

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council  
Livingston, Louisiana  
March 22, 2018**

The Livingston Parish Council met in regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard	John Wascom	Shane Mack
Garry "Frog" Talbert	R.C. "Bubba" Harris	
Maurice "Scooter" Keen	Tracy Girlinghouse	

Absent: Tab Lobell, Jeff Averett  
Also present: Layton Ricks, Parish President  
Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

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The chair called the meeting to order, and asked Councilman John Wascom to have the Boy Scouts to join him in the front to lead everyone in the pledge.

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The chair addressed agenda item 7, "Presentations", a. Recognition of Troop 11 Boy Scouts of Denham Springs – John Wascom. Councilman Wascom gave a brief speech about the strength of men and of their role. He wished to applaud each scout and he encouraged them to "be a strong man and to be a leader". He introduced Troop 11 that is chartered by Hebron Baptist Church in Denham Springs which is in Councilman R.C. "Bubba" Harris' district. He shared some of their achievements and awarded each with a certificate. Councilman Wascom wanted to congratulate the adult leaders who were present as well and he thanked them for their role.

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The chair asked the Council Clerk, Sandy Teal, to call the roll, and he then reminded everyone to please mute or turn off cell phones. He announced that public input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item.

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The chair stated that there was one more presentation from a Law Firm Representative. Madeleine Brumley approached the podium and introduced herself as being from the Laborde Earles Law Firm at 103 Energy Parkway Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508. She stated that she was there to speak about the opioid crisis and about the national litigation that's being consolidated across the state. She said that their firm was working with sheriff offices and parish governments to sue the manufacturers and distributors of opioid medication for their role in creating the opioid crises. She listed the limited circumstances that prescription opioids were prescribed for in the early 90s. She stated that the manufacturers of these drugs realized that the limited utility for them limited the amount that could be sold. She further stated that millions were put into re-educating prescribers and the public about what an appropriate use for a powerful narcotic medication such as hydrocodone or oxycotton was, and they convinced prescribers and the public that opioids were appropriate for long term chronic pain. They marketed to doctors, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners who didn't have the kind of experience and training in pain management to really critically evaluate these claims. Opioids became readily available for everything from rheumatoid arthritis, to lower back pain, to migraines and the supply just exploded. As more people began taking these drugs for long term ailments, more people were addicted. As doctors became less willing to prescribe these drugs realizing their danger a lot of people turned to cheaper and more readily available heroin. She stated that the heroin and fentanyl crises that we're experiencing today is directly related to the misleading marketing campaign engaged in by these pharmaceutical manufacturers. She noted that they are also working to bring litigation against pharmaceutical distributors because they have a duty to report large and/or suspicious orders. She stated some harrowing statistics in Louisiana regarding opioid abuse. She noted that the litigation results would hopefully recover some funds to help recover some of the money that has been spent dealing with the opioid crises on behalf of the citizens, and to help to abate this crisis.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse asked why the cost to abate the crises quoted had such a large span. Ms. Brumley spoke briefly about disparities amongst the cost that's yet to be seen that will have an impact on both overall national and local levels.

Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert questioned why the litigation was going after big pharmaceutical companies and not the physicians who prescribed them. Ms. Brumley noted

that the pharmaceutical manufacturer’s strategy was to so pollute the stream of information that doctors expect to safely rely on that even doctors acting in good faith would be prescribing opioids for inappropriate uses. She went on to elaborate on certain doctors and how the stream of information was filled with data supporting opioid use. It was noted that the CDC and the National Institute of Health have identified the pharmaceuticals misleading and aggressive marketing campaigns as one of the key factors in the opioid crises that we’re facing today.

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen asked if the number of prescriptions were now declining due to this new information. Ms. Brumley stated that Louisiana just this past year has had a leveling off of the number of prescriptions. The legislature has recently enacted a prescription monitoring program and opioid prescriptions have been limited to perhaps a seven day period. She felt that the public is getting educated, and that prescribing habits are changing. The end goal is not only to deter this type of behavior, but to also put funds in the hands of those who could do something about the crises.

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The chair addressed agenda item 13, Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver for the allowance of a second address to be issued for a mobile home for a direct ascending/descending heir on a lot that is 1725.80 square feet short of the requirement, located at 36762 Caraway Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706 – Garry “Frog” Talbert. The chair called upon Councilman Talbert who briefly explained the specifics of the waiver request. He was contacted by a constituent who is trying to move their parents, who are elderly, from out of state. Councilman Talbert said that it meets the state square footage requirement, but not the parish. He asked that the council recommends the waiver, with the stipulation that, when the relatives leave the trailer, the “address goes away, and the trailer goes away”.

Public Input: Buford Elliott of Denham Springs asked how it would be policed. Mr. Talbert replied that in theory it was kind of the honor system. He inquired of the Parish Legal Counsel, Mr. Moody as to how policing would be done if the grandparents were no longer there and it was being rented to someone. Mr. Moody replied that he felt we could fall back on the stipulation and eliminate the address. They agreed that it was not a perfect system, but that by providing the stipulation, when the relatives move the address goes away and we have an avenue to correct the problem.

Public Input: Gordon Courtney spoke about possibly putting a time limit on the waiver.

Public Input: A relative spoke, and she said that it would only be a family property. She was willing to sign any waivers saying that it would never be a rental property.

**LPR NO. 18-079**

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to authorize a waiver for the allowance of a second address to be issued for a mobile home for a direct ascending/descending heir on a lot that is 1725.80 square feet short of the requirement, located at 36762 Caraway Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706, this, with the stipulation that the address would no longer be valid in the event that original occupants (father, mother, daughter) no longer occupy the trailer and the trailer would then have to be removed from the site.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 12, Planning Department – Sam Digirolamo, Resolution to amend LPR NO. 18-038, Tim Kinchen, multiple waivers for 6-Lot Resub on Lockhart Road Section 20, T6S R3E in Council District 3, adopted on February 8, 2018 by changing the six (6) lot to a five (5) lot Resub. Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen addressed the item as “house-keeping.” He

noted that the error made would change the six lot to a five lot, but that the gentleman was planning on decreasing that to four.

Public Input: Taryn Creekbaum spoke and said that there would be no need for a waiver since four lots are already allowed. Sam Digirolamo suggested that we stick to the agenda and correct the current language for now to include a five lot and not a six lot Resub.

**LPR NO. 18-080**

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to amend LPR NO. 18-038, Tim Kinchen, multiple waivers for 6-Lot Resub on Lockhart Road Section 20, T6S R3E in Council District 3, adopted on February 8, 2018 by changing the six (6) lot to a five (5) lot Resub.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 14 and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse to explain the reason for the waiver request. Mr. Girlinghouse said that the church had added an addition, and in the process they put the back corner of the addition over the drainage line. The Parish Engineer cannot sign off on that because it’s not supposed to be under the edge of the building. He’d like to request a waiver so that they can obtain approval for the electricity to be hooked up. The pastor plans to move the line in the future when they do other renovations.

**LPR NO. 18-081**

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to approve a waiver for the building addition of Remnant Church of God, located on Highway 190 in Walker, to allow for the issuance of their “Certificate of Occupancy” without the Parish Review Engineer’s approval.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 21, Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to install a “No Truck Route” sign on Lloyd Stewart Road – Shane Mack. Councilman Mack said that the dead-end road is very narrow and it’s close to an industrial recycling plant. Oftentimes truck drivers get confused and pull in the wrong road. Councilman Talbert asked if Mr. Stewart was the only person on that road, and Councilman Mack replied that he was not.

**LPR NO. 18-082**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to authorize the Department of Public Works to install a “No Truck Route” sign on Lloyd Stewart Road.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 8, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-04, to call for an election to amend the Home Rule Charter as it relates to term limits.**

The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked for any discussion from the public. Mr. Wesley Sorenson from Denham Springs said that he was both for and against the resolution. He noted that he was a member of the Home Rule Charter Commission in 2015, and that he was against the Parish President having term limits. Mr. Girlinghouse felt that the public sentiment was that they want term limits. Rich Wilkinson, also from Denham Springs, spoke for term limits on everyone. The chair then closed the public hearing and asked the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

**LPR NO. 18-083**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of Garry “Frog” Talbert and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-04**

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE PARISH PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 4).

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The chair addressed agenda item 9, “Adoption of the Minutes from the March 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Council”.

**LPR NO. 18-084**

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated March 8, 2018 of the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair called upon the Parish President Layton Ricks to address agenda item 10a, Parish President’s Report: Proclaim March 2018 as Flood Awareness Month. Mr. Ricks stated that the Amite River Basin has asked us to make March Flood Awareness Month.

**LPR NO. 18-085**

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Shane Mack to support a Proclamation naming March as Flood Awareness Month.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The Parish President then addressed agenda item 10b and requested authorization to execute and file an application for Council on Aging DOTD grant under 49 CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula and/or 49 CFR 5339, Discretionary Capital Program – Kay Granger, Executive Director of the Livingston Council on Aging. After asking the council to support the resolution he wanted to add that he does not believe in term limits for a lot of different reasons, but that he’d speak more on that at a later date.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**LPR NO. 18-086**

The following resolution was offered by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen:

**LP Resolution No. 18-086**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas
- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Livingston Parish Council:

1. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Livingston Parish Council with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and / or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application of the project.
4. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Livingston Parish Council with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair called upon Mark Harrell, Director of the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to address his agenda items. Mr. Harrell addressed item 11a and asked the council for a resolution proclaiming April 2018 as Fair Housing Month for Livingston Parish. He said that it is a federal requirement to help with the funding.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

**LIVINGSTON PARISH RESOLUTION NO. 18-087**

MOTION was made by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

**WHEREAS,** the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

**WHEREAS,** the fiftieth Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively- to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice-selection of the home; and

**WHEREAS,** a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Layton Ricks, President of the Livingston Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018, as:

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law and ask the citizens of Livingston Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

Thereupon the chair declared the Motion carried and was adopted.

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Mr. Harrell addressed agenda item 11b, asking for a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign a contract for Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson for Project Management on the Walker Safe Room. Mr. Girlinghouse noted that he made the motion because it's something that he's been involved in for about five years. Mr. Harrell concurred.

**LPR NO. 18-088**

**MOTION** was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by John Wascom authorizing the Parish President to sign an agreement allowing Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson to provide the Project Management Services for the Town of Walker Community Safe Room project pursuant to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Number 1786-063-0016-Livingston Parish.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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Mr. Harrell moved on to agenda item 11c and addressed Mr. Talbert reminding him of their discussion about the water down on Blahut. He stated that they were just about to the point of finishing that line, and then they were blessed with another grant that they hope will get them either to the end or very close. He’s asking for an approval for the Parish President to sign a contract, instead of having to go out for bid and doing RFPs and RFQS, the state is going to allow them to use the same engineering firm and the same contractor just to move it on through quickly.

**LPR NO. 18-089**

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the Parish President to sign the agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, regarding the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2015-2016 grant.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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Mr. Harrell spoke briefly about the next two agenda items. It was approved to purchase homes in the Cypress Point Subdivision as two homes are hanging over the bank. Councilman Keen noted that he hated to see a home go, but as Mr. Harrell stated, it’s a danger. He noted that in the 2016 flood the water went about twenty feet underneath the homes.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-09**

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER 1792-063-0004- LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner:  
 Address: 15951 Cypress Point Lane  
 French Settlement, LA 70733  
 Appraised Value: \$255,000.00  
 Amount Offered: \$191,250.00  
 Legal Description: Lot 9 of Cypress Point on the Amite River

**LPR NO. 18-090**

MOTION was offered by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by John Wascom to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT
- NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER 1792-063-0004- LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner:  
Address: 15957 Cypress Point Lane  
French Settlement, LA 70733  
Appraised Value: \$220,000.00  
Amount Offered: \$165,000.00  
Legal Description: Lot 8 of Cypress Point on the Amite River

**LPR NO. 18-091**

MOTION was offered by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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Mr. Harrell stated that it was time for the yearly renewal of the debris contract for the next storm season. He requested authorization for the Parish President, Layton Ricks, to sign the last one-year renewal before having to obtain bids again next year.

**LPR NO. 18-092**

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to authorize the Parish President to sign a contract renewal with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Post-Disaster Debris Removal and Site Management for Debris Reduction and Emergency Debris Clearance Services.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN,  
MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

Mr. Harrell wished to add that they just received the last permit to do the next bit of waterway debris clean-up and the contractor is expected to begin at the end of April. He briefly shared the plan to take care of Natalbany from 22 to the Interstate and stated that Tangipahoa would take it from there on. He further noted that they'll go from the State Park on Tickfaw to the St. Helena Line, and from Colyell Bay to Buddy Ellis, and that there is a mitigation project to go from Buddy Ellis up to 190. Councilman Keen stated that every little bit makes a difference. Mr. Harrell didn't want to divulge any secrets tonight, but he did say that there would be more good news coming soon.

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The chair addressed agenda item 15, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-08, Rescind L.P. No. 17-41 and Abolish Mosquito Abatement District and Board.**

The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was any comment from the public, having none, he declared that the public hearing was closed. He received a motion from Councilman Wascom and a second from Councilman Girlinghouse.

The chair asked if there was any discussion from the council. Councilman Talbert stated that the vote was going to be five to two. He stated the board was introduced for the purpose of creating a board that every area of the parish would have some input as to what would best serve their needs for mosquito abatement by looking at all different aspects such as, but not limited to, aerial spraying, maybe larvicide, education and public service. He said that a lot of misinformation was put out that they were going to push a tax on people. He admitted, that, no doubt, if the board came up with a plan they'd have to look for a funding source. He did note that he was against an ad valorem or property tax. He also noted that, in theory, people have said before that they do not want a mosquito abatement board. He went on to speak why the board should not be dissolved and elaborated on the whole purpose of the board. Councilman Keen briefly spoke to the six council members who voted to abolish it. He urged them to leave the board in place which was not to do anything else but to gather information. Councilman Girlinghouse stated that he was for the fact-finding discoveries when the board was formed. He was obviously flustered by the comment that was made regarding the council members exhibiting weak leadership. He felt that his constituents have already spoken three times, and he noted that he has not had one person to tell him to bring Mosquito Abatement back and that they wanted it. Councilman Mack was visibly upset when he spoke and felt that it was a very difficult decision. He was open to education and research but didn't feel that a board was needed to do such. Councilman Ard added that the council has already learned a lot from guest speakers, and that a board was not needed to do that.

Public Input: Hilton Lloyd of Denham Springs addressed the council. He spoke for keeping the mosquito abatement board. Unknown speakers in the audience began talking about cost. The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title. He called on another speaker in the audience who did not identify herself. She inquired as to what would be done if we were not going to spray, and asked what would be done with the stagnant water? Councilman Talbert replied that nothing would be done after this vote. Several council members were visibly upset by that response and replied that it wasn't true. The chair asked for a motion which was given by Councilman Shane Mack and a second by Councilman John Wascom.

**LPR NO. 18-093**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of Shane Mack and seconded by John Wascom:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-08**

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 17-41, ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2017, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING A BOARD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, COMPRISING ALL THAT TERRITORY IN THE PARISH AS SET OUT HEREIN AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

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The chair addressed agenda item 16, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-02, Amend Section 13-50.2, Construction Procedure.** At this time both Councilmen Garry Talbert and Maurice “Scooter” Keen exited the room and did not return. The chair noted that there were still five council members left, and that there was still a quorum to continue the meeting. The chair stated that this was to amend the original ordinance that was adopted. He closed the Public Hearing at the Council Clerk’s prompting and asked her to read the proposed ordinance by title. The Council clerk stated that when it was first introduced there were some things that needed to be changed on it and she asked to read the amendments to the original ordinance before voting to amend it. The chair asked if the public had any comments and audience member, Taryn Creekbaum, asked about the verbiage. Councilman Shane Mack asked if he could explain the error and reason for the amendment. The chair closed the Public Hearing and asked to vote to adopt the ordinance as amended.

**LPR NO. 18-094**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to amend proposed L.P. Ordinance No. 18-02 by adding Parts A, B, and C; Part B will now be known as Part E; Part C will now be known as Part F; Part D will now be known as Part G; Part E will now be known as Part H; Part F will now be known as Part I; Part G will now be known as Part J; Part H will now be known as Part K; Part I will now be known as Part L.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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**LPR NO. 18-095**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of Tracy Girlinghouse and seconded by Shane Mack:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, “PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT,” SECTION 13-50.2, “CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE”, PARTS (B), (C) AND (D) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

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The chair addressed agenda item 17, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-05, Servitude Revocation: John Blount/Carpenter Drive.** The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was any discussion. Having none, he directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title. Having no discussion from the audience or the Councilmembers, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

**LPR NO. 18-096**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of Tracy Girlinghouse and seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-05**

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF JOHN BLOUNT, L.L.C., A 60' SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE, IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING SURVEY OF THE REVOCATION OF A 60' SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE ACROSS TRACT SC-2 LOCATED IN SECTION 24, T6S-R3E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY BRETT J. MARTIN, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2017.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

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The chair addressed agenda item 18, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-06, Servitude Revocation: North Oaks Health System/Spring Ranch Road.** The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was any discussion. Having none, he directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title. Having no discussion from the audience or the Councilmembers, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

**LPR NO. 18-097**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of John Wascom and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-06**

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF NORTH OAKS HEALTH SYSTEM, A 50' COMMON ACCESS SERVITUDE, IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF AN EXISTING 50' COMMON ACCESS SERVITUDE ACROSS TRACT 2-A, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, T7S-R4E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY BRETT J. MARTIN, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 07, 2017.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

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The chair addressed agenda item 19, **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-07, Servitude Revocation: Jesse & Barbara Hodges/La. Hwy. 441.** The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was any discussion. Having none, he directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title. Having no discussion from the audience or the Councilmembers, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

**LPR NO. 18-098**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 8, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on March 22, 2018 on Motion of Shane Mack and seconded by John Wascom:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-07**

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF JESSIE LEN HODGES, A 35' SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE AND A 60' RIGHT OF WAY, IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING SURVEY & DIVISION OF TRACTS

MH-1A, MH-1B, & REMAINING PORTION OF TRACT 3 INTO TRACTS MH-1A-1 & MH-1B-1 AND THE REVOCATION OF A 35' SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE & A 60' RIGHT OF WAY, LOCATED IN SECTION 40, T6S-R5E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY BRETT J. MARTIN, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2017.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 22nd day of March 2018.

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The chair addressed agenda item 20, Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to install "Drive Slow Farm Equipment in Use" road signs on Presbyterian Church Road near address 31043 – Shane Mack. Mr. Mack briefly explained that a constituent who lives down Presbyterian Church Road raises strawberries and he at times has to put his tractors on the parish roads. In an effort to curtail any accidents, he made this request. Mr. Mack felt that it would make the parish and road safer. Mr. Wascom suggested that the Parish President would put the signs up. Mr. Mack said that he was told that he needed a resolution.

**LPR NO. 18-099**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by John Wascom to authorize the Department of Public Works to install "Drive Slow Farm Equipment in Use" road signs on Presbyterian Church Road near address 31043 – Shane Mack.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 22, "District Attorney Report(s)". Mr. Moody advised that he had nothing to report.

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The chair addressed agenda items 23 a and b, Committee Report(s):

- Ordinance Committee – Shane Mack, Chair

Councilman Shane Mack advised that the committee met on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and that it was a good meeting where the public had input which helped to develop a pond ordinance. He stated that once the documented changes were made and the final draft was complete that everyone could preview it before putting it on the agenda for adoption. He also went over the construction ordinance and advised that there will be an ordinance coming up about moving junk cars and blighted property.

- Finance Committee – Councilman Ard informed everyone that Mr. Garry Talbert had resigned from chair and from the Finance Committee. He appointed Councilman Shane Mack to the committee and Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse as the chair.

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 Councilmen’s Comments:

- The chair wanted to acknowledge the parish maintenance people who were working hard to clean up by pressure washing the building and cleaning out the flower beds. He wanted to recognize their hard work. Also, he wished to recognize a young man who represents the town of Livingston and attends French Settlement High School, Laine Hardy. Laine is an American Idol contestant.
- Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse wished to recognize his alma mater Walker High School and spoke of how proud he was of the young men as they were down by seven and much of the arena felt that they’d lose. However, they proved that they were champions and won the game. Both Councilman Ard and Girlinghouse advised that anyone having a chance to view the event does just that because it was truly incredible.

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 Having no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o’clock p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

**LPR NO. 18-100**

MOTION was offered by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn the March 22, 2018 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

YEAS: MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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 Angie Cornett, Deputy Clerk

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 Jeff Ard, Council Chairman