

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT SCOTT CITY HALL
THURSDAY, January 7, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council Members met in Regular Session, Thursday, January 7, 2021. Councilman Montoucet and Councilman Hollier were absent. Councilman Bergeron led the Prayer and Pledge.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting as written. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron, motion approved.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to accept the November 2020 Financial Statement. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron.

Mayor Richard congratulated the Acadiana High School on winning the State Championship Title. He also announced that the Scott Mardi Gras Parade was cancelled for 2021. He reminded the public to take precaution and stay safe.

Mrs. Anna Doucet reported that the bids for Apollo Road Phase I & II are expected to be received before the end of the month. The City of Scott has received the DOTD permit for the enhancement of the HWY 93 round-a-bout. Drainage work in the L8C Channel Clearing is still underway by CSSI from Congress Street to Ridge Road.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to adopt Ordinance 2020-1, An Ordinance amending Section 24-26 and Appendix C of the Scott Municipal Code to add 1-14:100.1-Obstruction of public passages with fines and penalties. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Bergeron introduced Ordinance 2021-1, an ordinance granting unto Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government a non-exclusive franchise for the construction, maintenance, and operation of poles. Wires and appurtenances for electric transmission and distribution in the City of Scott, Louisiana. The agreement is non-exclusive. 2021-1 will be up for adoption at the next regular council meeting to be held on February 4, 2021 at 6pm. No questions or comments from the councilmembers or public.

Councilman Suire motioned to grant request for variance to Ordinance 2020-16, Sec 38-63. Use of public sewer. Allowing grease trap to be cleaned three times a year instead of four at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School. Mr. Fred Noel with the Diocese of Lafayette stated that it would be cost beneficial in hard times. No objection from councilmembers. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-1, a Resolution of the City Council for the City of Scott declaring the building(s) or structure(s) located at Municipal address of 1200 Avenue A, Scott, Louisiana, owned by Barbara Darbonne and/or Alex Bedford, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same. Chief Chad Leger asked if owner of the property had gone through the eviction process. City Attorney Mr. William Babin responded that this was a unique situation because the trailer had been abandoned and there was no one available to serve. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron motion carried by majority.

Councilman Suire motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-2, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a streetlighting agreement by and between the City of Scott and Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government (LUS). This agreement would develop the franchise fees for Lafayette Utility Systems Franchise. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion passed by majority.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-3 a resolution adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan for employees of the City of Scott who are not eligible for the Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) and repealing Resolution 2020-32. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Suire motioned to amend the budget \$2,097.78 for insurance for unit repairs and maintenance due to an accident. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried by majority.

Chief Sonnier presented the 2020 year review and statistics of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Tom Cassisa, presented an evaluation of how to improve the current fire rating up for renewal with PIAL this year. After a lengthy, heated discussion the Mayor addressed all who were present that he would consult with the Public Works Superintendent the next day and provide a response on the status of the fire hydrant report.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to accept the substantial completion for the Benoit Patin Sewer Extension with consent from Mr. Mark Savoy with Groom's Engineering. Mr. Savoy stated that the project came in 6% under budget amount. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to accept substantial completion of the capital outlay item, 2020 Patching and Overlay Project. Mr. Savoy stated that this project came in 10% under budget. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to rename a capital outlay item from Scott Event Center Improvements to Park Improvements-Ms. Lena M. Weaver. The money will be used to improve the park across the street from City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron, motion carried by majority.

Mayor Richard gave the councilmembers and members of the audience an opportunity to participate in a discussion regarding the right-sizing from Westgate/ Dulles to Rue De Belier and from Rue De Belier to Congress.

Mayor Richard led the discussion of demolition of the old fire station on Lions Club Road. He stated that prior to Hurricanes Laura and Delta it was in dire need of repairs. Hurricane Delta damaged the roof and structure extensively. The repairs would not be cost efficient for the City. However, the site could be repurposed for a submerged and larger lift station to service the area. There were no comments. The Mayor then stated that the City would proceed with the demolition.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to dismiss the meeting and add item 12A to agenda and vote on the right-sizing from Westgate/ Dulles to Rue De Belier and from Rue De Belier to Congress. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried by majority.

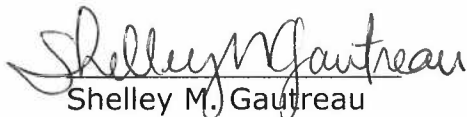
Councilman Boudreaux motioned to add item 13A, to vote on the demolition of the old fire station on Lions Club Road as previously discussed. No comments. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried by majority.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to add and accept Resolution 20214 to the agenda, the closeout claim and final payment on the 2016 Capital Outlay FP & C item, Apollo Road Extension Water & Sewer. The acceptance of the closeout will allow the final payment to be paid to the contractor and for the State to issue the last reimbursement to the city. This has been in litigation because of fault of the contractor. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried by majority.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Jan Scott Richard
Mayor



Shelley M. Gautreau
City Clerk