**Village of Elizabeth**

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

Public Council meeting was held 7/11/23 at 4:00pm 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 4:00pm. Opening prayer led by Mr. Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

**Mayor, Council and Staff Present** **Council and Staff Absent**

Mandy Green, Mayor Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

Ken Kelly, Council Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

Stacy Weldon, Council

Mea Dillehay, Council

Denise Lee, Clerk

Mike Holmes, Attorney

1. Mayor Green asked if any public comments on agenda items. No comments.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes from 6/12/23 meeting. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
3. Request of Mayor Green to make a change to the date on Item 8B to from July 11 to July 12. Ken Kelly made a motion to add. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Mayor requested to add the discussion of 200 Poplar Street property property cleanup, 8A. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Mayor requested to change on Item 8.F. the fees on the amendment of Ordinance 06-17D to $350 for 1” tap and the fee to $850 for 2” meter. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Recommendation of Police Chief to terminate part time officer Caleb Laborde. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Add request of Police Chief to hire a full-time officer. Ken Kelly made a motion to add to agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
4. Mayor Green asked if any comments from the public on any agenda items or additions. No comments.
5. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with all additions. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
6. ENGINEER’S REPORT- Mayor Green stated she had spoke with Glenn Turner, Engineer and we are waiting on a couple of documents from the contractor for the Love LA Outdoors AB Finke Park Project, then construction will begin.
7. Louisiana State Representative Dewith Carrier was unable to attend to award funds for Village of Elizabeth Capital Outlay.
8. MAYOR’S REPORT

**\*Old Business**

**Property Cleanup Updates**

1. Report on compliance of Parcel no.04500001500, 1020 Beech St, Murrill Willis. Ken Kelly made a motion to touch base with Mr. Murril Willis owner to discuss village cleaning property and the possible cost due to son living in his mobile home and unable to clean at the present due to health. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
2. The village has not received signed certified notice receipt on cleanup of 200 Poplar Street, parcel no. 0550003100, SW Eaves Construction, LLC. Owner will be sent another certified notice and a First Class notice. Ken Kelly made a motion to proceed with getting bids for cleanup and discuss at the August Meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

**\*New Business**

1. Public hearing for **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 12, 2023. No comments. Public hearing closed.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2015(A-6) for clerk salary to increase to $3450.00 per month. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Ken Kelly-yea Stacy Weldon-yea Mea Dillehay-yea
3. Public hearing/comment period to discuss adoption of the 2023 Millage Rate of 6.71 Mills for Village of Elizabeth- **Resolution 89-2023**. One resident of village asked what this was. It was stated this for the ad valorem taxes collected on properties within the Village. No further comments. Public hearing/comment period closed.
4. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt the 2023 Millage Rate of 6.71 Mills- (**Resolution 89-2023).** Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
5. Ken Kelly introduced amendment to **Ordinance 06-17D Deposit and Tap Fees** to become **Ordinance 06-17E** which will increase the 1” tap fee to $350 and also to add 2” meter or larger tap fee to be $850.
6. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT
7. Mr. Holmes gave update on Elizabeth Clinic Lease. Council discussed. The village will give until the end of business day on July 17, 2023 to bring all payments up to date.
8. POLICE CHIEF
   * 1. Chief Ware gave monthly report.
     2. Requested for termination of part time officer Caleb Laborde due to unable to work for the village besides his other full time job. Stacy Weldon made a motion to terminate per Chief request. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
     3. Chief made recommendation to hire a full time officer- Katelyn Cotton. Stacy Weldon made a motion to table until August council meeting pending Chief notifying her further of the importance of the representation of the Village. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
9. FIRE CHIEF
10. Not present.
11. Comments from the council. Mea Dillehay stated that school will begin on August 10, 2023. Stacy Weldon stated that there will be a Recreation District Meeting at the Elizabeth Swimming Pool on Monday, July 7, 2023 at 7:00pm to discuss the closing of the pool. All are invited to attend to voice concerns. State Rep. Dewith Carrier is planning to attend. Mayor Green stated that we are still waiting on the completion of the painting of the Village Hall. She also stated that the Ball Field lights have been replaced and waiting for inspection.
12. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for June and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
13. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, MayorAttest by:/s/Denise Lee, Clerk

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