

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2013
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 10, 2013 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Charlene Gordon, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll-Call Pro System was attempted and verbal roll call was taken with the following members being present:

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

Absent: Mr. Ricky Loupe

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Ms. Charlene Gordon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2013 as published in the Parish Official Journal.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

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

Public comments and 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) and reviewed community center booking policy regarding deposit checks from clubs with Finance Director. During the discussion Mr. Bourgoyne clarified rental policy requires center to be rented and paid for by parish resident.

Ms. Gordon requested members show support and solidarity for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink for the October 24, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Porto was recognized, showed Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful sample of gift pack provided to area school children, and reported \$9,600.00 grant award funds used to purchase recycle bins and garbage cans for both high schools. Mr. Spillman confirmed picture and article featuring “Petit” Kershaw appeared in recent area newspaper.

Mr. Mouch requested Mrs. Zito email reminder regarding wearing wear pink to 10/24/13 along with said meeting agenda.

Executive Assistant Jason Manola was recognized under item 9 (consider status report, change order and/or other matters as required on current projects) regarding the following:
Old Erwinville Community Center torn down, debris scheduled to be hauled to Livonia on Monday, thereafter, bids scheduled for new building on site;
Division Canal currently in Corps of Engineers permitting process;
Generators tested for readiness.

Mr. Porto confirmed scheduling of Lobdell Sewer meeting following surveying completion.

Mr. Huggins confirmed completion of Larry Johnson spoil-bank job.

Riley Berthelot, Jr. was recognized under Parish President's Report regarding the following:
Commended Mary Delapasse (Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful) and latest quarterly clean business award winner Tony Clayton as the cleanest business in the parish;
Confirmed attendees recent meeting held at Army Corps of Engineers facility in New Orleans regarding delay issues on levee projects;
Discussed need for transportation infrastructure throughout river region parishes in preparation for 2014 legislative session at recent Dow leadership meeting.

Gary Spillman was recognized under Council Chairman's Report and made brief statement regarding new bridge/connector.

Public Works Director Kevin Durbin was recognized, presented plat for the Edward Molina Estate off U S Highway 190 in the Erwinville area and confirmed with Surveyor Cletus Langlois was exchange of land between adjacent property owners. Mr. Langlois recognized, confirmed creating lot for sale containing Mr. Molina's former wrecker shop and access. Mr. Spillman stated for the record the Council had not been provided copies, which surveyor acknowledged was due to Mrs. Cline's absence. There were no comments from the public on item.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to approve the final plat showing the re-subdivision of Lot 3-B-R-2-A of the former J. J. Salter, Etal Property into Lots 3-B-R-2-A-1 & 3-B-R-2-A-2 located in Section 24, T6S-R10E for Edward Molina, contingent upon variance for installation of utilities at the time of issuance of building permit as recommended by the Planning Commission 10/1/13.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

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

Mr. Durbin reviewed variance application & evaluation form for Charles Lasseigne, 1007 Colonial Drive for construction of garage 15 feet from front property line on Dixie Drive

rather than the required 35 feet, and confirmed signatures from neighbors and department heads. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Spillman confirmed corner lot and following discussion with property owner saw no problem with variance request.

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Spillman, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr. to approve the variance request of Charles Lasseigne, 1007 Colonial Drive, Port Allen, La. – to construct a garage 15 feet from front property line on Dixie Drive rather than required 35 feet as department heads and adjacent property owners' signatures of "no objection" had been obtained. Mr. Huggins confirmed garage/workshop was for owner's personal use.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

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

At this time Mr. Durbin stated there was one more item denied at the applicant's request (plat for Mr. Fred McKenzie), which was pulled by applicant and requested the Council take action to deny file #2013-20 to bring closure to said file as recommended by the Planning Commission 10/1/13.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Ms. Naomi Fair to deny plat at applicant's request, which was pulled by applicant (file #2013-20) for final plat showing the exchange of property for Fred McKenzie & Scott Kursevich as aforementioned.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

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

At this time under Correspondence Report the Council Clerk read excerpts from the following:

West Baton Rouge Parish Planning & Zoning Commission meeting agenda scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:30PM;

2014 Budget Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00PM;

2014 Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:00PM.

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

Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk