

PUBLIC HEARING / MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:

Call to order at 3:01PM by Mayor Allen.

After reading of the ordinance in full, the Council discussed Ordinance 13 of 2019, an ordinance amending Chapter 50 Section 50-55(b)(1) of the City Code of Ordinances regarding to the “opening and closing hours” as outlined therein.

Moved to accept Ordinance 13 of 2019 was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Shapkoff. Motion passed with the following roll call votes:

Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra – Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Yes, and Mayor Allen – Yes. Nays – 0, Abstains – 0, and Absents – 0.

Moved to adjourn was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Ybarra at 3:03PM.

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:

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

Invocation was given by Elder Leroy Stokes

Pledge was led by Ms. Sherri Wilhem.

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

Moved to accept the minutes of August 26, 2019 was by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Robertson. Motion passed.

Moved to approve the monthly bills was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed.

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

A. Leesville DWRLF Improvements Plan	M.A. Project No. A812037
<u>Diamond Enterprises, Inc.</u>	Pay Estimate No. 4 \$188,014.50

City Engineer Update - Mark McCarty gave brief update on the elevated water tanks. See attached engineer’s update.

Moved to adopt of Ordinance 13 of 2019 was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. 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 given.

Adoption of Ordinance 13 of 2019 - An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 Section 50-55(b)(1) of the City Code of Ordinances regarding to the “opening and closing hours” as outlined therein. Public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 9, 2019.

ORDINANCE 13 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 SECTION 50-55(b)(1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION CONTAINED HEREIN, RELIGIOUS, FRATERNAL OR SOCIAL CLUBS WHOSE PARISH, STATE, OR NATIONAL CHAPTERS OR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED TAX EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OR ITS SUCCESSOR MAY SELL BEVERAGES OF HIGH OR LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT TO THEIR MEMBERS AND THE GUEST OF THEIR MEMBERS, BY THE DRINK, ON CLUB PREMISES, FOR CONSUMPTION ON CLUB PREMISES, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00PM AND 9:00PM.

WHEREAS in pursuant to Chapter 50 of the City Code of Ordinances, the City of Leesville desires to amend the aforementioned hours of operation **FROM** 1:00PM and 9:00PM **TO** 1:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Sundays; and

WHEREAS based on concerns of some businesses that sell alcoholic beverages as other like businesses are at a competitive disadvantage with the current code.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Leesville, Louisiana, in accordance with Chapter 50, in regular session convened, does hereby accepts the introduction of this ordinance to amend Section 50-55(b)(1) of the City Code of Ordinances on this 26th day of August 2019.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Leesville City Council will hold a public hearing at City Call on the 9th day of September 2019 at 3:00PM.

On motion to accept the Introduction of this Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion passed with the following votes to wit:

The above ordinance was introduced on the 26th day of August 2019 during a regularly scheduled meeting and after a public hearing on the 9th day of September 2019 this ordinance will be adopted on the 9th day of September 2019 if no opposition.

YEAS: 6 – Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Thomas, Mayor Allen
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

ATTEST:

Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

Rick Allen, Mayor

Moved to Introduce of Ordinance 14 of 2019 was by Councilmember Guess 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 given.

Introduction of Ordinance 14 of 2019 - An ordinance revising Section 50-25 through 50-33 of Division 2 (Alcoholic Beverage Handling Employee Cards) of the Leesville City Charter to eliminate duplicative requirements of employees seeking alcoholic beverage handling cards.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTIONS 50-25 THROUGH 50-33 OF DIVISION 2 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING EMPLOYEE CARDS) OF THE LEESVILLE CITY CHARTER TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYEES SEEKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING CARDS.

WHEREAS, Sections 50-25 through 50-33 of Division 2 of the Leesville City Charter regulate the rules, terms, conditions, and required qualifications that govern employees handling alcoholic beverages within the City of Leesville;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana also regulates and governs employees and/or persons handling alcoholic beverages within the City of Leesville through The Responsible Vendor Program administered by the Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control ("**ATC**");

WHEREAS, the ATC requires that all employees and/or persons handling and/or serving alcoholic beverages in the City of Leesville to obtain a Responsible Vendor Permit;

WHEREAS, the requirements mandated by the State of Louisiana and by the City of Leesville as it relates to "bar cards" are duplicative in nature;

WHEREAS, the City of Leesville no longer desires to regulate and govern employees handling alcoholic beverages and specifically desires to allow such regulation in the City of Leesville to be solely administered and enforced by the State of Louisiana through the ATC;

WHEREAS, therefore, the City of Leesville desires to revise and amend Sections 50-25 through 50-33 of Division 2 of the Leesville City Charter in accordance with the above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the City of Leesville that Sections 50-25 through 50-33 of Division 2 of the Leesville City Charter be revised and amended as follows:

DIVISION 2. - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING EMPLOYEE CARDS.

Sec. 50-25. - Required.

Any employee of a vendor who is authorized to sell or serve alcoholic beverage products in the normal course of his or her employment or deals with customers who purchase or consume alcoholic beverage products shall be in compliance with Louisiana law, including, but not limited to, the rules, requirements, and regulations of the Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control.

Sec. 50-26 through Sec. 50-40. - Reserved.

On motion to accept the Introduction of this Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Guess and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy. Motion passed with the following votes to wit:

The above ordinance was introduced on the 9th day of September 2019 during a regularly scheduled meeting and after a public hearing on the 23rd day of September 2019, this ordinance will be adopted on the 23rd day of September 2019 if no opposition.

YEAS: 7 – Robertson, Kennedy, Ybarra, Shapkoff, Guess, Thomas, Allen
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

ATTEST:

Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

Rick Allen, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK OF LEESVILLE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF VERNON

I, the undersigned City Clerk to the Leesville City Council, Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the ordinance introduced by said Governing Authority on September 9 _____, 2019 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTIONS 50-25 THROUGH 50-33 OF DIVISION 2 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING EMPLOYEE CARDS) OF THE LEESVILLE CITY CHARTER TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYEES SEEKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING CARDS."

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City of Leesville, State of Louisiana, on _____, _____, **201 9**.

SONNY HARRELL

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 74 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 74 of 2019 – A resolution for City Council to approve a variance in pursuant to Section 50-13 of the City Code of Ordinances and approve El Patio Mexican Grill located at 205 Alexandria Highway, Leesville, LA a Class "A" Alcohol Permit.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Guess to approve Resolution 75 of 2019. Motion passed with the necessary correction and with no public comments.

Resolution 75 of 2019 – A resolution for the City Council to adopt millage rates levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Robertson to approve Resolution 76 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 76 of 2019 – A resolution offering support for the Congressional Designation of the Route for Interstate 14 on the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Project.

Moved by Councilmember Guess, seconded by Councilmember Shapkoff to approve Resolution 77 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 77 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a FAA Grant Application for the Leesville Airport Runway End and Turn-a-about Design Project, authorize bid advertisements for professional services, accept funding upon approval, and execute all terms of agreement connected therewith.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Ybarra to approve Resolution 78 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 78 of 2019 – A resolution for the Council to approve Change Order No. 5 for the Ground Storage Tank for North Water Plant to include installation of new SCADA System to monitor and test pump functions.

Mayor Allen motioned to amend the agenda to add Resolution 79 of 2019 – A resolution to authorize the City of Leesville to enter into a licensed agreement with JRTC Operations Group of the US Government for the use of the City Airport for training purposes. The floor was opened for public comments and no comments were given.

Moved to amend the agenda was by Councilmember Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Guess. Motion passed with the following roll call votes: Robertson – Yes, Kennedy – Yes, Ybarra - Yes, Shapkoff – Yes, Guess – Yes, Thomas – Yes, and Mayor Allen – Yes. No public comments were given.

Moved by Councilmember Shapkoff, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve Resolution 79 of 2019. Motion passed with no public comments.

Resolution 79 of 2019 – A resolution to authorize the City of Leesville to enter into a licensed agreement with JRTC Operations Group of the US Government for the use of the City Airport for training purposes.

City Administrator – Patti Larney briefed the Council on the break in at the leisure pool and CenterPoint utility work in the community; she asked for citizens’ patience while CenterPoint conducts their work and informed the Council that CenterPoint will repair, replace damages done on properties.

City Attorney – Max Antony updated the council on the Open Meetings Law regarding public comments.

Council Member Comments – Collectively, the council thanked the departments for their hard work and assistance and urged the public to exercise caution in school zones and around school buses. Councilwoman Thomas encouraged the public to support local school sports and athletes.

Councilwoman Kennedy inquired about mom-working street lights and asked for resolution in reporting light outages. The City Admin will look into scheduling someone to complete that task.

No other pertinent comments related to City business were made.

Mayor had no comments and asked for a motion to adjourn this regular session of the Leesville City Council Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was moved by Councilmember Thomas seconded by Councilmember Kennedy at 3:31pm. Motion passed.

/s/ Sonny Harrell, City Clerk

/s/ Rick Allen, Mayor