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MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING 4/12/21, 6:00PM
VILLAGE OF 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 Mayor Mandy Green at 6:00pm. Prayer led by Ken Kelly-Mayor ProTem, then Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy L Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Alderman
Angela Smith, Alderwoman
Denise Lee, Village Clerk
Mike Holmes, Village Attorney

Council and Staff Absent:

Kelly Stalsby, Alderwoman
Katrina Ford, Police Chief
Winston Lambright, Fire Chief
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

1. Mayor requested for any comments from the public. No comments given.
2. MAYOR'S REPORT
 - A. Angela Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Joint Service Agreement with Allen Parish Police Jury to patch road on Horseshoe Drive right behind the Piney Park. Angela Smith seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1
 - C. Mayor commented that the Easter Egg Hunt held on March 27, 2021 at the Elizabeth Finke Park had a really good participation. The Med Express Ribbon Cutting and Open House was also held next door and was a great success.
 - D. Mayor Green opened Public Hearing on amendment of **Ordinance 14-18E** changing the variable rate, according to Annual CPI to March billing instead of January billing. Attorney Mike Holmes made a suggestion to amend Section 3 of the ordinance to state to adjust the variable rate according to the annual CPI for all urban customers the first billing cycle after publication of CPI-U by Bureau of Labor Statistics. Council discussed.
 - E. Mayor Green closed public hearing.
 - F. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 14-18E** with amendment to Section 3 to change the variable rate, according to the Annual CPI-U upon publication by Bureau of Labor Statistics. Angela Smith seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1
 - G. Mayor Green opened Public Hearing on **Ordinance 30-21 Date, Time and Place of Monthly Council Meeting**. Discussion of meeting date and time change by the Council. Suggested to change time to 5:30pm the second Monday of each month at Community Center.
 - H. Mayor Green closed public hearing.
 - I. Angela Smith made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 30-21 Date, Time and Place of Monthly Council Meeting** with amendment to change date and time of meeting and to be held every second Monday at 5:30pm at Community Center. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1
 - J. Mayor Green recommended to change the Village Hall office hours: OPEN for the PUBLIC, including answering phones : Monday-Thursday: 8am-3pm and Fridays: 8am-12noon,

office workers will still be working until 4:00pm. Angela Smith motioned to adopt Resolution 40-2021 to reflect these changes in the Employee Handbook effective 4/13/2021. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1

- K. Mayor Green Introduced that Engineers M,M,H & L contacted her with a request for the Village to pursue a Grant for a Sewer Project. The Village pursued this project before and could not move forth due to Village Residents' lack of cooperation. No representative from the Engineer firm was able to be present. Ken Kelly made a motion to table the discussion until the next council meeting on May 10, 2021. Angela Smith seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

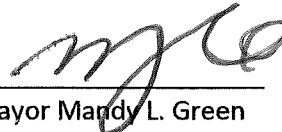
- A. Mayor Green asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting on March 9, 2021 meeting. Angela Smith made a motion to dispense with the reading of the March 9, 2021 minutes as distributed. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1

4. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. Mr. Mike Holmes asked the council to consider introducing an ordinance providing for the amendment of the General Fund Budget 2020-2021. After some discussion Ken Kelly introduced **Ordinance 28-21 Amended General Budget for FY 2020-2021**.
- B. Mr. Mike Holmes asked the council to consider introducing an ordinance providing for the regulation of village-owned motor vehicles. After some discussion, Angela Smith introduced **Ordinance 29-21 Regulating the Use of Village-Owned Motor Vehicles**.
- C. Mr. Mike Holmes asked the council to consider introducing an ordinance providing for an amendment to Ordinance 26 Zoning Districts and Regulations, which provides clarification of Dwelling definition and Manufactured Homes to become Ordinance 26A. After some discussion, Ken Kelly introduced **Ordinance 26A Zoning and Regulations** with this amendment providing clarification of Dwelling and Manufactured Homes definitions.

5. VILLAGE CLERK

- A. Angela Smith made a motion for Council to approve expenses for March 2021 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Ken Kelly seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1
5. No monthly Police Chief report given due to absent.
6. No monthly Fire Chief report given due to absent.
7. Comments from the Council. Discussed that some of the Utility Right of Ways, also noted as Alley Ways, were damaged during storm from employees. It is hard for residents to mow. Mayor will notify employees to get these particular ones repaired.
8. With no further business to discuss, Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Angela Smith seconded. Yeas:2 Nays:0 Absent:1



Mayor Mandy L. Green

Attest:



Denise Lee Clerk