

PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 4/10/23 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. Glenn Turner, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Shane Ware, Police Chief
Denise Lee, Clerk
Mike Holmes, Attorney
Steven Self, Asst. Chief

Council and Staff Absent

Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief
Stacy Weldon, Council

1. Mayor Green asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any item on the agenda. Several of the residents asked questions pertaining to the presentation that was to be given by Joey Boswell concerning the sale and development of the Lil Piney R.V. Park. It was explained by Mayor Green and Mr. Mike Holmes that the Land and Water Conservation Fund had been contacted and reiterated that the park could not be sold unless an equivalent value property with equivalent value of outdoor recreation opportunities would be acquired and developed to replace it. One of the residents asked if paying the grant back would qualify to sell the Lil Piney R.V. Park. Mr. Mike Holmes reassured that along with doing this, the Village would be affected by not receiving future grants. The Mayor stated that the Park has been under discussion and plans are to develop it further in the future.
2. Mayor Green entertained a motion to add to the agenda to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. No comments given from the public. Ken Kelly made a motion to add this item to the agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. Vote was Ken Kelly – yea and Mea Dillehay- yea.
3. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes from 3/13/23 meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
5. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - ***Old Business**
 - A. Property cleanups
 1. Public hearing for - 1) parcel no.0450000710, 1103 Hickory St., Leo and Hollis L Laird. Mr. Leo Laird was present. The Village Engineer previously proposed that the mobile home on this property should be considered for condemnation. Mr. Laird stated he was gonna try to make the mobile home livable within about 3 weeks. Mr. Mike Holmes stated the risk of rehabilitating the home and the requirements for compliance. Mr. Glenn Turner also reiterated that the sewer was out of compliance on this property and if this property was to be inhabited a new mechanical system would have to be put in to be in compliance even before the Village could issue a permit for the remodeled mobile home or another mobile home to be moved in. After discussion, Mr. Leo Laird stated he could put the mechanical system in and would remove the present mobile home and replace with another one. Mr. Glenn Turner stated that a new mechanical system would be approximately between \$4000-\$5000. Mr. Laird stated this was no problem. Mayor Green reiterated that another home couldn't be permitted until this system was in place. Ken Kelly made a motion to condemn the mobile home and issued Mr. Laird until the next council meeting on May 8, 22023 to have it removed from the property. Mea Dillehay seconded. Vote as follows: Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay- yea.

2. Update for parcel no.0450000450A, 1006 Bay St., Roger Loftin. Was given 30 days from last council meeting to finish cleaning property. Mr. Loftin stated that he was ready to put tires on the mobile home on his property and move it away. Ken Kelly made a motion to grant Mr. Loftin 30 more days to complete removal of the home. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

***New Business**

- A. After Mr. Boswell was notified of the rules and regulations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of Lil Piney Park he did not come to the meeting.
 - B. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adopt a Proclamation for April as Fair Housing Month. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
 - C. Mayor Green recommended that the village invest some of it's funds to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. After research by the attorney and Mayor Green, the return interest rate is good at the present and the village could retrieve it's funds upon request. The council will discuss further at the next meeting.
6. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT-reminded council of Tier 3 reports due by May 15, 2023. He also stated he plans to do his Magistrate training this week.
 7. POLICE CHIEF
 - A. Chief Shane Ware gave his monthly report. He stated that he received the 2012 Tahoe that was donated by the DeSoto Sheriff Department. Chief Ware stated he had spoke with the school and he plans to meet with Pre-K thru 3rd grade to pass out coloring books and speak with the children concerning officers being their friend.
 - B. Chief Ware recommended the termination of Officer Winston Lambright due to he has not worked any hours in months. Ken Kelly made a motion to terminate him effective April 10, 2023. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 - C. Chief Ware requested to hire part time officer Luke Parker at \$15.00/hour and approximately no more than 20 hours a month. The original 40 hours approved for previous hire of Caleb LaBorde would be now split with Luke Parker. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the hire of Officer Luke Parker effectively immediately part time at \$15.00/hr and split the 40hours between the 2 part time officers. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 - D. Several complaints were made about the speeding during drop off and pick up of students at school on several streets, even though there is speed bumps. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt a **Resolution** to authorize Chief Ware to use barricades to block off side streets during these times, if necessary. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 8. FIRE CHIEF
 - A. Assistant Fire Chief Steven Self presented the monthly fire report. He also stated that the PIAL documents were submitted and waiting on a date for the review for the village from Mr. Robert, PIAL Sr. Municipal Field Rep.
 9. Mr. Glenn Turner, Village Engineer reported on the Grants for the Village. Request for bids will be in the Oakdale Journal this next week for Love LA Outdoors project. Results of the bids will be presented at the May 8, 2023 council meeting. The Village did get Grant approval for the Water Well rehabilitation. The LCDBG Sewer upgrade grant was approved. The Street Improvement grant is still pending. The PHMSA Grant for replacement of part of the gas line was not approved, but the village can reapply every year up to 5 years. A Safe Route to Public Places grant was mentioned and the village will look into. Also a Clearance Grant is coming up that the Village can apply for to help clean properties.
 10. No further comments from the council.
 11. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for March and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 12. Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk