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PUBLIC MEETING

A Monthly Village Council Meeting was held 4/26/2022 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 Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor, Council and Staff present

Mayor Mandy Green
Angela Smith, Alderwoman
Kelly Stalsby, Alderwoman
Ken Kelly, Alderman
Denise Lee, Clerk
Donna McIntosh, Code Compl. Officer
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief
Katrina Ford, Police Chief

Council and Staff Absent

Mike Holmes, Attorney
Kevin Fontenot, Attorney
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

1. Mayor Green asked if there was any comments from the public regarding item on the agenda. She announced that each attendee will have a 2 minute time limit to state comments and must come forth to the podium, state full name and address. She requested that all cell phones be silenced. She stated that this meeting was to answer all questions concerning amendments to Ordinance 26.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. Several residents came forth and stated concerns on the amendments of Zoning Ordinance 26.
 - It was concerns about personal property and real estate, as to where the mobile homes could be moved or not, but it was noted that is nothing to do with the ordinance. The ordinance was put in to place to help with concerns of properties not being maintained. She didn't agree that she had to fill out a special use permit for her mobile home. She was told that this permit states that she is the owner of the property and the home. This permit is for documentation that her home is owner occupied, since this is what her area is zoned for. She complained about other homes (not mobile) not being permitted, but the Mayor told her that other homes do have to get permits for utilities and such.
 - Another resident wanted to make a motion to dismiss the ordinance. It was explained by the Mayor how important it was. This resident stated that he did not have a title to his mobile home to prove ownership, which is required in the ordinance to get a special use permit. The resident was told the office would try to assist him as to where to get a title.
 - One resident made comments concerning his sewer-stated his sewer was perfectly fine. It was noted that if he had no problems with it he should have no problem getting his special use permit.
 - Another resident came forth and stated that she didn't understand why the mobile homes were being micromanaged because of sewer issues. It was clarified that they weren't but this was only one of the issues with some particular mobile homes not with all.
 - One came forth and brought up about mobile homes and immobilization. It was stated that this did not matter about the immobilization. The purpose of the permits was to help with having accountability in cleaning properties. If people are not accountable in cleaning properties their permits would not be valid.
 - Another stated her concerns of why they would not be allowed to rent their property. She stated she feels they should be allowed to do what they like with their property. She stated that everyone on her street owns their house and property. She stated what would she have to do to be able to sell her home. Councilman Kelly told her that she could sell it. He also told her that her family could live there as well, just that it was not zoned for renting. The Mayor asked if she would like that area rezoned to be renter occupied. The Mayor stated that it was zoned to help correct some of the maintenance issues of the

properties. The Mayor stated that the council understood all the issues and that's why we were having this meeting to hear people's concerns even though this ordinance has been on the agenda and discussed for several months with no one coming to the meetings to discuss until the ordinance amendments were actually passed.

-One resident requested verification of the voting on how her property was zoned. The Clerk will mail her a copy of this information. She wanted to know about what this permit had to do with people's sewer. Councilman Kelly stated that the Ordinance doesn't even say anything affecting sewer and he didn't know where the issues about sewer keep popping up. There was an example of one mobile home being moved in on a particular property was not issued a permit until the sewer system on the property already was corrected. This was given as example that the permits are put in to place to help with issues like this, but not the only reason.

-Another questioned why he couldn't buy a new home. The Mayor told him he could certainly buy a new home if he wanted. He also wanted to know why he had to buy a new permit every 3 years. The Mayor told him it just had to be renewed with no charge.

-Another stated that some property by the current mobile home park was not zoned for more mobile homes. Mr. Kelly, councilman stated that he could put in an application to have it rezoned and it would be no charge. This was an oversight that could easily be fixed. The Mayor told this resident that he needed to fill out an application to make this request. He also wanted know if Faith Loop was a private owned drive. The Code Enforcement Officer did contact the Allen Parish Police Jury and it was stated that this was not a Parish Road and would have to be maintained by the owner.

- Another resident came forth and stated he wanted to have the area that is zoned for mobile homes to be unannexed from the village limits. The Mayor told him that he would have to have a petition signed by the residents to do this.

-Another resident stated they should have gotten a letter about the monthly council meeting concerning this ordinance. The Mayor stated that these meetings are held each month on the same day at the same time. All meeting agendas are posted on the Village Website and the front door of the Community Center for all the public to view.

The mayor stated that the council would definitely take into consideration the statements and concerns of the citizens and possibly make some amendments to the zoning ordinance.

With no further comments from the council, Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn and Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, Clerk