

PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council Meeting was held 9/12/22 at 5:30pm 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 5:30pm. Opening prayer led by Councilman Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mayor Mandy Green
Ken Kelly, Council
Angela Smith, Council
Kelly Stalsby, Council
Denise Lee, Clerk
Steven Self, Asst. Fire Chief
Katrina Ford, Police Chief
Mike Holmes, Attorney

Council and Staff Absent

Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

1. Mayor Green asked if there was any comments from the public regarding any item on the agenda. She also stated there would be a 2 minute time limit on any comments.
 - a. -Sherron Ashworth came forth and spoke about property cleanup notices that her father, Sherman Ashworth received for 308 Cypress Street which was not an agenda item. No other comments from the public concerning this subject. She did not request to place any item on the agenda.
 - b. -Mrs. Susanne Terrebone residing at 1902 Hwy 3206 came forth. She stated that she would like an item added to the agenda. She requested for a Bus Stop sign to be placed before her driveway due to children now boarding the bus at this driveway. Mayor Green asked if any comments on the bus stop agenda item being added. No comments. Angela Smith made a motion to add item to the agenda. Ken Kelly seconded. K.Kelly-yea A.Smith-yea K.Stalsby-yea
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/8/22 meeting. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. Kelly Stalsby made a motion to approve the agenda with addition. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
4. MAYOR'S REPORT
 - *Old Business
 - A. There was no sealed bids for **307 Cypress Street Property** with minimum bid of \$8000.00 received.
 - B. There was 1 sealed bid for movable surplus property **2004 Ford Pickup truck** with minimum bid of \$250.00 received. The Mayor opened the sealed bid and read. It was for \$379.79 from J.J. Merchant, 57 Aycock Rd, Purvis, MS 39475. Ken Kelly made a motion to award the bid to J.J. Merchant. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.
 - C. Ken Kelly made a motion to table the Introduction of Ordinance that amends **Ordinance 26B** due to council has not received the completed draft. Kelly Stalsby seconded. All in favor.

*New Business

- A. Angela Smith made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 74-2022** declaring used 100 Water Meters no longer in service as surplus property with minimum bid of \$5.00 each to be sold in bulk. Notice will be posted for sale. Kelly Stalsby seconded. All in favor.
- B. Angela Smith made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 75-2022** which lowers the minimum bid to \$2000.00 on movable surplus property 2010 Dodge Charger. Notice will be posted for sale. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
- C. Glenn Turner gave an updated report on the grants that the Village have currently applied for. 1)Love LA Outdoors to upgrade the Finke Park has been approved. 2)Pipeline Safety Grant Application was submitted August 5, 2022. 3)Round 2 of the Water Sector Sewer application was submitted August 31,

2022. 4)Round 2 Water Sector Water was submitted August 31, 2022. In the future, the Village will be applying for FY 2023 LCDBG Street Improvements Grant.

D. Property Cleanup Report-

Glenn Turner, Village Engineer from M,M,L&H came forth and gave report on Condemnation Inspection done on Parcel No.055000095, 13335 Hwy 112- Rita Aden property. He listed the property as dangerous and dilapidated and in hazardous condition in his report. There was no door on the house on the property, therefore trash and debris all in the house. Termites also present which is a hazard to the structure.

1. Public hearing opened on this property. Notices have been sent to Rita Aden at P.O. Box 312, Elizabeth, LA 70638 in regards to the condition of the property. The last certified notice that was sent in regards to the public hearing on the condemnation of the property was received back in the mail unclaimed by owner. This address is what is listed in the Tax Roll Book for this parcel. Council members verified again the condition of the property. They did receive copies of the condemnation inspection report along with pictures. Hearing closed.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to condemn the property according to Ordinance. Kelly Stalsby seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Angela Smith-yea, Kelly Stalsby-yea. A notice will be placed on the structure stating the Condemnation.

5. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT- None.

6. POLICE CHIEF

- A. Monthly report given by Chief Ford.
- B. Mayor Green asked the Chief about the status of the house numbers that was donated by the Coshatta Casino for the residents of the village. Chief stated that she has the house numbers and that they haven't been distributed. Mayor Green stated if Chief Ford would bring the numbers to City Hall, she would make sure they get distributed to the residents for emergency purposes.
- C. Ken Kelly made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel- Karleigh Perkins. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor. The public stepped out of meeting. Council along with Police Chief Ford went into Executive Session. Personnel discussed, then Council closed Executive Session.
- D. Angela Smith made a motion to adopt **Resolution 76-2022** to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Ford to terminate Officer Karleigh Perkins due to No Call, No Show for scheduled days that Chief Ford stated she had advised Officer Perkins that she was scheduled to work. Kelly Stalsby abstained from voting. No second. Motion for Resolution failed due to lack of second. Karleigh Perkins still employed for Police Department.

7. FIRE CHIEF

- A. Assistant Fire Chief Steven Self gave monthly report.

8. No further comments from the Council.

9. The request for Bus Stop sign to be placed before driveway located at 1906 Hwy 3206 due to children now boarding bus at this driveway was discussed. The Mayor stated that DOTD would be called to request this because Hwy 3206 is a State Highway.

10. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for August 2022 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.

11. Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Angela Smith seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor

Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, Clerk