



Status of the Inventory Tax bill in the Special Session and explained what impact it would have on the parish

Offered the council to sit in on an upcoming conference call which will include the Governor, Friday at 10:30am if anyone would like to join him;

Informed Councilwoman Fair of the recent cleanup of trash and debris in the Lukeville area from the recent parade, noted that the crew picked up 47 trash bags of debris.

There were no questions for the Parish President at this time.

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item#7 Public Comments, there was a long discussion with the following concerned citizens of Airline Park Subdivision and councilmembers regarding a proposed connector road which would give the subdivision another way out:

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| Mr. Shawn Magee     | Mr. Raymond Laborde | Councilman Spillman |
| Mr. Austin Hebert   | Ms. Briana Disotell | Councilman Huggins  |
| Mr. John Gremillion | Mr. Nick David      | Councilman Porto    |

Various concerns were brought up by the above citizens of Airline Park in reference to a recent survey which was sent out to the subdivision, to see if there was any interest in a connecting road to give them another way out in case of an emergency such as a train derailment, and to help with connectivity. Each citizen listed, spoke out against this proposed road for various reasons and Mr. Shawn Magee of the Airline Park Homeowners Association presented the council with a signed petition against the proposed road project.

Various Councilpersons explained the reasons for the survey and re-assured the citizens there was never any intent to move forward with the project without their approval. President Berthelot was recognized and explained the numerous reasons for the proposed road along with the future concerns he would still like to address in that area such as drainage and sewer connectivity. In closing the council re-assured the concerned citizens the road project will not move forward without their support and hopefully an emergency access alternative can be found.

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item #8 Communication with Council Members and/or Elected or Appointed Officials, Mr. Kershaw spoke briefly to recognize the Brusly High School Wrestling Team for coming in second at the State Tournament. He did mention a few names of wrestlers who came in first place in their divisions, Austin Franklin, Richard Hunter and Owen Mabile.

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item #9 Public Hearing on previously introduced Ordinances, and there was nothing to consider at this time.

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item #10 Consider status report, Change orders and/or other matters as required on current projects, specifically item #10a Authorize Utilities Department to advertise for bids for the following projects: Bore Intracoastal Canal for Gas Line & Repair and Repaint Winterville Elevates Storage Tank. Ms. Pam Keowen of the Utilities Department was recognized and explained to the council, these two projects were included in the budget for this year and approval from the council in order to advertise for bids was needed. There were no questions for Ms. Keowen at this time.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ricky Loupe, seconded by Ms. Charlene Gordon to authorize the Utilities Department to advertise for bids for the two aforementioned projects.

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

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| YEAS: | 9 | (Messrs. Kershaw, Porto, Loupe, Huggins, Robertson, Allain, Spillman, Mses. Fair, Gordon) |
| NAYS: | 0 | (None)  |

ABSENT: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted.

Ms. Keowen was again recognized under item #10b Accept/Reject bids received by Utilities Department for two year lawn maintenance of sewer and water sites, she informed the council that Mr. Donald David was the low bidder on the presented bid tabulation sheet, and requested approval from the council in order to award this project. Mr. Spillman questioned who had the last contract and per Ms. Keowen it was Achee's Unlimited. There were no further questions for Ms. Keowen at this time.

A Motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, seconded by Mr. Barry Hughhins to approve awarding the contract of the two year lawn maintenance of our sewer and water sites to Mr. Donald David in the amount of \$830.00.

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

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Kershaw, Porto, Loupe, Hughhins, Robertson, Allain, Spillman, Mses. Fair, Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted.

Ms. Keowen was once again recognized under item #10c Authorize Utilities Department to waive the prohibition of enforceability provision as per RS 38:2196 on the Interconnect Agreement with Cypress Gas Pipeline LLC. Ms. Keowen explained to the council this was the agreement regarding the gas tap needed for the Intracoastal boring project; stated the venue in the contract would be the Federal Court in Houston, Harris County, Texas and also asked the council to allow the Utilities Director to sign same contract. Mr. Lou Delahaye was recognized and explained in further detail what state law allows in this instance, he noted it has been agreed in the contract that Louisiana State Law would be followed, however the legal venue would take place in Houston, Harris County, Texas in a Federal Court. Mr. Delahaye explained that per Louisiana RS 3:2196 the governing body has the ability to grant waiving the Louisiana venue. Mr. Kershaw asked who would represent us in Texas if a dispute were to happen? Mr. Delahaye explained it would not be cost effective for him to handle the case, he would recommend a lawyer from Texas if there would be a need.

A Motion was made by Mr. Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Loupe to authorize the utilities department on the aforementioned project to waive the prohibition of enforceability provision per state law RS 38:2196 and allow the venue to be located in Federal Court in Houston, Harris County, Texas and authorize the utilities director to sign said agreement.

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

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Kershaw, Porto, Loupe, Hughhins, Robertson, Allain, Spillman, Mses. Fair, Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted.

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There were no Resolutions to consider at this time.

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Item #12 Introduction of Ordinances, Ms. Tullier read the following ordinance by title into the record:

An Ordinance Amending the Compiled Ordinances, Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Amending Appendix A. Purchase/Donation of real property and further authorizing the Parish President to sign the necessary documentation of the purchase/donation of real property from Westport Investments LLC. Public Hearing Date: March 10, 2016

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,650,000) of Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, of West Baton Rouge Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions thereof and providing for the payment thereof; awarding such Bonds to the purchaser thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Public Hearing Date: March 24, 2016

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item #13 Consider Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes, Subdivision Plats, Condemnations and/or Variances and matters related thereto, Mr. Kevin Durbin of the Planning and Development Office, was recognized and explained that upon inspection the following structures have been deemed derelict according to Parish Code 109-42 and hereby request that these structures be demolished:

1534 Louisiana Avenue Port Allen, La 70767 and 1361 W. Parkway Drive Port Allen, La 70767.

Mr. Durbin asked the council to ratify the above condemnations as per the order of the Parish President.

A Motion was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto to ratify the condemnation of the aforementioned structures.

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

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Kershaw, Porto, Loupe, Huggins, Robertson, Allain, Spillman, Mses. Fair, Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted

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Chairman Spillman moved on to item #14 Consider Beer and/or Liquor Permits, there were no items to consider at this time.

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Correspondence Report from Council Clerk, Michelle Tullier included the following items:

- Next meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission set for March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 5:30pm
- Police Jury Annual Legislative Day is set for Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in attending.
- I-10 Corridor Open House Public Meeting has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6 to 8pm at the Addis Community Center.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 7:12pm.

  
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Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

  
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Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk