

PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 6/12/23 at 6:30pm 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 6:30pm. Opening prayer led by Mr. 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
Mike Holmes, Attorney
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

Council and Staff Absent

Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief
Shane Ware, Police Chief

1. Mayor Green requested to make a change on Agenda Item 6.D. It should state Ordinance 41-23 to become Ordinance 41-23.1. Also add public hearing prior to adoption of Ordinance 41-23.1.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with these changes. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
3. Mayor Green asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any item on the agenda with changes. No comments.
4. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
5. MAYOR'S REPORT
 - A. Mr. Theo Sanders came forth for the presentation from LAMPS. He gave presentation and council asked questions concerning investing village funds.

*Old Business

Property Cleanup Updates

- B. Parcel no.04500001500, 1020 Beech St, Murrill Willis. The condemned structure has been demolished, but still lots of rubble in the yard. The Mayor will send owner notice of this cleanup under the Property Maintenance Ordinance. If does not comply, the village will clean the property and send invoice. If not paid, an Affidavit of Lien will be placed against the property and placed on ad valorem taxes. It was also noted that the main mobile home still has lots of work to be in compliance.
- C. Parcel No.0550015450, Mary G & Shannon R. Smith, 509 Pine St. Certified notice was mailed to address on tax roll. No return signature received back yet. Stacy Weldon made a motion for village to proceed with the cleaning of the property. Owner will be invoiced, if not paid, will file Affidavit of Lien and this will be applied to ad valorem taxes. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. If property not occupied by July 1, 2023 the Mayor will request for a condemnation inspection.
- D. Parcel No. 0550000707, Derrick J. Deshotel, 511 Pine St. Certified notice mailed to address on tax roll. No return signature received back yet. Stacy Weldon made a motion for village to proceed with the cleaning of the property. Owner will be invoiced, if not paid, will file Affidavit of Lien and this will be applied to ad valorem taxes. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor. If property not occupied by July 1, 2023 the Mayor will request for a condemnation inspection.
- E. It was also noted that Parcel no. 0450000710, 1103 Hickory St., Leo and Hollis L Laird, condemned mobile home still has not been removed from property. Mayor will proceed forth to get bids to clean property.

F. Mr. Roger Loftin concerning Parcel No. 0450000450A, 1006 Bay St., came forth and stated that the condemned mobile home was removed and will finish cleaning up property.

***New Business**

- A. Public hearing for Ordinance 41-23 Date, Time and Place of monthly Council meeting. The time will be changed to 6:30pm for future meetings. No further comments. Hearing closed.
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt an amendment to **Ordinance 41-2023** Date, Time and Place of Monthly Council Meeting to become **Ordinance 41-2023.1** to change the time of meeting to 6:30pm. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly- yea, Mea Dillehay-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea
 - C. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 88-2023** to make Oakdale Journal the official newspaper. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
 - D. Public hearing for **Ordinance 42-2023 Amended General/Utility Budget for FY2022-2023**. Some updates presented on the budget. Council noted. No further comments. Hearing closed.
 - E. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 42-2023 Amended General/Utility Budget for FY2022-2023**. Ken Kelly seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
 - F. Public hearing for **Ordinance 43-2023 Proposed General/Utility Budget for FY2023-2024 and USDA Budget**. Some updates presented on the budget. No further comments. Hearing closed.
 - G. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 43-2023 Proposed General/Utility Budget for FY2023-2024 and USDA Budget**. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
 - H. Ken Kelly introduced **Ordinance 01-2015(A-6)** to amend Ordinance 01-2015(A-5) to provide for increase in Clerk salary from \$3250.00 to \$3450.00 per month beginning July 11, 2023.
6. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT
Attorney Mike Holmes noted that a Fair Market Value has been done on the Elizabeth Clinic. The value of the lease has increased.
7. POLICE CHIEF
Chief Ware not present but left a monthly report of reports taken and citations.
8. FIRE CHIEF
Chief Sweat presented monthly report. He also noted that the Fire Department at the present time is only taking fire calls. All emergencies are handled through the parish by 911 and ambulances dispatched to call.
9. ENGINEER'S REPORT
A. Glenn Turner gave an update on the progress of the grants and projects that are fixing to begin.
10. No further comments.
11. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for May and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
12. Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

Approved by: /s/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by: /s/Denise Lee, Clerk