

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 27, 2014
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, March 27, 2014. Council Chairman Gary Spillman called the meeting to order and requested that all electronic devices be placed on silent and recognized Naomi Fair, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the following members as being present:
Messrs. Randal “Randy” Mouch, Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Ms. Naomi Fair, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Phil Porto, Jr., Gary M. Spillman, Barry Huggins, Edward G. “Bob” Robertson

Absent: Mr. Ricky Loupe

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

Kevin Gravois with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC) was recognized under item 4 (accept or reject bids received & opened 4/14/14 for Lukeville Lane Sewer Extension), reviewed bid tabulation sheet on the project, and recommended awarding the base bid only to Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$186,075.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to accept the base bid of Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$186,075.00 submitted March 14, 2014 for Contract No. 3 – Lukeville Lane Sewer Extension as recommended by the Project Engineer and Administration, and authorizing the Parish President to sign documentation on same. (Bid tabulation sheet appears elsewhere in these minutes)

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

As a result the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was recognized, read proclamation into the record honoring the Brusly Lions Club on the occasion of 60th Milestone Anniversary and presented copy of said proclamation to President Melvin Abbott. Pictures were taken at this time followed by audience applause.

The Director of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and 911 Deano Moran was recognized, informed the Council the Parish All-Hazard Plan requires periodic updates, 400+ page document could be viewed electronically, municipalities approval pending, GOHSEP approved, and requested Parish adoption through resolution, which appears elsewhere in these minutes.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution approving the completed 400+ page Parish Revised All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (document can be viewed electronically) as previously approved by GOHSEP and pending municipalities approval

WHEREAS, federal and state laws require periodic updates to the aforementioned plan in compliance with certain criteria and guideline, and

WHEREAS, copy of said plan can be obtained and/or viewed at the Office of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and 911.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council as the governing authority of the Parish, meeting in regular session, hereby adopts and orders the implementation of the West Baton Rouge Parish Revised All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the resolution as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

As a result of the votes 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 a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of March 27, 2014 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.

/s/Sharon Zito

Mr. Berthelot was recognized under item 7 (consider additional personnel at Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office), reviewed motor vehicle fees generated since 2004 & cost of funding 2 new part-time positions, and recommended & requested approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to approve funding 2 new part-time positions at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as aforementioned and recommended by Administration.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

As a result the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

There were no public comments or amendments to the agenda.

Mr. Kershaw was recognized under item 10 (communications with council members and/or elected or appointed officials) and commended the Port Allen Girls Power-lifting Team and Coach Brian Bizette on winning fifth state championship in row followed by audience applause.

Chairman Spillman announced that a Public Hearing was in order at this time and all interested citizens were invited to appear and be heard regarding adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 104 Zoning for rezoning request of Alan Crowe, 3790 Kahns Road, Port Allen, La. from A (Agricultural District) to R-MH (Mobile Home Park District). Public Works Director Kevin Durbin was recognized and read into the record the recommendation of the Zoning Commission on 3/18/14 to deny rezoning the tract containing 11 acres m/l located in Section 86, T7S-R12E for Alan Crowe because the development would cause congestion on Kahns Road by vote of 6 yeas, 1 nays, 1 abstained, and 2 absent. Mr. Kershaw briefly discussed location of adjacent mobile home park and lack of road frontage. There were no supporters of the rezoning request, and the Council requested that the public hearing be concluded as all interested citizens had previously provided input during the Zoning Commission's 3/18/14 hearing. The Council Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing concluded.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., seconded by Ms. Charlene Gordon to deny the rezoning request of Alan Crowe, 3790 Kahns Road, Port Allen, La. from Agricultural District to Mobile Home Park District as development would overburden area traffic, drainage and sewer, and based on recommendation of the Zoning Commission 3/18/14.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Hugghins, Robertson)

NAYS: 2 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

As a result the motion was adopted by a majority of those members present.

Mr. Berthelot was recognized under Parish President's Report regarding the following:
Kite Fest scheduled for Saturday, April 5th & Sunday, April 6th from 11am – 6pm;
Police Jury Association of Louisiana Annual Legislative Day scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at the State Capitol & Museum;
3 meeting days scheduled with chief & firemen according to shifts on benefit package due to consolidation of departments.

Lengthy discussion held on on-going area traffic congestion, proposed projects, entities involved, Department of Transportation & Development complaint phone number, DOW billboards, attracting new businesses, and misstatements in recent loop newspaper story.

The Council Clerk read by the title into the record the below proposed ordinance being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following public hearing at the meeting of April 10, 2014 at 6:30PM in the Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

An ordinance to amend the 2014 General Fund Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 to reflect salary sections for the addition of Firemen and Department of Motor Vehicles Part-time Workers.

Mr. Durbin read Planning Commission approval recommendation dated 3/18/14 into the record on the final plat showing the removal of Lot M-B-1 from a portion of the remainder of Lot 2 (of Tonawanda Plantation) located in Section 7, T6S-R11E for Hilda Delapasse etals with a variance for the building setback of the existing building. Surveyor Cletus Langlois was recognized, clarified building location on plat, and confirmed concurring notarized affidavit would be provided to the permit office from adjacent property owners. Mr. Huggins briefly discussed road frontage for remaining property.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to approve the final plat showing the removal of Lot M-B-1 from a portion of the remainder of Lot 2 (of Tonawanda Plantation) located in Section 7, T6S-R11E for Hilda Delapasse, etals with a variance for the existing building setback as aforementioned and recommended by the Planning Commission 3/18/14.

Roll-Call System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Loupe)

As a result the motion was adopted by a majority of those members present.

Consensus of the members was to remove the executive session to discuss litigation, which has been postponed many times from future agendas until further notice.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 7:35PM.

/s/Gary M. Spillman
Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito
Sharon Zito, Council Clerk