

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

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in Regular Meeting this 22nd day of March 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 and Alderman James R. Leake.

Absent: Al Lemoine and Gigi Robertson

Prayer led by: James R. Leake

Pledge led by: Andrew D'Aquila

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James R. Leake to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 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.

\* Alderman Gigi Robertson joined the meeting at 5:33.

Open Floor for Public Comment:

Mayor Leake opened the floor for public comments before commencing with new business. Mayor Leake said stated that they would take public comments for the Water Treatment Plant Location when they got to that item. No other public comments were submitted.

PEC Report -- Update provided by Bianca Hillhouse of Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC)

**BUSINESS**

Resolution 2022-6 – A resolution authorizing Mayor Robert “Bobee” Leake, Jr. to act on behalf of the Town of St. Francisville in all matters related to the State Capital Outlay appropriation made to the Town of St. Francisville for the Emergency Erosion Repairs project (FPC Project No. 50-MQ3-21-01), including the authority to sign all documents relative to the administration of such appropriations.

Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Gigi Robertson to approve Resolution 2022-6. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Introduce Ordinance 2022-4 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the “TOWN”), TO PROCEED WITH A NOT TO EXCEED \$5,250,000 FINANCING THROUGH THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE TOWN’S REQUEST OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ITS REVENUE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING BY THE TOWN OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE THEREOF TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, EXTEND, EXPAND, IMPROVE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, AND DECOMMISSION SEWERAGE FACILITIES (INCLUDING BUT NOT BEING LIMITED TO SEWERAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES) SERVING THE TOWN, AND ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, SERVITUDES, AND EQUIPMENT RELATED THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF AND SECURITY THEREFOR; APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE TERMS OF THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS AND ANCILLARY FINANCING DOCUMENTS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila , seconded by Abby T. Cochran to introduce Ordinance 2022-4. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss Wastewater Treatment Plant Location

Residents concerned with the site location of the Wastewater Treatment facility discussed their concerns with the Mayor and Board of Alderman.

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran to hire an engineering firm to get a second opinion on the site location. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Town of St. Francisville was awarded a Water Sector Grant of \$2,450,000.00 with a requirement that that the Town provided proof of match funding (the Bond Proceeds) be available within 60 days of receiving the official grant award.

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James R. Leake to hire an engineering firm to look at the viable area and give other site location options while Professional Engineering Consultants proceeds with the current site location. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Departmental Updates – Mayor Robert P. Leake

Mayor’s Comments – Robert P. Leake

Police Report – Chief Scott Ford

Legal Update – Town Attorney Ben Klein

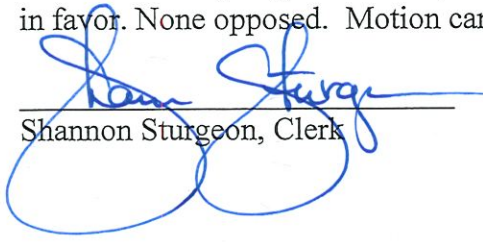
Permitting & Planning Updates – Written report by Building Official, Don Simmons.

Main Street Report – Main Street Manager, Laurie Walsh

Council Concerns or Comments

Adjournment

Motion made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by James R. Leake to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

  
Shannon Sturgeon, Clerk

  
Robert P. Leake, Mayor