

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 25, 2012
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6:30PM**

The Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Sharon Zito, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members being present:

Mr. Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Ricky Loupe, Gary M. Spillman, Randal “Randy” Mouch, Edward G. “Bob” Robertson, Ms. Naomi Fair, Mr. Barry Huggins

Absent: Mr. Phil Porto, Jr.

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

Executive Assistant Jason Manola was recognized and reviewed Volkert, Inc. bid recommendation for bids received and opened 10/22/12 for procurement and installation of 29 emergency generators for sewer lift stations throughout the Parish. Mr. Manola confirmed that the low bid for procurement of generators was Blue Stream Services, LLC at \$558,550.00, and the low bid for installation of generators was Tullier Services, LLC at \$258,000.00, which is below budget including engineering fees and administration concurs with recommendation of acceptance of bids as aforementioned.

A motion was made by Mr. Ricky Loupe, seconded Ms. Charlene Gordon to accept the bids received and opened 10/22/12 for procurement of 29 generators for sewer lift stations throughout the Parish for procurement from Blue Stream Services, LLC at \$558,550.00, and for installation from Tullier Services, LLC at \$258,000.00 through Louisiana Recovery Authority Project No. 61PARA2302 as recommended by the aforementioned engineering firm and administration, and authorizing the Parish President to execute any necessary documentation.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Mr. Huggins)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Porto)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Public comments and any amendments to the agenda were requested at this time and there were none.

Ms. Gordon was recognized under item 7 (communications with council members and/or elected or appointed officials) requesting participation in the following events: “Reflections of the Season” scheduled December 1-24 with premier lighting ceremony set for November 30th at 6:45PM at the Convention & Visitors Center;

West Baton Rouge Fair from Thursday, November 1 – Sunday, November 4.

Ms. Gordon thanked everyone for wearing pink tonight in observance of Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Spillman confirmed that the Parish Fair was to be held at the Louis Mouch Multipurpose Facility.

At this time Project Engineer Kevin Gravois with Professional Engineering Consultants Corp (PEC) was recognized, reviewed the drainage change order for Louisiana Recovery Authority Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery in Lynndale for two 24-inch steel-pipe cross drains under Highway 1 at Antonio Road including closing-in most of ditch at car-wash just to the north of Lynndale for cost of \$181,492.61 (contractor Magnolia Construction Company, LLC), increasing contract time-period by 30 days and requested approval concurrent upon LRA approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to approve Change Order No. 2 for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery for Lynndale Subdivision Water & Drainage Improvements project as aforementioned, concurrent upon Louisiana Recovery Authority approval, and authorizing the Parish President to execute any necessary documentation.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Mr. Huggins)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ASBSENT: 1 (Mr. Porto)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Riley Berthelot, Jr. was recognized under Parish President's Report announcing the following events:

Rodeo scheduled for Sunday, November 4th at 2:00pm at multipurpose arena as part of Fair events;

Veterans Parade scheduled for Sunday, November 4th at 1:30pm to start at Rivault Park in Port Allen with ending ceremony at Courthouse;

Veterans Day ceremony scheduled for Sunday, November 11th at 11:00am;

Invited members to Sheriff fund-raising event following meeting tonight at the Port Allen Community Center;

Training program for administration on electronic roll call voting equipment scheduled for Monday at 9:00am.

Mr. Berthelot congratulated Gary on new granddaughter, and thanked Charlene for getting everyone to wear pink for Cancer Awareness.

Finance Director Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized at this time reported on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) meeting regarding reimbursement. Mr. Bourgoyne reported filed \$65,000.00 on debris, Category B (manning the EOC, clearing roadways, sandbagging) filed another \$20,000.00, and Utilities Department filed \$25,000.00 at 80 per cent reimbursement.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Chris Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the lease agreement on behalf of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council for use of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) local facility, 3688 Sugar Plantation Parkway, Addis, La. as polling place designated as Precinct 01-B

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, in legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. to enter into and execute the lease agreement on behalf of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) for use of local facility, 3688 Sugar Plantation Parkway, Addis, La. as polling place designated as Precinct 01-B in accordance with terms of said document attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

Roll call vote on the resolution was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Kershaw)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Porto)

As a result of the roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted by those members present.

CERTIFICATE

I, Sharon Zito, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of October 25, 2012 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.

/s/Sharon Zito

Council Chairman read by title the below proposed ordinance being introduced by title and publicized by title and considered for adoption following public hearing at the meeting of Thursday, November 15, 2012 in the Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

Amend Chapter 62 Personnel, Rules and Regulations - Revisions to Employee Handbook. Mr. Spillman confirmed that copy of changes would be distributed to the members prior to public hearing.

Public Works Director Kevin Durbin was recognized, projected site on overhead screen, presented and reviewed variance request application & evaluation form for Russ Hart, 3701 Emily Drive, Port Allen, La. confirming that the applicant was present to answer any question. Mr. Durbin explained lot required 35 foot setback on side street for corner lot, subdivision originally required 25 foot setback, and applicant request 16 foot setback due to construction of garage and carport (reducing setback from 35 feet down to 16 feet). Russ Hart was recognized and briefly explained request due to construction of driveway prior to clarification of setback requirements. Mr. Loupe explained proximity of other homes, and offered no objection to the variance due to circumstances. Mr. Durbin stated for the record there were no signatures from the neighbors. Mr. Hart clarified that he had verbal agreement from neighbor. Mr. Kershaw confirmed stub-out street only goes length of lot with no houses behind to not impede anything on either side, ditch behind big canal on Cinclare property, and concurred in approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Ricky Loupe, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to approve the request for a variance on side setback line from 35 to 16 feet for Russ Hart, 3701 Emily Drive, Port Allen, La, Lot C-1D in West Side Estates based on aforementioned information.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Porto)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Following discussion regarding change in business ownership for convenience store (formerly Six L, LLC), a motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to approve the 2012 Class B Beer and/or Liquor Permit for L & B Holdings, LLC d/b/a Krawdaddy's LA., LLC, 1680 Lobdell Highway, Suite A, Port Allen, La. as same met all requirements in accordance with the Compiled Ordinances, Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Loupe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Porto)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

At this point under Correspondence Report the Council Clerk read excerpt from the West Baton Rouge Parish Fair Association, Inc. requesting donations in support of the Parish Fair to be held at the multipurpose facility November 1-4. Mr. Spillman clarified for individual donations and requested members consider.

Mr. Berthelot requested that resident be recognized to speak regarding speed bumps recently installed on Louise Street in Morrisonville. Calvin Young was recognized, confirmed request for installation of speed bumps located near residence to slow speeders, which has resulted in slowing traffic. Ms. Fair explained other residents who had no signed original petition for speed bumps were opposed and requested compromise. Mr. Spillman stated currently preparing policy to resolve issue including clause that once speed bumps installed must remain for 1 year period. Mr. Berthelot was recognized, provided history on street length, stop sign locations, and suggested resolution of removal of other speed bumps further down street as those residents have expressed opposition and allow ones near Young residence to remain. Mr. Young expressed thanks.

Ms. Gordon requested taking picture before adjourning.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 6:50PM.

/s/Gary M. Spillman

Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk