

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
September 24, 2020**

The Livingston Parish Council met in a 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, September 24, 2020, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard
Garry Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen
John Wascom

R.C. "Bubba" Harris
Gerald McMorris
Tracy Girlinghouse
Randy Delatte

Shane Mack

Also, present: Layton Ricks, Parish President
Mr. Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel
Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director

The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Presentations:". Having none at that time, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item 8a, "Adoption of the Minutes from the September 10, 2020 Board of Review".

LPR NO. 20-298

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated September 10, 2020 for the Board of Review meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 8b, "Adoption of the Minutes from the September 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council".

LPR NO. 20-299

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by John Wascom to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated September 10, 2020 for 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. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 9, "Adoption of the mandated annual resolution for the Council on Aging from the Parish governing authority authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program and/or 49 CFR 5309, Discretionary Capital Program – Kay Granger, Director of the Council on Aging".

The chair asked if there was any comment on this agenda item. Councilman Garry Talbert advised that this was an annual application that the Council on Aging needed and he would like to make the motion for this resolution.

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

LPR NO. 20-300

The following resolution was offered by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L.P. Resolution No. 20-300

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. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

A RESOLUTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

LPR NO. 20-301

The following resolution was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Randy Delatte:

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Council is the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston and responsible for establishing and designating voting precincts and their locations as provided in Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532; and

WHEREAS, the polling location for Precincts 3 and 3B are currently located at Community Chapel, addressed at 35490 Walker North Road, Walker, LA 70785; and

WHEREAS, the agreement previously arranged in the year 2019 with Community Chapel to be used as a voting precinct has become resolute and it has been determined to be unsuitable; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Registrar of Voters has obtained an agreement with Faith Crossing UMC, said church being addressed at 34260 Walker North Road, Walker, LA 70785, and

WHEREAS, the relocation of Precincts 3 and 3B will be ordained and mandated as an emergency move necessitated to accommodate these precincts for the upcoming elections as listed below; and

WHEREAS, determining the time sensitivity of the upcoming elections for the Open Primary/Presidential/Congressional election scheduled on November 3, 2020 and the Open General/Congressional/RSCC election scheduled on December 5, 2020, the facilities at Faith Crossing UMC have been deemed ready and available for use as the polling location for Precincts 3 and 3B, allowing it to be used and facilitated as soon as possible for the registered voters of Livingston Parish assigned to these precincts; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Livingston Parish Council under the authority granted by Louisiana R.S. 18:534, and pursuant to the request and recommendation by the Livingston Parish Registrar of Voters office that voting Precincts 3 and 3B are hereby relocated to Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker, LA 70785, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Livingston Parish Council that the Council Clerk is hereby directed to carry out the mandates of R.S. 18:535 et. seq. by giving such notice and taking such steps as required to adequately notify candidates and voters of said change.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the Chair declared that the Resolution had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11a, "Parish President's Report":

Introduction of Ordinance: Declare the following property as surplus and no longer needed for public purposes and authorize the sale of same to Joshua Irvine for the sum of \$23,000.00 located at 23400 Boss McNabb Road, Livingston, LA 70754, Lot 5, Union Landing Estates Subdivision, Section 27, T8S, R5E and authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the property to Joshua Irvine.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-27

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL TO DECLARE:

- 1) A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND BEING FURTHER DESIGNATED AS:

ONE (1) CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, SITUATED IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, LOCATED IN LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING LOT NUMBER FIVE (5) OF UNION LANDING ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND BEING DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF BY ALVIN FAIRBURN AND ASSOCIATES, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2000, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND RECORDER FOR LIVINGSTON PARISH. SAID LOT IS SUBJECT TO SUCH COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES AND BUILDING LINES OF RECORD AND AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL SUBDIVISION PLAT, AND ALSO BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BY A SURVEY PLAT ENTITLED MAP SHOWING BOUNDARY SURVEY OF LOT 5 OF UNION LANDING ESTATES SUBDIVISION FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON BY FORTE AND TABLADA, INC., SIGNED BY JAMIE M. BORDELON, PLS AND DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2011. SAID LOT CONTAINS 0.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
- 2) THE PROPERTY ACQUISITION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 1152, PAGE 347, FILE NUMBER: 787541, OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF LIVINGSTON PARISH. THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IS 23400 BOSS MCNABB ROAD, LIVINGSTON, LA 70754.
- 3) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO JOSHUA IRVINE, HIS AGENT OR ASSIGNS, FOR THE SUM OF TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$23,000.00) DOLLARS CASH.

LPR NO. 20-302

MOTION was offered by Randy Delatte seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, October 8, 2020 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. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair advised that he would be moving agenda items 21, 22, 23 and 24 up from their placement on the agenda and would be handling each item one (1) at a time. The chair met no opposition to moving these items up on the agenda.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, “ Discussion of the Parish of Livingston’s inclusion with ten parishes that have been allocated \$1.2 Billion Dollars in Community Development Block Mitigation Funds:

- a. Status and Analysis of the Parish of Livingston’s projects inquiring what these funds will be used for and their organizational timeline
- b. Inquiry of \$100 Million Dollars of this funding and its availability on September 18, 2020”

Councilman Randy Delatte advised that he had asked to have this item placed on the agenda and after speaking with the Parish President and his treasurer, he stated that he was a little premature on it. He indicated that there was a meeting for this scheduled on the following Monday and acknowledged that Administration had a presentation that evening that they would like to share.

Ms. Jennifer Meyers, Parish Finance Director, reported that she would like to present a very basic rundown presentation for the Councilmembers. She advised that the 1.2 billion (1,200,000,000) was for the entire state of Louisiana, the period of round one (1) release of funding was 100 hundred million (100,000,000) and fifty percent (50%) of that 100 million (100,000,000) has to be spent in the ten (10) most affected parishes, which Livingston is one (1). So, there is 50 million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) in round one (1) that will get spread out amongst the ten (10) parishes. She was assuming that is why they had to submit pre-apps so they could decide how they could best divvy up that money. She indicated that the Parish has three (3) pre-apps in for this project. The first pre-app is for 5.4 million (5,400,000,000) in match money for our NRCS and HMGP projects. She explained that the NRCS is where the Parish was digging out, getting debris out of the waterways we’re in agreement for our NRCS program and our match on that is, we’re up to 2.26 million, so half of that 5.4 is NRCS and the other half is those HMGP projects. She explained that HMGP is that money that got funneled down after the 2016 Flood where the Parish put in applications and received about 68 million dollars (\$68,000,000.00). For all of those projects that were applied for, there is a twenty-five (25%) percent match, so the other half of that 5.4 million is the twenty-five (25%) percent match on all of those HMGP projects, so that we can get our money back to do additional drainage projects. The second pre-app is four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) for infrastructure hazard mitigation. She advised what that meant in layman’s terms, is that four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) would be to help serve as the homeowner match on elevations. So, homeowners who have flood property or repetitive flood properties depending on what tier that they are in, would give them that twenty-five percent (25%) match that most homeowners just don’t have to elevate their home out of the danger of flood. She stated that they have multiple projects going on doing this same thing and it is very popular, but the majority of homeowners just can’t come up with twenty-five percent (25%) of the costs to elevate their home. It could range from \$70,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to elevate their home.

Councilman Delatte stated that he knew of two (2) homes at that present moment that falls into that category that she was speaking about. He questioned if there would be a mechanism put in place, or a contact phone number that they could reach out to?

Ms. Meyers said that where they were in this process was: pre-apps have been submitted, the money has come down, there’s a mechanism in place, and they have to finish determining project solutions and put in applications for those projects by January 21, 2021. She indicated that they had a meeting on Monday with the engineer of CRPC to sort of get some more information. She had invited Councilman Garry Talbert to this meeting because of her past experiences with him and at that point, they will reassess what they think that our projects are going to look like. She advised that the Parish does have someone who sits on the Steering committee for the Watershed Initiative, so she is not the one making these decisions, she’s just funneling information to the Councilmembers through the budget.

Councilman Delatte questioned if the projects were limited to Livingston Parish or were, there five (5) parishes, ten (10) parishes?

Ms. Meyers stated that she did not think that there were hard and fast rules, but what they were hearing was that it had been divided into watershed regions and it needs to benefit the entirety of the watershed as a whole, or at least some portion of benefit to the region as a whole.

Councilman Delatte stated that Ascension Parish was in a different watershed region than Livingston Parish, and anytime that Ascension receives help to pump their water out, they are pumped into waterways that Livingston uses. Councilman Delatte asked that whoever attended the upcoming meeting, please stress the need to cut a channel through Lake Maurepas. He discussed in detail how the backup of flood water has progressed throughout the Parish over time and felt that it was important to have not only the Parish Council's personal touch in speaking at the meeting, but also involve the community's voice as well.

Ms. Meyers wished to remind the Councilmembers that there were seven (7) eligible categories for funding under this 1.2 billion dollars (1,200,000,000.00). She indicated that this was the current category-not dismissing all drainage issues that they have-was the reason that they have only these specific three, was because that type funding was what was opened up in this first period.

The chair questioned if application can still be made by homeowners to elevate their home?

Ms. Meyers answered, yes and no. She advised that there were multiple project funding sources for these types of projects. Some are run directly through FEMA that are annual as Congress releases those funds. The 2019 projects have been locked down and the applications received, but they haven't released the funding and they haven't started on those projects. The 2020 projects are about to be locked down and they are still taking applications.

Councilman Garry Talbert denoted that the grant that they were applying for was for people with the max, so if you were in 2018 or 2019 getting funded, in theory, the 100 million would be to help you make your match for elevation. Ms. Meyer interjected and stated that it was also to get your match returned.

Councilman Delatte inquired if one of the homes was being bought out? Would it be the same or different?

Ms. Meyers stated that it doesn't differentiate between acquisition and elevation here, it simply states those HMGP programs.

Councilman Delatte advised that the two (2) cases that he was speaking of earlier, one was raised and one was bought out, and they were both told that they ran out of money, both being on the 2018 list.

Ms. Meyers concurred and stated that sometimes homeowners only receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the appraised value when they are bought out. It just depends on which program that you get in, sometimes the cost benefit determines what program that you get in, it's not always apples and apples, the rules have not come down on which will qualify and which will not qualify yet.

Councilman Talbert questioned Ms. Meyers that in theory, if all the money that they have applied for is granted, it's not necessarily spoken for, people who are still applying for a grant in 2020 or in the 2021 program, will possibly have funding available?

Ms. Meyers stated that was correct, and even if they don't, it takes a long time for these programs to come to completion, years even. She reminded them that this is only round one (1) of the funding available, and there may be additional hazard mitigation funds in the future. There could be hazard mitigation funding available in every round, subsequent to round one.

Councilman Delatte acknowledged that Ms. Meyers had addressed agenda item number 21, and stated that he thought it would be best to wait until after the meetings in order to see what you can and cannot do on agenda item number 23, "Discussion of plan of action and solutions to Parish-wide Drainage that includes the Amite River, Tickfaw River, Blind River and the channel through Lake Maurepas to North Pass:

- a. Request for authorization to direct the Parish engineer or hire an outside engineer to formulate proposals that would ease flooding in the entirety of Livingston Parish as all water channels use these outlets
- b. Appoint a Citizen and Council Committee to work with engineers for ideas to alleviate flooding in Livingston Parish and make recommendations to Parish Government of necessary funding"

Councilman Delatte further explained that he wished to have a committee comprised of both Councilmembers and outside citizens, but he wasn't sure if the Parish would have money to apply for those things, such as dredging the rivers, building levees, adding pumps....

Ms. Meyers interjected and explained that she had an update on that information as well. She reminded Councilman Delatte of the previously mentioned GOMESA funds and the Parish's two (2) GOMESA projects, being Blind River and Amite River Coastal Restoration. She stated that there was potentially funds available that prompted her to call the Parish's bonding bank representative to make sure of how the GOMESA revenue works. She further explained that when the Parish originally bonded the eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) in GOMESA funding to spend, the estimation of yearly revenue from the federal government would be seven hundred thousand a year (700,000). Last year, the Parish's GOMESA royalty was 1.2 million. And because the revenue is so much higher than what they had projected, what will happen is, once that revenue hits the bank account, they pay what they need to pay, for principle and interest payments for that year, or set it aside in reserve, fifty percent (50%) goes in the overage to Turbo Refunding, those bonds and the other comes back to the Parish in the form of a check so that they may spend it on those GOMESA restricted projects. The Parish did not receive a check for that year because the federal year starts October through September and they will start cutting checks starting in the next year.

Councilman Delatte stated that he did not want to put words in the Parish President's mouth, but he had stated that those funds could be used for Parishwide drainage, so that's why they needed to wait and see what a committee could and could not do. He suggested that they pass on this agenda item until the meeting had occurred on the following Monday.

Ms. Meyers asked the Councilmembers to review their copy presented of the budget for the 2020 amended and 2021 projected. She explained that COVID had slowed everything down and it may not be as pinpoint accurate as it would be at that time of the year normally. They did not have numbers for property insurance yet, because of a moratorium, and the carriers were not releasing numbers at that time while there was an active threat out there, and they did not have numbers for health insurance for 2021 because Blue Cross likes to get into October ratio before they give you an estimate. She stated that she would put those numbers in there as soon as she found out what they will be. She continued and stated that the road fund was a hot topic and wished for the Councilmembers to look at the road fund in detail, but did not want them to question at the bottom why there was an amount of fund balance that they were not spending, because there was a fund balance after the seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) that would be put in next year's asphalt overlay program and there were some projects that were about to roll down the hill eventually that they wanted to have match for, and if they do not happen, they will dump that money in the 2021 program.

Councilman Talbert asked Ms. Meyers for clarification of the seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00). She explained that it would be added to next year's program.

Councilman Delatte wished to address agenda item number 24, "Authorization of Parish Government to establish a Local Coastal Management Program as per Louisiana Administrative Code and Louisiana Revised Statutes to facilitate many benefits of funding, local control authorization of permitting, maintenance of existing waterways and flood protection levees" and asked if Ms. Meyers was familiar with the Local Coastal Management Program? She asked for more information regarding this. Councilman Delatte gave a detailed synopsis of what he had learned of this program. Ms. Meyers requested for Councilman Delatte to send her that information and she would provide the answers to his questions.

Councilman Talbert wished for clarification if this was the meeting that they were supposed to introduce the budget? Ms. Meyers stated that no, it simply says that our budget will be presented, and that she will give you the budget before September 30th. She clarified that she would present an ordinance on the first meeting in November for the adoption of the finalized budget and that they can vote on at the first meeting in December.

The Parish President wished to address the Councilmembers to verify that Halloween will be as usual on October 31st so that their kids in the parish will have the opportunity to trick-or-treat if they are so inclined. He stated that his office had put out a press release and asked everyone to follow the restrictions (COVID-19) as best that they can and would not be preventing their kids from trick-or-treating.

The chair recognized an audience member who requested to address the Councilmembers.

Public input: Keith “Hawkeye” Landry, resident of Hannah Road in Maurepas, District 8: discussed the growing problem of flooding in his area

Councilman Delatte further discussed the progressed flooding problems in great detail.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12a:

“Planning Commission Recommendations:

- a. A & S Aggregates Montoya Design
Preliminary Site Plan
LA Highway 1019 Sections 61 & 64, T6S R2E Council District 3”

Public input: Bill Russell, resident of Paradise Lakes: wished to make sure that all aspects are adhered to

Councilman Garry Talbert answered questions that were raised at the September 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council when this item was first brought up for approval.

LPR NO. 20-303

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission **to approve the preliminary site plan for A & S Aggregates,** located on Louisiana Highway 1019, Sections 61 and 64 , T6S R2E in Council District 3.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, “Remedy of Blighted property/Condemnation located at 13168 Fox Street, Maurepas, LA received from Parish Building inspector in Council District 8” and called upon Councilman Randy Delatte.

Councilman Delatte briefly gave explanation and answered questions. Councilman Garry Talbert stated that they have hashed this out many times and requested a legal opinion from the Parish legal advisor, Mr. Christopher Moody. He questioned what should be the Council’s first step in this process?

Mr. Moody advised that he could send them a memo from a previous opinion, and he could send them a whole book about how it is done and the process as set out by state law, the Parish’s ordinance procedure and how it is to be done.

Councilman Talbert asked if this should be started at the Administrative level? Mr. Moody stated that they were an Administrative arm. Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen stated that all they could do is request Administration to do this. Councilman Talbert advised that he wished to be sure that he felt from the beginning of what they had been told that he wanted to reiterate, was that the Council can ask the Administration to do it, but until the Administration makes steps to do it, about all that the Council could do, was ask. Mr. Moody agreed.

LPR NO. 20-304

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to ask Administration to consider starting the condemnation proceeding on 13168 Fox Street, Maurepas, LA in Council District 8.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 14, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 20-23, Amend Chapter 125, "Subdivision Regulations" Section 125-30, "Drainage Districts".

The chair declared that the Public Hearing for L.P. Ordinance No. 20-23 was open and asked if anyone wished to speak and have Public input. Having none, the chair requested for the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse, Ordinance committee chairman requested to speak and go over the proposed changes to the ordinance.

He read and advised that the changes were as follows:

Section 125-30. - Drainage districts.

- (a) In all areas of development which lie all or in part within a **funded** ~~recognized~~ drainage district, complete drainage impact studies, when required, shall be submitted to the applicable drainage district in accordance with Section 125-9 of this chapter. Any comments must be directed to the O/D/S's project engineer and the review engineer for consideration; ~~however, the review engineer will make the final recommendation to the Planning Director.~~
- (b) All costs incurred by the drainage district in the course of their review of any construction/development shall be borne by the ~~drainage district~~ **O/D/S**.
- (c) All fees shall be paid prior to release of approved documents and proof of payment shall be received before final approval of the Planning Department.**

Having no further input from the Councilmembers the chair closed the public hearing.

LPR NO. 20-305

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on August 13 2020, 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 September 24, 2020 on Motion of Garry Talbert and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 125-30, "DRAINAGE DISTRICTS." AS FOLLOWS.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of September 2020.

(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).

The chair addressed agenda item 15, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 20-24, Amend Chapter 22, Article I, "Noise", Section 22-22, "Specific Prohibitions".

The chair declared that the Public Hearing for L.P. Ordinance No. 20-24 was open and called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

Councilman Garry Talbert explained the reason for the proposed amendment.

The chair asked for public input from the audience. Having none, the chair asked if the Councilmembers had any input.

Councilman Gerald McMorris stated that he wished to make certain that the Livingston Parish Sheriff's office received notice of this change to make sure that their deputies were aware of this amendment to the ordinance.

Having no further input from the Councilmembers the chair closed the public hearing.

LPR NO. 20-306

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on August 13, 2020, 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 September 24, 2020 on Motion of Tracy Girlinghouse and seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-24

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, "ENVIRONMENT," ARTICLE II, "NOISE," SECTION 22-22, "SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS," PART (A) AND (B), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON TO AMEND THE SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS TO EXCLUDE PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of September 2020.

(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).

The chair addressed agenda item 16, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 20-25: Quitclaim/Servitude Revocation for Mildred Richardson located on Richardson Drive in Council District 8".

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing.

The chair questioned if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Having no Public input from the audience, the chair requested if the Councilmembers had anything that they wished to question or comment upon.

Councilman Garry Talbert questioned if all mandates had been met? The Council clerk advised that Mr. Sam Digirolamo concurred at the previous meeting when the ordinance had been introduced that all requirements of the servitude revocation ordinance had been met.

Having no further comment, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 20-307

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on September 10, 2020, 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 September 24, 2020 on Motion of Randy Delatte and seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-25

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF MILDRED RICHARDSON, A 40' SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF A 40' PUBLIC ACCESS SERVITUDE LOCATED IN SECTIONS 15 & 48, T7S-R6E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY LESTER A. McLIN, JR., PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 17, 2020.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of September 2020.

(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. 5)

The chair addressed agenda item 17, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 20-26: Amend Section 125-25, "Drainage Impact Study/Drainage Design Requirements".

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing.

The chair questioned if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Having no Public input from the audience, the chair requested if the Councilmembers had anything that they wished to question or comment upon.

Having no further comment, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 20-308

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on September 10, 2020, 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 September 24, 2020 on Motion of Garry Talbert and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL", SECTION 125-25., "DRAINAGE IMPACT STUDY/DRAINAGE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.", 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. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of September 2020.

(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. 5)

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Adopt resolution to establish a 3-Way Stop on Satsuma Road at the 90 degree turn where the new Dollar General is being built located in Council District 1” and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard who explained the need for this resolution at this dangerous intersection.

LPR NO. 20-309

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to authorize and establish a 3-Way Stop on Satsuma Road at the 90 degree turn where the new Dollar General is being built located in Council District 1.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 19, “Authorization of building setback waiver for the reduction of rear building setback from twenty (20’) feet to three (3’) and side building setback from seven (7’) feet to three (3’) feet located on Lot 3, Oakland Drive in Council District 2” and called upon Councilman Garry Talbert who explained the need for the adoption of this resolution and the Planning Department’s recommendation to grant the setback waiver.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse had many questions before he wished to vote on this item. Councilman Talbert answered these questions to the satisfaction of Councilman Girlinghouse. Councilman John Wascom wished to question the footage requirements of the setback. The chair stated that he felt what was being asked for would be okay as long as you did not elevate the building. Councilman Wascom wished to state that he was going to support this, but wanted everyone to understand that Mr. Talbert was asking for a waiver, and requested that this was made note of and put in the record that Mr. Talbert was in favor of supporting a waiver.

Several Councilmembers made various comments in an open discussion. Councilman Talbert stated that he did not want Mr. Ford, who was requesting the waiver to be penalized for asking for permission instead of forgiveness. The chair advised that sometimes it makes sense to support a waiver request. The discussion ended and the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 20-310

MOTION was made by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to authorize a building setback waiver for the reduction of rear building setback from twenty (20’) feet to three (3’) and side building setback from seven (7’) feet to three (3’) feet located on Lot 3, Oakland Drive for Mr. Ford in Council District 2.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, “Rename 1584 feet of Sidney Hutchinson Drive to Springhill Drive located in Council District 5” and called upon the Council clerk who wished to correct the road name in question on the agenda from Sidney Hutchinson to Sidney Montgomery Drive. Councilman R.C. “Bubba” Harris explained the need for this resolution. He advised that by doing this, it will bring the footage of Springhill Drive up to seven thousand two hundred eighteen feet (7218’), which is just an extension of this road as it goes back.

LPR NO. 20-311

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to rename one thousand five hundred eighty four feet (1584’) feet of Sidney Montgomery Drive to Springhill Drive located in Council District 5, thereby extending the road and its footage to being seven thousand two hundred eighteen feet (7218’) in length.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Councilman Randy Delatte wished to address agenda item number 22, “Update and status report on the placement of safety buoys located on the Division Canal at Hilltop Inn to be paid from the General Budget as approved with the adoption of LPR NO. 20-096 on March 12, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council due to hazardous and unsafe conditions of the public’s safety”.

Councilman Delatte requested to read a statement from the gentlemen that requested for this safety measure to be put in place. The chair agreed and Councilman Delatte read it aloud via his cell phone.

Councilman Delatte advised that he had checked with Administration, and they have made the order for this, and have been getting the runaround from the people they ordered it from. The last correspondence received from this company out of California, was that it was mailed to them on September 8th. They asked for another to be shipped as it was never received.

Councilman Delatte explained that he was honoring the request made and read aloud this gentleman’s statement. In addition, Councilman Delatte forwarded him the email received from Huey Comeaux, Department of Public Works Assistant Director, with the tracking information for the second shipment.

The chair addressed agenda item(s) number 25a and b, “Waiver request(s) of Section 125-27, “Driveway culverts and/or Subsurface Drainage”, to allow subsurface drainage in a subdivision:

- a. Ann F. Robert and Eugene T. Robert: 8443 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70706 located in Jones Estate Subdivision, Lot 21, Council District 2 – Garry Talbert
- b. Joe B. Mann, IV: 34830 Clinton Allen Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706 located in The Havens, Lots 1, 2, and 3 Council District 2 – Garry Talbert”

Councilman Garry Talbert advised that this had been requested to be placed on the agenda a couple of meetings back and he had wished to been given the opportunity to research the properties. Upon this, he now recommended that that the Councilmembers grant both of the waivers as the Department of Public Works had been out and done the work, and they are not in areas that would require our engineers to do hydraulic analysis.

Councilman John Wascom requested discussion on this item before the vote and stated that he would support Councilman Talbert’s request.

Councilman Talbert wished to clarify why he was in favor of granting this waiver request. He explained that typically the Department of Public Works has gone and looked at these properties first, and then advised the Council if it will work or not. The Department of Public Works would be making changes in this procedure, and now they will start sending the waiver request to the Councilmembers first, and then if the Councilmember is in approval, then the Department of Public Works will go out and look at them. He advised that typically, if he has an area that has a flooding problem, he will not grant the waiver without the engineer doing a hydraulic analysis, but because the Cane Market Road situation is not a problem, and Cecil has had so many improvements and these culverts are at the beginning where the water starts, he did not feel that either one of the requests from the homeowner should be required to incur the expense of an engineer of hydrology work to show if it will negatively impact the flow of water. He stated that

even though he was asking for a waiver, he was consistent in the way that he tried to address these throughout the year.

Councilman Delatte asked for discussion and stated that he was in support of this waiver, but wished to state that he thought that this should be handled administratively. Councilman Wascom and Council Keen requested to clarify why the ordinance needed a waiver from the Council.

Councilman Jeff Ard advised that he had a waiver request that was coming up, that had somewhat spurred the changes of the Department of Public Works doing the work for subsurface drainage first. He indicated that there had been a waiver request in his district on Nancy Drive. Upon looking at the current ditching in the subdivision, there were ditches that had been closed in every third house, every second house on one side, and it was causing major problems on this road. He stated that subsurface drainage must start at the beginning and tie the drainage in all the way down the road to avoid pushing water on to their neighbors. He gave other examples of subdivisions in his district and the problems they were facing because of sporadic placement of subsurface drainage in subdivisions designed for open ditching.

LPR NO. 20-312

MOTION was made by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to authorize and approve the waiver request of Section 125-27, “Driveway culverts and/or Subsurface Drainage”, to allow subsurface drainage in a subdivision for Ann F. Robert and Eugene T. Robert, addressed at 8443 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70706 located in Jones Estates subdivision, Lot 21 in Council District 2.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 20-313

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to authorize and approve the waiver request of Section 125-27, “Driveway culverts and/or Subsurface Drainage”, to allow subsurface drainage in a subdivision for Joe B. Mann, IV, addressed at 34830 Clinton Allen Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706 located in The Havens subdivision, Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Council District 2.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 26, “Adopt resolution to opt-in to reopen bars immediately once Livingston Parish has fewer than 5% of test come back positive for a two-week period” called upon Councilman Garry Talbert.

Councilman Garry Talbert advised that he had been contacted by a business owner and requested that the Livingston Parish Council be pre-emptive in this manner so if the Parish were to have two (2) weeks of testing results back with less than five percent (5%) results they could immediately open. Councilman Talbert indicated that he had contacted the Parish President to discuss this, and he was more than satisfied to do this. He continued to explain that he did not want the Parish to wind up with two or more weeks of testing results, and then businesses would have to wait for the

next Council meeting to vote, thereby delaying their reopening even longer. He was asking for the Council to vote under the current, modified Phase 3 that the Governor has established, which states that if a Parish has under five percent (5%) positive tests for two (2) weeks in a row, that bars could open if that Parish would “opt-in”.

LPR NO. 20-314

MOTION was made by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to adopt a resolution in an effort to be pre-emptive to the Governor of Louisiana’s current modified Phase Three Order, now hereby declares that the Livingston Parish Council, as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, affirms that it wishes to “opt-in” to reopen bars immediately once Livingston Parish has fewer than five (5%) percent positive testing of COVID-19 for a two (2) week period.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 27, “Reorganization of Council staff employee chart (Legislative)”, and explained that he had been working on this for a while with the office staff.

He continued to explain that currently the organization was such, being comprised of a chief clerk, a deputy clerk, an executive assistant and an office assistant. He felt that the Council needed to do away with that and restructure to have a chief clerk, and two (2) deputy clerks. The deputy clerks should have equal responsibilities and those responsibilities should be delegated by the chief clerk.

The chair asked for the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title. The Council clerk requested an opinion from the Parish legal Counsel as “Introduction of Ordinance” was not worded on the agenda for this item and requested if the agenda should be lifted. Mr. Christopher Moody concurred and advised that it would be best to do so.

LPR NO. 20-315

MOTION was offered by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to lift the agenda of the September 24, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council for the purpose of discussion and introduction of an ordinance to reorganize the Council staff employee chart (Legislative).

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The chair called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title for introduction.

Councilman Randy Delatte requested discussion on this agenda item. He praised each one of the Council staff employees individually acknowledged his affiliation and rapport with each of them.

Councilman Gerald McMorris questioned if the ordinance was cutting people? The chair advised that they were not cutting people, but cutting positions. Councilman McMorris questioned what happens if two (2) people are out, leaving one (1) person left in the office. The Council clerk requested to speak and advised that everyone on staff was cross trained to do each other’s job duties in the event that someone was out, another could perform that task. The chair advised that if they ever did get in a jam, the Council might adopt a temporary ordinance to remedy that situation.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 20-28

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORGANIZE THE EMPLOYEE TITLES AND POSITIONS OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BY ELIMINATING THE EMPLOYEE TITLES OF “EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT” AND “OFFICE ASSISTANT 1” AND WHEREBY CREATING TWO (2) DEPUTY CLERK POSITION(S) FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.

LPR NO. 20-317

MOTION was offered by John Wascom 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, October 8, 2020 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. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 20-318

MOTION was offered by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to go back to the regular order of business of the agenda for the September 24, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The chair addressed agenda item 28, “Committee Report(s):”

- a. Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of ordinance introductions and amendments
- b. Finance Committee

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse, Ordinance committee chairman, reported that the committee meeting was held on Tuesday of the previous week. He discussed and answered questions from the Councilmembers regarding the grinder pump ordinance.

The chair allowed a very lengthy discussion about the concerns surrounding the Parish’s grinder pump ordinance.

Councilman Girlinghouse continued and advised that the committee would also be working on the litter ordinance.

Councilman Gerald McMorris brought up the discussion at the committee meeting regarding subdividing property in a subdivision.

Councilman Girlinghouse reported in great detail what the committee had addressed concerning the ordinances that prohibited the subdivision of lots inside a named subdivision. He acknowledged and thanked Councilman McMorris for bringing that up and for coming to the committee meeting. The chair also commended Councilman McMorris for his attendance and valued input at their committee meeting.

Councilman Jeff Ard stated that the Finance committee met earlier that evening. He reported that the Finance Director had submitted the rough draft of the proposed budget to be entered in on the first meeting of November and then adopted at the first meeting in December.

Councilman Delatte asked if they had received the statement of monthly expenses. Councilman Ard confirmed that they had. The chair allowed an open discussion regarding this report.

The chair addressed agenda item number 28c, "Animal Control Committee: Appointment of three (3) Council members".

The chair recapped from the last Council meeting the wishes of the Council to form an Animal Control committee that would be comprised of Councilman Randy Delatte as committee chairman. He also advised that Mr. Charles McDonald and Ms. Desiree Green from Administration had been appointed to be non-voting members. He questioned if anyone on the Council wished to volunteer to serve on the committee? Councilman Garry Talbert volunteered to serve on the committee. The chair also stated his desire to be a member of this committee. He allowed a very lively open discussion. Councilman Gerald McMorris indicated that he wished to also sit on this committee to be counted as representation of the hunting community in the Parish.

The chair restated the members of the Animal Control committee as follows:

Councilman Randy Delatte, chairman
Councilman Gerald McMorris
Councilman Shane Mack
Councilman Garry Talbert, co-chair
Desiree Green, Administrative non-voting member and advisor
Charles McDonald, Administrative non-voting member and advisor

Councilman Jeff Ard discussed the budgeted money in the draft budget submitted at the Finance committee meeting. The chair allowed a lengthy open discussion.

The chair addressed agenda item 29, "District Attorney's Report" and called upon Mr. Chris Moody. Mr. Moody advised that he had nothing to report at that time.

The chair addressed agenda item number 30, "Councilmen's comments", and called upon Councilman R.C. "Bubba" Harris who wished to read a statement that he had written and addressed to the Councilmembers regarding an agenda item from the previous Council meeting.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting that was scheduled on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 20-318

MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn the September 24, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

1/2\ Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

1/2\ Shane Mack
Shane Mack, Council Chairman