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PUBLIC MEETING

A Monthly Village Council Meeting was held 4/11/2022 at 5:30pm at the Elizabeth Community Center, 210 East Main Street, Elizabeth, LA.

The notice of Meeting/Agenda having been duly posted in accordance with requirements and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Green at 5:30pm. Prayer led by Kevin Fontenot, then Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor, Council and Staff present

Mayor Mandy Green
Angela Smith, Alderwoman
Kelly Stalsby, Alderwoman
Ken Kelly, Alderman
Kevin Fontenot, Attorney
Denise Lee, Clerk
Donna McIntosh, Code Compl. Officer

Council and Staff Absent

Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

Opening prayer led by Alderman Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to the agenda – announce a special called meeting for the Ordinance 26B Zoning to be discussed and clarified on April 26, 2022 at 5:30pm. Angela Smith seconded to add to agenda. All in favor.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to add the presentation of Louisiana Rural Water Association to the agenda. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. Mayor Green asked if there was any comments from the public regarding any item on the agenda or concerns. No public comments on agenda items. Some wanted to make comments concerning Ordinance 26B Zoning. The Mayor announced that all questions concerning the Zoning 26B Ordinance would be addressed at a special called meeting.
4. Angela Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these additions. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
5. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes from 3/14/22 and 3/22/22 meetings. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.
6. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Green allowed Louisiana Rural Water Association to present the rate study done recently compared to a study done in 2019. They said the rates had come up substantially and the village is able to sustain itself and move forward with applying for grants that may be available. The LRWA representatives stated they were very impressed with the rates and do not often see such progress when doing these studies.

***Old Business**

- A. Several residents spoke comments concerning the zoning. Mayor Green reminded them that the zoning would be discussed at the Special meeting on April 26, 2022. Ken Kelly made a motion for the council to grant the Zoning Variance request for Parcel No. 0550008000 located at 709 Maple St. for the property to be changed from Zone A to A3 (Mobile Home Owner Occupied). Kelly Stalsby seconded. Ken Kelly-yea; Kelly Stalsby-yea; Angela Smith-yea
- B. Mayor Green requested to table the Public hearing for **Ordinance 35-2022** all concerns of dogs, animals- Vicious, Stray, Running at Large, Tags, Vaccinations, Village Dog Policy, etc. until next meeting on May 9, 2022 at 5:30pm. The ordinance is still being drafted.
- C. Mayor Green stated the progress on the Village Hall. The central A/C and heat units installation would be completed by 4/12/22. Next would be the replacement of rotten wood on the outside, window and screen replacements.

D. Brandon Sweat stated that he fixed a wire on the dashboard of the Fire Chief Unit that has been placed as surplus property. The mileage works now and shows 149,628 miles. Ken Kelly made a motion to table the discussion of minimum bid until next meeting to allow time to research the value. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.

***New Business**

A. Update on sell of 3 acre plot at the Intersection of LA Hwy 3206 and LA Hwy 10, north of Dollar General-Mayor Green spoke with someone on this and will reach out to them again.

B. Mayor Green reached out to someone on possible purchase of 16.36 acre plot at the Intersection of LA Hwy 10 and LA Hwy 112. They have not returned call but will reach out again.

C. Angela Smith made a motion to adopt a Fair Housing Proclamation. Kelly Stalsby seconded. All in favor.

D. Mayor Green announced the Special Called meeting for Zoning Ordinance 26B to be held on April 26, 2022 at 5:30pm.

7. CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

A. Donna McIntosh, CCO for Property Cleanups gave a report of still working with mobile home owners to get their permits turned in to make sure they are zoned correctly. Some residents are refusing to turn in the permit information. The mobile home on Main Street is in the process of being sold. 914 Magnolia and 906 Magnolia properties have been torn down. 907 Magnolia-going to use as a fire training but still waiting on paperwork from siblings. 703 Main Street still working to get in compliance. 308 Cypress Street- still waiting for owner to decide how to get in compliance.

8. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

A. Attorneys still trying to get in contact with proper person for Hwy 10 annexation.

B. Ken Kelly introduced **Ordinance No. 07-17** to amend trash can cost to \$85.00 if purchased to become **Ordinance No. 07-17.1**.

C. Ken Kelly made request to table **Ordinance 38-2022 Code Compliance Officer** to be able to issue summons for violations of ordinances, not traffic related until next meeting May 9, 2022.

9. POLICE CHIEF

A. Chief Ford gave monthly report of calls and citations issued.

B. She stated she had updated copy of handbook and will get to Village Clerk's office.

10. FIRE CHIEF

A. Chief Sweat gave monthly report of calls.

B. Chief Sweat stated that a Firehouse Sub Grant opportunity would be coming up.

11. No further comments from the Council.

12. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for March 2022 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.

13. Angela Smith made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.

APPROVED BY:/s/Mayor Mandy Green 4/13/22

ATTEST BY:/s/Denise Lee, Clerk 4/13/22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE- Public hearing for **Ordinance 35-2022** all concerns of dogs, animals. Public hearing for **Ordinance No. 07-17.1** to change cost of trash can to \$85.00. Public hearing for **Ordinance No. 38-2022** Code Compliance Officer.