of Ordinances, to wit:

Section 30-106 (Authority of City to correct prohibited conditions and cost charged to owner, lessee or processor); In default of the cutting, destroying and removing from any immovable property or abutting sidewalks which is in violation of Chapter 30 of the City Code of Ordinances all noxious weeds, grass and other deleterious, unhealthful, and noxious growths, and removing all trash, debris, refuse and discarded or noxious matters within 5 days after ONE TIME ANNUAL NOTICE has been given to such person (s), Code Enforcement Officer, or duly authorized representative thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered, at the expenses of the person (s) owning such immovable property, to order by City forces or by contract, the cutting, destroying and removing of such noxious weeds, grass, other deleterious, unhealthful, and noxious growth, and removing all trash, debris, refuse and discarded and noxious matter growing or lying upon said immovable property or abutting sidewalks. In the order of the City contracting services to remedy a violation, the cost will be per the charges from a bid process contractor starting at not less than \$100 and any other charges per hour required or from the City’s forces to remedy the violation, which shall be in the

sum of \$150.00, plus \$65.00 per hour or any fraction of an hour per piece of equipment actually used such as, but not exclusively including, a tractor, bush hog, backhoe, bulldozer, or dump truck, plus accrued interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the date of completion of such work shall be charged, either by City or its Contractor, to the owner, lessee or possessor of such property, which charge shall be due and payable by said owner, lessee or possessor on the date of completion of said work.

BE IT FURTHER ORDANINED, that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance was introduced on July 8, 2019 and after a public hearing will be held on July 22, 2019 and adopted on July 22, 2019 if there is no opposition.

THUS DONE AND INTRODUCED, on this 8th day of July 2019, by the City Council of the City of Leesville,

Louisiana sitting in regular session duly convened with the following votes to wit:

Yeas: 6 - Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Mayor Allen
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absents: 1 - Thomas

ATTEST:

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 53 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 53 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to approve the Leesville Daily Leader as the City’s legal journal for FY 2019-2020. Motion passed with no public comments.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 54 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 54 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to approve Change Order No. 2 submitted Meyer & Associates, Inc. regarding Screen Washing & Inspection for Well 16 – Project No. A8-12037-DM. (Public Comments)

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 55 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 55 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to approve and authorize the City of Leesville to award the bid contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Vanguard Utility Service, Inc. for the installation of water meter contract.

City Administrator – Patti Larney advised the council on the upcoming project to replace dead water meters and a ribbon cutting ceremony at Champion at the Industrial Park.

City Attorney – Max Antony was absent.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council expressed their get well wishes to Chief Hill and pray for a speedy recovery; thanked all the departments for their hard work and assistance with community projects; and Councilmember Kennedy announced that the Jubilee Park Cte. Back to School Supply Giveaway will be 8/3/19. No pertinent comments were made relative to City business.

Public Comments – No public comments were made.

Mayor’s Comment – Mayor Allen informed the Council that he planned a field trip to the Alex. Zoo for the kids of the MLK Summer Program. The field trip will be July 19th and explained the details of the trip; Jason and Jamie Green will donate watermelons to the center on the week of July 29th; and First Assembly of God will be hosting their vacation bible school at the MLK Center during the week of July 22nd. Ron Williams gave an update on the Ft. Polk Vegetation Contract and Kenny Haymon and Chuck Dowden introduced themselves for political candidates.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was moved by Councilmember Shapkoff seconded by Councilmember Ybarra at 3:44pm. Motion passed.