

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23TH, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting this 23rd day of February 2021 at 11936 Ferdinand St., Town Hall, St. Francisville, LA.

The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Robert P. Leake, Alderman Abby T. Cochran, Alderman Andrew D'Aquila, Alderman James R. Leake, Alderman Al Lemoine and Alderman Gigi Robertson.

Absent: none

Prayer led by: Gigi Robertson

Pledge led by: Andrew D'Aquila

Motion made by James R. Leake, seconded by Andrew D'Aquila to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

Open Floor for Public Comment

Mayor Leake opened the floor for public comments before commencing with new business.

No comments made from the floor.

Discuss Dog Ordinance

Jennifer and Curtis Goudeau presented a request for variance on the Dangerous Dog Ordinance. The variance request was seeking permission to allow the Goudeau family to temporarily reside in the town limits with two pit bull mix dogs. The Board of Aldermen thanked them for their respectful and thorough presentation but the ordinance does not provide an option to grant variances. No action taken.

PEC Report – Bianca Hillhouse of Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC).

- Royal Street Water Main Replacement: The contractor (Spinks Construction, Inc.) intends on being out on the project this week and will start construction at the well site.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation: The Wetlands Report has been submitted to the Corps of Engineers. The next step for planning is to order the topographic survey required to complete the Permit application.

Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to authorize Professional Engineering Consultants to proceed with the planning stage for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation project and to authorize payments for planning expenditures as detailed in the Preliminary Order of Magnitude Estimate provided by PEC with the total planning cost estimate of \$687,310.00. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Note - Planning cost incurred for this project will be reimbursed by the Bond proceeds at a later date.*

- Commerce Street Drainage Improvements: The contractor (Pointe Coupee Contractors, LLC) has completed the additional work on Jackson Road.
- Old Town Hall Erosion Problem: PEC is reviewing a proposed drainage improvement plan to help remediate the erosion behind Old Town Hall.

Property & Liability Insurance Renewals

Butler Bourgeois of Arthur Gallagher Insurance presented two renewal packages for property and liability insurance. Option # 1 utilized One Beacon Insurance for the general liability coverage for a total cost of \$122,125.00. Option #2 utilized Euclid/Hudson for the general liability coverage for a total cost of \$112,680.00.

Motion made by Andy D'Aquila, seconded by Gigi Robertson to accept Arthur Gallagher's Insurance renewal package utilizing Euclid/Hudson for a cost of \$112,680.00 and authorize Mayor Leake to sign insurance renewal package documents on the Town of St. Francisville's behalf. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 2021-6: A Resolution of the Council of the Town of St. Francisville to Reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage and Terrorism Insurance Coverage; and to Authorize Mayor Leake to Sign on the Town of St. Francisville's Behalf.

Motion made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to adopt Resolution 2021-6 rejecting uninsured/underinsured motorist and terrorism coverage; and authorizing Mayor Leake to sign on the Town of St. Francisville's behalf. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Departmental Updates – Mayor Robert P. Leake

Mayor's Comments – Robert P. Leake

Police Report – no report /Chief Scott Ford was absent.

Legal Update – Assistant Town Attorney Ben Klein

Permitting & Planning Updates – Written report by Building Official, Don Simmons.

Main Street Report – Main Street Manager, Laurie Walsh.

Council Concerns or Comments

Adjournment

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by Al Lemoine to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

/s/ Shannon Sturgeon
Shannon Sturgeon, Clerk

/s/ Robert P. Leake
Robert P. Leake, Mayor