

PUBLIC HEARING / MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 22, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to Order was made by Mayor Allen at 3:02PM.

Roll Call revealed 7 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Thomas, and Mayor Allen.

Public hearing item, Ordinance 8 of 2019 was read out loud, with noted error, by the city clerk and the floor was opened for public comments. No public comments were made.

Motion to amend ordinance to change from 5 days to 20 days was moved 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 – Yes, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to accept the adoption of Ordinance 8 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Yes, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

Ordinance 8 of 2019 – An ordinance amending Chapter 30 (Garbage, Trash, and Weeds), Article 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.

Moved to adjourn the July 22, 2019 public hearing was made by Councilmember Shapkoff and seconded by Councilmember Robertson at 3:11pm.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Call to Order was made by Mayor Allen at 3:12PM.

Invocation was given by Elder Leroy Stokes

Pledge was led by Mr. Grant Bush

Roll Call revealed 7 present: Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Thomas and Mayor Allen.

Minute of July 8, 2109 – motion to accept the minutes of July 8, 2019 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra. Motion passed.

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

Meyer & Associates, Inc.

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| Invoice No. 28758 | \$1,072.04 | Invoice No. 28760 | \$17,705.28 |
| Invoice No. 28759 | \$2,972.04 | Invoice No. 28774 | \$4,000.00 |
| Invoice No. 28589, 28754 | \$2,090.00 | Invoice No. 28757 | \$12,192.60 |
| Invoice No. 28756 | \$1,265.00 | | |

Blueprint & Copy Service

Invoice No. 5925 \$254.40

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Pay Request B. Motion passed.

B. 17-18 Street Rehabilitation

M.A. Project No. B617045

Jeffery K Skidmore, Clerk of Court

Invoice No. 2019-00090945 \$105.00

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty gave brief update on the elevated tank rehab project - near completion. See attached engineer's update.

Presentation was made by Mayor Allen recognizing Grant Bush, City Planner for his performance, dedication, and commitment to the City of Leesville.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to accept the adoption of Ordinance 8 of 2019. Motion passed with roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Yes, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were made.

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 Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra this ordinance was 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 20** 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 ADOPTED, on this 22nd 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: 7 - Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Thomas, and Mayor Allen
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absents: 0

ATTEST:

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 56 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 56 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement between the City of Leesville and the Louisiana Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 57 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 57 of 2019 - A resolution for the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) for the Leesville Municipal Airport Project titled “Improve North Runway 18/36 Safety Area – Phase II Construction.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 58 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 58 of 2019 – A resolution for the Mayor and City Council to approve a “Class A” alcohol permit application for The Jamaican Spot Restaurant located at 1507 S. 5th St., Leesville, LA.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 59 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 59 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a request for a Line of Credit for the Capital Outlay Fund regarding the 2019-2020 Street Rehabilitation and Extension Project.

City Administrator – Patti Larney thanked all the department heads for their hard work and informed the council of the graphics on the water tower.

City Attorney – Max Antony no updates.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council expressed happy birthday wishes to Patti Larney and Chief Bush; thanked the department heads for their hard work, especially Mr. Stokes for working with the kids at the MLK Center; congratulated Grant Bush on his recognition; and Councilwoman Thomas announced that she will be submitting her name in the upcoming election.

Public Comments – No public comments were made.

Mayor’s Comment – Mayor Allen thanked all the department heads for their hard work; thanked Jamie and Jason Green for their watermelon donation to the MLK Center; talked about the MLK Center zoo trip – successful event; lastly, announced a street dedication ceremony after the council meeting.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was moved by Councilmember Robertson seconded by Councilmember Guess at 3:38pm. Motion passed.

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor