

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting this 24th day of August, 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 “Bobee” 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: Eric Weinberger

Motion made by Andrew D’Aquila, seconded by James R. Leake to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 10, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for ORDINANACE 2021-5

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-5 opened 5:34 p.m. The floor was opened for public comment. Audience member Eric Weinberger stated that he would like the item to be tabled until he had sufficient time to review the final revision for Ordinance 2021-5 to insure that it meet state statutes. Town Attorney Ben Klein addressed Mr. Weinberger’s concerns and confirmed that the revised ordinance was not in conflict with state statutes. The Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting opened at 5:50 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mayor Leake opened the floor for public comments on agenda items before commencing with new business. No public comments submitted.

New Business:

1. Adopt Ordinance 2021-5

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA, PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS TO BE PERMITTED AND DRIVEN ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE CORPORATE LIMITS.

Motion made by James R. Leake, seconded by Al Lemoine to adopt Ordinance 2021-5 and presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:	Abby T. Cochran, James R. Leake, Al Lemoine, Gigi Robertson
NAYS:	Andrew D’Aquila
ABSENT:	none
ABSTAIN:	none

Ordinance 2021-5 was declared adopted.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2021-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE ESTABLISHING A RATE SCHEDULE FOR SALES TO LARGE VOLUME INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

Ken Drone of Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority presented an opportunity that will allow the Town of St. Francisville to add large volume industrial customers that reside within the Town’s service area to the Town’s gas rate schedule.

Motion made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Andrew D’Aquila to Introduce Ordinance 2021-6 and set a public hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Adopt Resolution 2021-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FROM CLARKE-MOBILE COUNTIES GAS DISTRICT; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID PURCHASE; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GAS TO HOOD CONTAINER CORPORATION; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NAESB BASE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID SALE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY RELATED TO SUCH PURCHASES AND SALES; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE AND THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE BLACK BELT ENERGY GAS DISTRICT; AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

Motion made by James R. Leake, seconded by Al Lemoine to adopt Resolution 2021-9 as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

4. PEC Report – Mayor Leake (Bianca Hillhouse of PEC was absent).

5. Departmental Updates – Mayor Leake

- a. Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Leake
- b. Police Report- no report
- c. Legal Update – Town Attorney Ben Klein
- d. Permitting & Planning Updates – Written report by Building Official, Don Simmons.
- e. Main Street Report – Main Street Manager, Laurie Walsh.

6. Adjournment

Motion made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Al Lemoine to adjourn the meeting 6:35 p.m. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Shannon Sturgeon, Clerk

Robert P. Leake, Mayor