

**Village of Elizabeth**  
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**PUBLIC MEETING**

Public Council meeting was held 9/9/24 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 Mandy 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  
Crystal Hunt, Code Compliance  
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treas.

**Council and Staff Absent**

Heather Sutton, Attorney  
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief  
Shane Ware, Police Chief  
Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEM -none from public.
2. Mr. Dewith Carrier, LA State Representative, District 32, was present to issue the Village a check for \$40,000 for Capital Outlay which will be used to replace the blue sign at the caution lights at Hwy 10 and Hwy 112. He also presented to Evan Earl, for the Recreation Board, a check for \$30,000 for maintenance to the Elizabeth Pool.
3. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes from 8/12/24 meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. Stacy Weldon made a motion to approve the agenda. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
  - A. Mayor Green gave updates on the sewer grant and the water well projects. Also presented pictures of the progress of the sewer plant.
6. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
  - A. 517 Pine Street, Parcel No. 0550006540- certified notice returned. Ken Kelly made a motion to proceed forth with village employees cleaning the property and sending owner an invoice for work performed. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
  - B. 511 Pine Street, Parcel No. 0550000707- certified notice returned. Ken Kelly made a motion not to proceed forth with village employees cleaning the property due to Jeff Welch, present at the meeting, stated he would maintain the property. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
  - C. 207 Poplar Street, Parcel No. 0550005200- certified notice returned. Mea Dillehay made a motion to proceed forth with village employees cleaning the property and sending owner an invoice for work performed. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
  - D. Crystal Hunt stated that the Elizabeth Telephone company building had been cleaned and freshly painted and also she was notified that they would be doing further repairs.
7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
  - A. No Monthly report.
  - B. In reference to Chief recommendation to hire Zack LaCaze as part time officer- the Mayor provisionally appointed Zack LaCaze as a part time officer for the Village until this council meeting. Ken Kelly made a motion to hire Zack LaCaze for a probation period of 30 days until the October 14, 2024 meeting. Zack LaCaze was present. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
  - C. In reference to Chief recommendation to hire Jeff Welch as the village dogcatcher, Ken Kelly made a motion to table until next meeting. Stacy Weldon seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
  - D. Ken Kelly made a motion to table discussion of lease of a new Tahoe for police department until next meeting. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea
8. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
  - A. Monthly report given by Lorrie Odom.

- B. Ken Kelly made a motion for the addition to Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures of a Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Prevention Policy due to Juniors on the Fire Department. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
- C. Mrs. Lorrie Odom stated that the fire department would be selling tickets for Pork Steak Lunch plates to raise money for a Sparky the Fire Dog costume to use at different events. The lunch will be October 27, 2024.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

### \*Old Business

- A. None

### \*New Business

- B. Mayor Green noted that Trick or Treating will be held on Halloween, October 31, 2024 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. A movie will be held in the Community Center beginning at 6:00pm.
- C. Mayor Green made a recommendation to abolish **Ordinance 44-2023A** Enforcement of Certain Traffic Violations by Automated Means and Providing for Civil Penalties for Certain Traffic Violations due to state laws have changed on this subject and will have to further be in compliance with these laws prior to proceeding further with this ordinance.

## 10. COUNCIL

- A. Ken Kelly introduced a **Notice of Intent to abolish Ordinance 44-2023A** which provides for the Enforcement of Certain Traffic Violations by Automated Means and provides for civil penalties for certain traffic violations enforced by automated means, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Public hearing to be held prior to abolishment at meeting on October 14, 2024.
- B. Stacy Weldon made a motion to abolish **Resolution 123-2024** which stated for council to agree to hire an adjudication officer for Police Department concerning Automation Means (Electronic Photo Speed Enforcement). Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- C. Mea Dillehay introduced an amendment to **Ordinance 12-18A Section 4.F. Property Maintenance** to amend prescription period from ten years to three years. Ordinance to become 12-18B.

## 11. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

- A. None

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

Approved by: /S/Mandy L Green, Mayor 9/11/24

Attest by: /S/Denise Lee, LCM Clerk 9/11/24

\*Public hearing to be held October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm at Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street prior to abolishment of **Ordinance 44-2023A** Enforcement of Certain Traffic Violations by Automated Means.

\*Public hearing to be held October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm at Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street prior to amendment of Ordinance 12-18A Section 4.F. to change prescription period to three years, to become **Ordinance 12-18B**.