

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT SCOTT CITY HALL
THURSDAY, January 17, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council Members met in Regular Session, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00pm, all Councilmen were present.

Councilman Bergeron led the Prayer and Pledge.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to accept the Regular Minutes of December 6, 2018 as written. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Chad Sonnier presented Mayor Richard with a service award as a token of appreciation for his dedication and years of service on the Scott Volunteer Fire Department Board.

Mayor Richard's report included the following; Republic Services will start servicing the entire city on one day which will be Thursday starting March 7th. Services include recycling, bulk, regular garbage pick-up, and cart repair. Important Town Hall meetings have been schedule to educate the public on the upcoming sales tax proposal set to be on the March 30th ballot. The dates are as follows; February 20th, March 13th, and March 27th to be held at City Hall.

Mayor Richard made the following appointments; Mrs. Shelley Gautreau as City Clerk and Tax Collector, Mr. Keith Theriot as Street Commissioner, Mr. William Babin as City Attorney, Kolder, Slaven & Company as City Auditor, Mr. Randy Lasseigne as City Magistrate, and Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem is Councilman Terry Montoucet. Councilman Bergeron motioned to approve all of the appointments made by Mayor Richard. Seconded by Councilman Hollier, motioned carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report consisted of Mr. Mark Savoy with Groom's Engineering giving a brief update on the detention pond located in Destination Pointe should be completed by next month. Also, in the infant stages of planning is to install two force mains near The Best Stop. Mrs. Jeanne Hornsby with Fenstermaker & Assoc. reported that Apollo Road Phase I will be complete weather permitting in March 2020. The opening of the closed intersection of Old Spanish Trail and Apollo will open in approximately 2 weeks as a 3-way stop. In the upcoming months the intersection at JB Road and Apollo will close for construction of the roadway. Mrs. Hornsby stated that they are working on securing funding from State Capital Outlay. The Provost/Westward detention pond is still waiting on the required Core Permit and GOSHEP funding which should be in April 2019.

Councilman Hollier motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-10, an Ordinance amending Sec. 14-52 of the Scott Municipal Code. City Attorney William Babin stated this ordinance will require a fifty foot buffer around property to be maintained under twelve inches, includes agriculture and forestry property. Seconded by Councilman Bergeron, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bergeron brought up for discussion, Ordinance 2018-14, an ordinance of the City of Scott, Louisiana, granting unto Cox wireless access, LLC a non-exclusive franchise for the installation, maintenance and operation of equipment for the provision of wireless infrastructure services to wireless service providers. City Attorney Bill Babin will continue to research and Councilman will need to decide on how the franchise fee would be calculated.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to amend the budget to receive \$138,000 in revenue from return a of faulty tractor and to spend \$138,000 to purchase another tractor. Seconded by Councilman Hollier, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard led discussion on proposed tax and gave a brief synopsis of breakdown of benefits of passing new sales tax. He encouraged everyone to attend town halls as listed in Mayor's report. The breakdown of how the 1% sales tax would be divided is 66% would fund the Police and Fire Department and 33% would fund Parks and Recreation along with Streets and Drainage, Sewer, Economic Development.

After a brief discussion Councilman Bergeron motioned to accept the request by Acadiana Property Group LLC for a waiver per Section 18-103© (6)d of the Code of Ordinances to allow for individual lot detention along the Apollo/Old Spanish Trail corridor. Mr. Terry Ortego assured the council that a note had been added to the face of each plat stating no detention ponds were allowed on the small three lots but did list of what was allowed and an oversized pond would be required on the large lot. Mr. Savoy with Groom's Engineering stated no waiver on reduction of retention required was given and appeal of corridor would be maintained. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet introduce Ordinance #2019-2, an ordinance authorizing the assessment of a collection fee for debts, accounts receivable, court fines, cost and fees referred to a collection agency for collection. Mrs. Amanda Stucker with American Municipal Services spoke about success stories of debt collection using a portal to collect debt from customers. Ordinance 2019-2 will be up for adoption at the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 7, 2019.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to approve Resolution 2019-1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the City of Scott transferring property acquired by a State of Louisiana, Governor's Office of

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Hazard Mitigation Grant under Hurricanes Gustav and Ike (2009 Dr-1786 and DR-1792) to the City of Scott, Louisiana, situated in the City of Scott, Louisiana. Mr. Savoy with Grooms Engineering suggested that the City acquire the one acre property located near Renaud Drive to put in a much needed retention pond. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bergeron motioned to utilize \$18,200 from Capital Outlay Bridge Repairs-Congress/Fenetre line item for the bridge repairs needed to the pilings on Rue Bon Secours. Mr. Pat Logan, Comprehensive Plan Facilitator stated that Fenetre bridge repairs were already complete, repairs and costs for Congress will be re-allocated in FYE 19-20 budget. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to grant variance to Noise Ordinance for Cajun Harley Davidson located at 724 S. Frontage Road on April 11th-13th for the Cajun Country Hog Rally. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motioned carried unanimously.

Councilman Hollier motioned to declare Mardi Gras Parade day a special event pursuant to Sec. 10-127 of the Scott Municipal Code, in order to make permits to operate a food truck invalid and thereby prohibit any food truck from operating on that day. Motion seconded by Councilman Suire and unanimously approved. The city attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance amending Sec. 10-127 to formally add Mardi Gras Parade day as a day on which permits to operate food trucks are invalid. Seconded by Councilman Suire motioned carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to grant permission to move \$1,200 from salaries to the line item of contractual services to hire an Inspection Consultant. Seconded by Councilman Hollier, motioned carried unanimously.

Mr. Andre Montagnet requested consideration from the Council to waiver a drainage impact analysis in conjunction with Lot 6-A of Effie B. Hollier's property located on Debonnaire. Mr. Savoy with Groom's Engineering advised that it would not be beneficial to waive the analysis due to lack of planning and contradicts the Ordinance. Due to lack of motion the request died.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to approve Resolution 2019-2, a resolution of the City Council for the City of Scott declaring the building(s) or structure(s) located at municipal address 103 Tressie Street, Scott owned by Marcus Ellis Benoit, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare also ordering the condemnation of the same. Mr. Benoit will be given 30 days then the City will start demolition process. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Chad Leger delivered the 2018 Crime Statistics Report. Some of the highlights include there has been an 18% increase in call however, a 44% decrease in theft and burglary cases in the corporate limits of Scott. Visit www.scottpd.org

Resolution 2019-4, a resolution approving the appointment of a Director, Jan-Scott Richard and an alternate Director, Lance Johnson to represent the City of Scott, State of Louisiana on the board of directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority as provided by Chapter 10-B of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 was motioned for approval by Councilman Hollier. Seconded by Montoucet, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hollier introduced Ordinance 2019-1, an ordinance amending Chapter 40 (Land Use Code) to add definitions for and to permit sandblasting/abrasive blasting and automobile paint and body shops by code exception only in the Industrial Land Use District. Will be up for adoption at the next regular Council Meeting February 7, 2019 at 6pm.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to amend the budget in the amount of \$6,620 for soil boring for possible site for a water plant and north Fire substation located at 520 Hwy 93N. Mayor Richard explained that analysis, funding, and plans are being actively researched. Seconded by Councilman Hollier, motioned carried unanimously.

In conjunction with in the previous item, Resolution 2019-5, a resolution authorizing the mayor to submit a loan application to the Louisiana Department of Health for improvements to the City of Scott water system. Mr. Earl Paddock with Groom's Engineering explained that if a loan was granted it would likely be for 20 years and have a 2.45% interest rate as well as the advantage of operating the plant without payment for up to two years to help generate income to pay loan back. Also, that the average monthly loan payment would be substantially less than what the City of Scott currently pays Lafayette Utilities System. Councilman Montoucet mentioned to Mr. Babin to review the current contract with LUS to possibly re-design or negotiate. Seconded by Councilman Suire, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.



Jan-Scott Richard
Mayor

Shelley M. Gautreau
City Clerk