

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

The Mayor and City Council Members met in Regular Session, Thursday, February 2, 2023 all council members were present.

Councilman Domingue led the Prayer and Pledge.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2023 meeting as written. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion approved.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to accept the December 2022 Financial Statement. Seconded by Councilman Roy.

Mayor Richard invited everyone to "Diner & Danse" February 3 at the Begnaud House and the Scott Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, a LUS Fiber Groundbreaking will take place at City Hall on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am and a grand opening for LOS Medical Facility on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

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

Councilman Montoucet motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-14, An Ordinance amending Sec 30-111 of the Scott Municipal Code regarding political campaign signs. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Domingue, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stefan Bourgeois with Fenstermaker & Associates presented on the deteriorating conditions of the current sewer plant, the history of repairs, the urgent need to start the process of building a new sewer plant and the future planning/ funding. He stated that the current plant is over 34 years old, at capacity, and past its projected life. The costs to build a new sewer plant is projected to cost \$53 million dollars and take approximately six years to complete. Councilman Montoucet gave direction to proceed with beginning the planning and design to be sure the plant will fit on the proposed property before the City seeks to purchase. Councilman Boudreaux motioned to move forward with securing funding of the plant by adding a 1% sales tax to the October Election Ballot and to begin the design phase of the new plant. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard gave the recommendation of appointing Mr. Jakob Goodwin to the Scott Planning Commission to complete Mr. Mark Moreau's 5-year term expiring on 7/17/2025. No objection from anyone on the City Council. Seconded by Councilman Moreau, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moreau motioned to amend the budget \$315,000 for the Ram Roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of Dulles Dr. and Rue De Belier Dr. Seconded by Councilman Domingue, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moreau motioned to proceed with placing a Hotel/Motel Tax on the October election ballot. All councilmen spoke in favor of adding a Hotel/Motel 5% tax. Several Councilmen also mentioned that the people outside of our community would pay this tax and it would not create a new tax for the residents of Scott but benefit the youth of the community. The monies generated from the Hotel/Motel tax would go towards funding the Recreational Improvements at Scott Park. Councilman Montoucet stated that we pay the same tax when traveling most places and it would be good way to secure a funding source for the recreational improvements. Mayor Richard stated that the original proposal from previous administration and approval from legislation was passed in 2014. Seconded by Councilman Domingue, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard led the discussion regarding purchasing approximately 38 acres of property touching Scott Park for future expansion. Councilman Boudreaux motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-4, A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed three million dollars of Sales Tax Bonds of the City of Scott, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Seconded by Councilman Domingue, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-3, A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Scott declaring the building or structure located at municipal address 201 Loucella Street, Scott, LA owned by Juanette Charles, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-2, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development("OCD") and Road Home Corporation dba Louisiana Land Trust and City of Scott for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Buyout Program. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to award the bid for Delhomme sewer and water Extension No. 1 Project to Bihmco Construction, LLC in the amount of \$89,719.10. Mr. Mark Savoy with Groom's Engineering stated that \$46,000 would be recouped from sewer impact fees. Seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Montoucet motioned to deny the request to appeal the Scott Planning Commission decision to deny Tillman's code exception application for a telecommunications facility to be located at 113 Des Jacques Road. Mr. Brian Myers, nearby resident voiced his concern and spoke against granting the appeal. Mrs. Bonnie Anderson, Comprehensive Plan Facilitator stated that the signatures on the petition were not from the residents affected and petition was misleading. Mr. Chip Lyons, a representative from Baker Donaldson representing AT&T, Co and on behalf of Tillman Infrastructure, LLC. spoke in favor of granting the appeal. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Moreau seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Boudreaux motioned to grant request for variance; Sec 4-48 Alcohol Ordinance, 404 Hwy 93, Grab N' Geaux 24 owned by Mr. Rahim Hashim. No discussion. Seconded by Councilman Montoucet, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moreau introduced Ordinance 2023-1, an Ordinance amending Sec 16-15 of the Scott Municipal Code regarding fireworks. No action taken, Ordinance 2023-1 will be up for adoption at the next council meeting to be held on March 2, 2023 at 6pm.

Councilman Domingue motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-5, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for professional consulting services between the City of Scott and C.H. Fenstermaker Associates, L.L.C. Mayor Richard stated that this would be for the Westward Heights drainage pipe project. Seconded by Councilman Roy, motion carried unanimously.

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



Jan-Scott Richard  
Mayor



Shelley M. Gautreau  
City Clerk