

PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 2/13/23 at 5:30pm at the Elizabeth Community Center, 210 East Main Street, Elizabeth, LA.

The notice of Meeting having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Green at 5:30pm. Opening prayer led by Mr. Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Stacy Weldon, Council
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief
Shane Ware, Police Chief

Council and Staff Absent

Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

1. Mayor Green asked if there was any comments from the public regarding any item on the agenda. No comments. One resident asked about the procedure for allowing a camper on property not zoned for this. The Mayor stated she would have to fill out an application requesting a variance for this and present to the council.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA
 - A. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/9/23 meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
3. MAYOR'S REPORT
 - *Old Business
 - A. Property cleanups – Reminder: public hearing date for these properties set for March 13 council meeting at 5:30pm to discuss the recommendation of condemnation.- 1) parcel no.0450000710, 1103 Hickory St., Leo and Hollis L Laird and 2)parcel no.0450000450A, 1006 Bay St., Roger Loftin 3)Parcel no.04500001500, 1020 Beech St, Murrill Willis, the main mobile home was not recommended for condemnation, but a smaller mobile home hidden by bushes was recommended for condemnation. Certified notices mailed out to owners. Notice of Hearing date has been sent to be filed at the Courthouse.
 - *New Business
 - A. Public hearing held on amendment to Ordinance 35-2022 for Elizabeth Police Department to be in charge of dog holding facility and stray dog issues since law enforcement is needed to enforce the ordinances and write citations. To become **Ordinance 35-2022.1**. Police Chief Shane Ware came forth and discussed agreement for the village employees to continue to assist him with operations of the dog holding facility and capture of dogs during normal business hours. The Mayor agreed to work with the Chief as needed and together they will create a stray dog and holding facility policy. Police Chief agreed. Public hearing closed.
 - B. Mea Dillehay made a motion for council to adopt amendment to Ordinance 35-2022 for the Elizabeth Police Department to be in charge of the dog holding facility and stray dog issues since law enforcement is needed to enforce the ordinances and write citations along with assistance of Village employees during normal business hours. Ordinance to be **Ordinance 35-2022.1**. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea; Mea Dillehay-yea; Stacy Weldon-yea
 - C. Public hearing held on **Ordinance 18-19.2** amendment which increases the Mayor's Salary from \$1600 to \$1800 gross per month effective March 1, 2023 and decrease back to \$1600 at the

beginning of the next term. (Jan. 1, 2027). Ken Kelly had originally introduced amendment, but requested to amend his introduction to \$2500 per month. Mea Dillehay recommended to amend to \$2600 per month. Ken Kelly agreed to this amendment. Stacy Weldon seconded the amendment. Public hearing closed. (Was Ordinance 18-19A1)

- D. Mea Dillehay made a motion for council to adopt **Ordinance 18-19.2** amendment increasing Mayor's Salary from \$1600 to \$2600 gross per month effective March 1, 2023 and decrease back to \$1600 at the beginning of the next term. (Jan. 1, 2027). Ken Kelly seconded. Stacy Weldon-yea, Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
- E. Ken Kelly made a motion for council to adopt **Resolution 80-2023** authorizing Mayor to publicly advertise for bids for construction contract for **FY 2021 CDBG-CV LLO Program A.B. Finke Park Improvements** upon receipt of approval notice. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT-Mr. Mike Holmes reminded everyone that the Tier 3 reports are due by May 15.
5. POLICE CHIEF
 - A. Chief Ware gave monthly report. He also stated he was looking at hiring a parttime officer. Will discuss at next meeting.
6. FIRE CHIEF
 - A. Asst Fire Chief Self gave monthly report. He also presented the council of the list of items that will need to be purchased to help with the PIAL ratings. He gave update that the fire trucks have been repaired and fully serviced.
 - B. He also gave update on PIAL (Property Ins Assoc.of LA) paperwork almost ready to send in and then Fire Marshall to come in and assess.
 - C. Mayor reported that the coding and classing of Fire Hydrants had been completed.
7. No further comments from the council or public.
8. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for January and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
9. Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk