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PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 8/12/24 at 6:30pm 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 ProTem- Ken Kelly at 6:30pm. Opening prayer led by Mr. Kenneth Hebert, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Ken Kelly.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Ken Kelly, Council
Stacy Weldon, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Denise Lee, Clerk
Crystal Hunt, Code Compliance
Heather Sutton, Attorney
Glenn Turner, Village Engineer
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

Council and Staff Absent

Mandy Green, Mayor
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief
Shane Ware, Police Chief
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treas.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEM -none from public.
2. Mr. Dewith Carrier, LA State Representative, District 32, was present and went over some of the things that was passed in the recent sessions at the state level. He also recognized that the Elizabeth Recreation District-represented by Evan Earl, would be receiving funding for the pool. Mr. Carrier also stated that the Village of Elizabeth would be receiving some Capital Improvement funding.
3. Stacy Weldon made a motion to approve minutes from 7/8/24 meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. Stacy Weldon made a motion to approve the agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. Glenn Turner gave update on grants. He stated that our new wastewater plant is in progress. He noted that he sat through the presentation about LITACorp at the LMA conference and learned that LITACorp could assist with the grant writing portion of the PHMSA grants and the assistance would be free. Also, there will be a pre-construction meeting with contractors this week for the other sewer improvements.
6. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
 - A. Crystal Hunt noted that it was about 15 notices sent out for property maintenance since last meeting.
 - B. Council discussed some of the current out of compliance properties. Crystal stated that she had spoke to some in reference to cleaning their properties.
7. **POLICE CHIEF**
 1. Monthly report- Chief not present.
 2. Stacy Weldon made a motion to table the Chief's recommendation to hire Zack LaCaze as part time officer and table the Chief's recommendation to hire Jeff Welch as the village dogcatcher until next meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
 3. Stacy Weldon made a motion to table the discussion with Chief Ware about the lease of a new Tahoe Police Unit until next meeting. Mea Dillehay. All in favor.
8. **FIRE CHIEF**
 1. Monthly report was given by Steven Self. He also noted that the fire engine that was down has been fixed. All the units are running now.
 2. Steven Self gave an update on the PIAL rating. The people came and did the inspection. Notice will be issued in 2-3 months on the report and what the rating will be.
9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

***Old Business**

- A. Public hearing opened on **amendment to Ordinance 14-18H** to increase the water rates to become effective September 1, 2024 to comply with grant funding. Ordinance will become 14-18I. Council discussed that it won't go up very much even for the elderly, but feels it's necessary in order to be in compliance with grant funding. Glenn Turner-engineer noted that it is very important to stay in compliance in order to not have to pay grant funding back. No further comments. Public hearing closed.
- B. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 14-18I to increase water rates effective September 1, 2024. Mea Dillehay seconded. Mea Dillehay-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Ken Kelly-yea. Ordinance 14-18I passed by unanimous vote.

***New Business**

- C. None

10. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

- A. Adjudication hearing officer for Police Department concerning the mobile handheld Electronic Photo Speed Traffic Enforcement was discussed. Heather noted that it would be a conflict of interest for Mayor Green or herself to be the officer for the hearings on Photo Speed Enforcement. Heather recommended adopting a resolution stating that the council agrees that someone will need to be hired for this position. Mr. Ken Kelly motioned to adopt a **resolution** stating councils agrees that someone will need to be hired for this position. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

11. COUNCIL

- A. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for July 2024 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
- B. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/S/Ken Kelly, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest by:/S/Denise Lee, LCMClerk