

PUBLIC MEETING- Special Called

Public Council meeting was held 5/9/24 at 5:00pm at the Elizabeth Village Hall, 230 Poplar 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 5:00pm. Opening prayer led by Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Council
Stacy Weldon, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Denise Lee, Clerk
Crystal Hunt, Code Compliance
Heather Sutton, Attorney
Brad Rachel, Village Engineer
Shane Ware, Police Chief
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer

Council and Staff Absent

Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEM – Shane Ware, Police Chief requested to add to the agenda the donation of a light bar from previously owned police vehicle to Oakdale Police Department. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to the agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to add to agenda.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes from 4/8/24 meeting. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
3. ENGINEER'S REPORT
 - A. Brad Rachel gave update on the progress of the grants. The Water Well project will begin May 28, 2024. The Wastewater project at sewer plant will begin July 15, 2024. The LDEQ/CWSRF project for sewer improvements to be awarded to CO-D Construction of LA, LLC contingent upon Deductive Change Order No.1.
 - B. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt **Resolution 118-2024** authorizing Award for Bids for LDEQ/CWSRF Sewer System Improvements to CO-D Construction of LA, LLC contingent upon Deductive Change Order No.1. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
4. CODE COMPLIANCE
 - A. 517 Pine St, Parcel No.05500006540, C.Gordey. Bids requested and received. A bid for cleanup of condemned structure had been accepted.
 - B. 511 Pine St – Parcel No.0550000707, D.Deshotel was summoned because extension will be up on May 13, 2024. Stacy Weldon made a motion to proceed forth getting bids for property cleanup if no action by owner by May 13, 2024. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 - C. Notices have been sent to 510 Pine Street, 808 Main Street & 1002 Tupelo St. for property compliance. More notices will be going out for property compliance.
5. POLICE CHIEF
 - A. Shane Ware gave monthly report.

- B. Chief Ware stated that the police department no longer has use of a light bar that was removed from surplus property vehicle previously owned by village and would like to donate to Oakdale Police Department. Stacy Weldon made a motion to pass **Resolution 119-2024** which authorizes Mayor to donate and sign Act of Donation to Oakdale Police Department. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
- 6. FIRE CHIEF**
- A. Lorrie Odom gave monthly fire report.
- B. She stated that the raffle for Scholarships for the high school graduates on the fire department raised enough money to pay for gun that was raffled and to give 3 students \$500 each for graduation.
- C. The locks at the fire station were recently keyed with keys that cannot be duplicated. Mayor Green requested a copy of the key log stating who has signed out a key for the fire department. Lorrie stated they will get that to the Mayor.
- 7. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- *Old Business**
- A. None
- *New Business**
- B. Global Medical Response ambulance Service sent a letter of termination of lease agreement stating that landlord has restricted Global Medical Response's access to the premises. Stacy Weldon made a motion to allow Global Medical Response to terminate the lease agreement. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- 8. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**
- A. After discussion of dog pound, Mayor Green requested Attorney Heather Sutton to request an AG Opinion concerning if the Village would have to abide by the state regulations of operating a dog pound which requires certain rules and regulations. After opinion received, the Mayor and Council will discuss and decide if the Village will be able to fund and operate a dog pound and if the village has a feasible place to put one.
- 9. COUNCIL**
- A. Public hearing held on amendment of Ordinance 41-23.1 to change the meeting place of the monthly council meeting from the Community Center to the Village Hall to become ordinance 41-23.2. Comments made to leave at same time and second Monday of each month, just move to Village Hall.
- B. Public hearing closed.
- C. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance 41-23.1 Council Meeting Date, Time and Place to become Ordinance 41-23.2 and to change the meeting place from the Community Center to the City Hall at 6:30pm on the second Monday of the month. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
- 10.** Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for April 2024 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
- 11.** Stacy Weldon made a motion to adjourn. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/S/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by:/S/ Denise Lee, LCMClerk