

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT SCOTT CITY HALL
THURSDAY, November 2, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council Members met in Regular Session, Thursday, November 2, 2023. Councilman Boudreaux was absent; all other council members were present.

Councilman Domingue led the Prayer and Pledge.

Councilman Domingue motioned to accept the minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting as written. Seconded by Councilman Domingue, motion approved.

Councilman Domingue motioned to accept the September 2023 Financial Statement. Seconded by Councilman Roy.

Mayor Richard announced that the "Lighting of the Tree" will be December 7th at 5pm and "Joyeux Noel" will be December 9th 10-1pm at the Begnaud House. Mayor Richard also clarified that Magnolia Sewer is a private entity and the City of Scott does not control the rates.

Mr. Mark Savoy with Groom's Engineering and Mr. Austin Doucet, Fenstermaker & Assoc. gave a brief update on on-going projects.

Candidate for Lafayette Mayor President Mr. Josh Guillory asked for support in the upcoming run-off election.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-18, An ordinance amending Sec. 16-21 of the Scott Municipal Code adopting the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code, and any amendments thereto. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Roy, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Moreau motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-19, an ordinance providing for a moratorium on the approval of Automotive Service/ Mechanic Repair Shops (major and minor) and Automobile vehicle/ dealership (used and new). Mr. Thomas Huffman asked Mayor Richard to read the ordinance aloud in its entirety. Mayor Richard read the ordinance aloud. Mr. Perez spoke against adopting the ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Moreau motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-41, A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Scott, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023 to authorize the levies of a hotel occupancy tax and a sales and use tax therein. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Roy, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Moreau introduced Ordinance 2023-21, an ordinance levying within the City of Scott, State of Louisiana, a tax of five percent (5%) (the "Tax") upon the

rent or fee charged for the occupancy of hotel rooms within the City, effective January 1, 2024, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Ordinance 2023-21 will be up for adoption at the next regular council meeting scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6pm.

Councilman Moreau introduced Ordinance 2023-22, an ordinance providing for the levy within the City of Scott, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2024 of a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said City and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the City on October 14, 2023. Ordinance 2023-22 will be up for adoption at the next regular council meeting scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6pm.

Councilman Domingue motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-38, A Resolution accepting an act of dedication of servitudes for West Village Phase 2C. Mayor Richard stated that some piping needed to be changed out to meet requirements. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet with the contingency that the correct piping would be installed. Motion carried by majority.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-39, a Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for disaster debris removal. Seconded by Councilman Roy, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Domingue motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-40, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a right of way agreement between the City of Scott and Entergy Louisiana, LLC. Mayor Richard stated that this was to improve transformer improvements near Old Spanish Trail heading west towards Apollo Road. Seconded by Councilman Moreau, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Moreau motioned to award bid in the amount of \$198,833 to Durable Piling and Restoration, LLC to repair the West Willow Street Bridge. Seconded by Councilman Roy motion carried by majority.

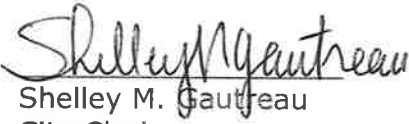
Mayor Richard asked the councilmen for direction on the house for sale at 707 Mills Road. The house was placed on a bidding portal using LAMATS, the first round no bids were received. The house was then advertised again, one bid was received for \$600 which is considerably lower than the start bid of \$5,000 that was previously set by the council. Councilman Domingue suggested to accept the bid of \$600. He stated that some revenue would be better than none and/or having to spend money to have the house demolished. All councilmen agreed.

Councilman Roy introduced Ordinance 2023-20, An ordinance amending sec. 8-113 of the Scott Municipal Code and Appendix C Schedule of fines and penalties. Ordinance 2023-20 will be up for adoption at the next regular council meeting scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 6pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Jan-Scott Richard
Mayor



Shelley M. Gautreau
City Clerk