

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting this 22nd day of February 2022 at 9896 Royal Street, Old Market Hall, St. Francisville, LA.

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

Absent: none

Prayer led by: Alderman Gigi Robertson

Pledge led by: Alderman Al Lemoine

Motion made by James R. Leake, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to approve the minutes from the February 8th Public Hearing/ Regular Meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor Leake opened the Public Meeting and Attorney Ben Klein read aloud the PUBLIC COMMENT IN MEETINGS POLICY STATEMENT.

Open Floor for Public Comment:

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

Presentation of Property/Liability Insurance Quotes for 2022-2023

Insurance Proposals were presented by Butler Bourgeois at Arthur J. Gallagher & Company and Clay Pinson of Record Agency, Inc.

Discuss and/or Award Bid for Property/Liability Insurance Package for 2022-2023

Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Al Lemoine to award the 2022-2023 insurance package to Arthur J. Gallagher & Company for \$108,155.00. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Lemoine, seconded by Gigi Robertson to reject uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury coverage and terrorism insurance coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James R. Leake to authorize Mayor Robert Leake, Jr to sign insurance documents on behalf of the Town of St. Francisville. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

The Town has received notification that a Water Sector Program grant award for the Town of St. Francisville in an amount of \$2,450,000.00 has been approved. Once the authorization to incur cost letter is received the Town has 60 days to provide proof of matching funds. The Towns matching funds will be a 5 million dollar bond. The town must select a site for the wastewater treatment facility and start the bond process immediately in order to meet the grant requirements.

Bianca Hillhouse presented PEC's feasible site location options for the new wastewater treatment facility, discussed the pros and cons of each site option and answered questions from the Board of Aldermen.

Resolution 2022-4

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SITE LOCATION FOR A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Gigi Roberts to adopt Resolution 2022-4. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-5

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO PROCEED WITH A FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,250,000), THROUGH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE “AUTHORITY”); REQUESTING THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ITS NOT TO EXCEED \$5,250,000 REVENUE BONDS (TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE SEWER PROJECT), SERIES 2022, AND AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING BY THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE FROM THE SALE THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO (I) CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, EXTEND, EXPAND, IMPROVE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, AND DECOMMISSION SEWERAGE FACILITIES (INCLUDING BUT NOT BEING LIMITED TO SEWERAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES) SERVING THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, AND ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, SERVITUDES, AND EQUIPMENT RELATED THERETO, (II) FUND A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND, IF NECESSARY, AND (III) TO PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Motion made by Andrew D’Aquila, seconded by Al Lemoine to adopt Resolution 2022-5 as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Departmental Updates – Mayor Robert P. Leake

Mayor’s Comments – Robert P. Leake

Police Report – Chief Scott Ford absent

Legal Update – 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 James R. Leake, seconded by Gigi Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

/s/Shannon Sturgeon, Clerk

/s/Robert P. Leake, Mayor