

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
March 24, 2022**

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, March 24, 2022, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Garry Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen
John Wascom
R.C. "Bubba" Harris

Gerald McMorris
Tracy Girlinghouse
Randy Delatte
Shane Mack

Jeff Ard

Also present: Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

Absent: Parish President Layton Ricks

The chair called the meeting to order.

The chair asked Council Clerk, Sandy Teal to call roll.

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 7a, "Presentations: a Commendation of the Maurepas Fire Department for their heroic lifesaving accomplishments – Randy Delatte".

The chair turned the floor over to Councilman Delatte.

Councilman Delatte called Ms. Danielle Lessard, Fire Chief for Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, to the podium to detail a recent call received by their department for a two (2) month old child not breathing. She recounted the details of that day and acknowledged that many volunteer first responders were involved in the resuscitation of the child. She also reported that the child had open heart surgery and is now doing well. The Livingston Parish Council presented Ms. Lessard with a plaque.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8, "Adoption of the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Council".

LPR NO. 22-084

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 8, 2022 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. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. ARD,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. WASCOM, MR. MACK, MR. KEEN,
MR. TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Parish President's Report" and advised he would be handling the item for President Ricks. He proceeded to read the proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS, the 54th 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; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a 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 to freely choose a home 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 2022, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of Livingston Parish, Louisiana on this the _____ day of March 2022.

Layton Ricks,
Livingston Parish President

The chair then addressed the next item of business for President Ricks, 2022 Child Abuse Prevention Month. Councilman Girlinghouse read the proclamation as follows:

2022 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in our community; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, Livingston Parish has dedicated individuals and organizations who work

daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child

maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish of Livingston hereby proclaims the month of April 2022, to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Parish President Layton Ricks commends this observance during April 2022 to the citizens of Livingston Parish.

Signature

Date

The chair addressed agenda item number(s) 10a -10e, clarifying that the proclamation that the chair read is item 10 e. "Resolution proclaiming April 2022 as Fair Housing Month for Livingston Parish".

The chair called upon the Livingston Parish Grants Department, Mr. Steve Kistler.

LPR NO. 22-085

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Shane Mack authorizing the parish president to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Griner Drilling Services to perform well services for the North Well Site Improvements – a American Rescue Plan Act Project – Contract No. 21-1764-15-A. This resolution is contingent upon Fourth Ward Water’s contribution of \$350,000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 22-086

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Shane Mack authorizing the parish president to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Greenbriar

Digging Service, LP to perform well treatment services for the North Well Site Improvements – a American Rescue Plan Act Project – Contract No. 21-1764-15-B.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 22-087

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Shane Mack authorizing the parish president to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Griner Drilling Service to perform well services for the Bruce’s Harbor Well Replacement – a American Rescue Plan Act Project – Contract No. 21-1473-22.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-05

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER FEMA-4277-DR-LA-0124-LIVINGSTON PARISH.

LPR NO. 22-088

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Randy Delatte to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month for the Parish of Livingston as stated and read by Councilman Ard.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, “**Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-02:** Adopt 2022 Redistricting Plan for the Parish of Livingston”.

The chair opened the Public Hearing.

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE 22-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE NINE (9) COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHO SHALL EACH REPRESENT ONE (1) OF NINE (9) VOTING DISTRICTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NINE (9) VOTING DISTRICTS

The chair closed the Public Hearing.

The chair asked the Council if they had any comments. The following comments were made:

Councilman Delatte addressed his concerns for splitting the Town of Springfield.

Councilman McMorris stated that he would like his constituents to know he will be representing District 8 after these lines are drawn.

Councilman Mack thanked Mr. Cedric for his hard work and the leadership shown throughout this process.

Councilman Girlinghouse stated that he didn't have to move his district an inch.

LPR NO. 22-089

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on February 10, 2022, 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 24, 2022 on Motion of Garry Talbert and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L.P. ORDINANCE 22-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE NINE (9) COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHO SHALL EACH REPRESENT ONE (1) OF NINE (9) VOTING DISTRICTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NINE (9) VOTING DISTRICTS

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

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

NAYS: MR. DELATTE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of March 2022.

(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 12, "**Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-03**: to acquire immovable property for the Parish of Livingston pursuant to the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program Project Number FMA-PJ-06-LA-2018-025 – Livingston Parish located at 30386 Dawson Lane, Hammond, LA".

The chair opened the Public Hearing.

The chair read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-03

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER FMA-LA-06-PJ-2018-025.

The chair closed the Public Hearing.

The chair asked the Council if they had any comments.

Councilman Mack wanted to clarify that even though it says Hammond, LA it is in the Parish.

LPR NO. 22-090

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on February 10, 2022, 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 24, 2022 on Motion of Tracy Girlinghouse and seconded by Randy Delatte:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-03

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER FMA-LA-06-PJ-2018-025.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of March 2022.

(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 13, "**Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance(s):** Add Section 125-33, "Building Lines/Setbacks Requirements that are adjacent to State and Federal Highways" and Add Section 125-34, "Safety Requirements of Property Adjacent to State and Federal Highways".

The chair opened the Public Hearing.

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE TO HEREBY AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE I – "IN GENERAL", BY ADDING SECTION 125-33, "BUILDING LINES/SETBACKS REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS", AND SECTION 125-34, "SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

The chair closed the Public Hearing.

Time was provided for Council members to discuss the item.

LPR NO. 22-091

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, 2022, 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 24, 2022 on Motion of Randy Delatte and seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE TO HEREBY AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE I – "IN GENERAL", BY ADDING SECTION 125-33, "BUILDING LINES/SETBACKS REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS", AND SECTION 125-34, "SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

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

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of March 2022.

(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 14, "Adopt resolution to grant a waiver of Section 125-12(1) "Requirements of Minor Subdivisions" to subdivide Lots AF-13 into seven (7) lots and AF-14 into six (6) lots that are not cumulative within a two (2) year period located off of Earl Chaney Road in Council District 6 for Anthony Feduccia – Gerald McMorris".

Public Input: Anthony Feduccia

LPR NO. 22-092

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Garry Talbert to authorize a waiver of Section 125-12(1) "Requirements of Minor Subdivisions" to subdivide Lots AF-13 into seven (7) lots and AF-14 into six (6) lots that are not cumulative within a two (2) year period located off of Earl Chaney Road in Council District 6 for Anthony Feduccia"

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

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

The chair addressed agenda item 15, "Adopt resolution to add stop signs at the intersection of West Street and Fourth Street located in Council District 8 – Randy Delatte".

LPR NO. 22-093

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by John Wascom to add stop signs at the intersection of West Street and Fourth Street located in Council District 8

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

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, "Name an unnamed road "Jax Road" located in Council District 1 – Jeff Ard".

LPR NO. 22-094

MOTION was made by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to name an unnamed road "Jax Road" located in Council District 1.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 17a, Board (Re)appointment(s) and Resignations: a. Gravity Drainage District No. 5 – Tracy Girlinghouse".

LPR NO. 22-095

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Shane Mack to appoint Chance Ballard (Council District 7) whose four (4) year term will expire on February 26, 2026 to Gravity Drainage District No. 5.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 17b, Board (Re)appointment(s) and Resignations: b. Juban Trails Community Development District – Tracy Girlinghouse".

LPR NO. 22-096

MOTION was made by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Shane Mack to accept the resignation of Tracy Girlinghouse from the Juban Trails Community Development District.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance committee:" and called upon Councilman John Wascom, chairman of the Ordinance committee.

Councilman Wascom gave a brief overview of the ordinance committee meeting held at four-thirty (4:30pm).

Councilman Talbert deferred the Introduction of the ordinance he presented due to having the incorrect version printed.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19, "Finance committee" and called upon Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen who stated at tonight's meeting Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director, stated that the sales tax collections are still coming up. Councilman Keen said that the collection came down a little bit but he knew that would happen with the car sales dropping due to no cars on the lots. He stated that Ms. Meyers projects a seven percent (7%) increase for the overlay program or other things like using it for match for Federal monies for road projects.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, "District Attorney's Report:" and advised that there was nothing to report.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, "Councilmen's comments:"

Councilman Girlinghouse advised the Council of their first rough draft of the zoning maps for their districts from Alvin Fairburn & Associates. He asked that the Council review and call AFA or himself if there were any questions.

Councilman Delatte questioned what the next step was for Zoning after their review of the maps. Councilman Girlinghouse stated that once the Councilmen were satisfied, they could start town hall meetings or they could bring it to the Ordinance committee for their constituents. Councilman Delatte asked for a short deadline to have this project completed. Councilman Delatte asked if he put a motion on the table for an August deadline would Councilman Girlinghouse support it? Councilman Ard and Councilman Girlinghouse simultaneously spoke of another draft and stated they would push it then. Councilman Girlinghouse stated that late fall this would be law.

Council Clerk, Sandy Teal, stated that she retained a legal opinion from Mr. Chris Moody, in the past, that stop signs could be done by resolution and not ordinance.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 22-097

MOTION was offered by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to adjourn the March 24, 2022 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

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 Lauren White
Lauren White, Deputy Clerk

1/2 Jeff Ard
Jeff Ard, Council Chairman

The audio and video for this meeting may be found in its entirety on the Livingston Parish Council's YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/m13671Aaj54>. If you have any questions please contact the Livingston Parish Council office at 225-686-3027.