

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
CHAIR RONNIE SMITH
VICE CHAIR CHERYL MILLET

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Ronnie Smith, Councilman District VI, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Charles Julien, Councilman District III, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Darnel C. Usry, Councilwoman District V, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Dale Wolfe, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A

ABSENT: None

Councilman Julien led the Prayer. Councilman Millet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Hubbard, Parish President, was present.

Legal Counsel Barry Landry and Jeff Perilloux were present.

President's Remarks

Bill Hubbard, Parish President, stated, "*I want to congratulate the West Bank Fire Department, they maintained their class 4 rating for insurance purposes and that is a great achievement so congratulations to all of those who participated in them getting that class 4 rating. Also, just to let the public know, Mitch Landrieu will be in town this Friday at 10:00 AM at the St. John Civic Center. That will be Friday, March 13th. I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew that they were welcome to come to that town meeting.*"

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes February 26, 2009, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - AOL - Bike-a-thon - Sunday, March 29, 2009 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes February 26, 2009, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - AOL - Bike-a-thon - Sunday, March 29, 2009 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM; Permit Approval - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Mini Food Festival - Saturday, April 18, 2009 - WSJ - Edgard. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

09-04 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to request a Re-zone of Lots A-1

& A-2 of River Glen Subdivision from R-1 to C-3 for a proposed strip shopping Center. (River Glenn Investments PZR-09-003) (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 09-04. The motion passes unanimously.

09-05 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance requesting a Re-subdivision of a portion of Reine Subdivision into a lot herein designated as Lot SJ-1. (Wayne Kimball PZS-09-001) (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 09-05. The motion passes unanimously.

09-06 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to request a re-zone of Lot SJ-1 from R-1 to I-1 and re-zone Lots 26, 27 & 28 from C-3 to I-1 of Reine Subdivision(Wayne Kimball PZS-09-001) (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 09-06. The motion passes unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to introduce.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Lee stated, *"At 6:15 we had our finance meeting and I ask for a motion to approve the meeting."*

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

There were no personnel matters.

Dale Wolfe - Update on Marathon meeting

Councilman Wolfe stated, *"We had a meeting with Marathon this week. We ask them a question about hiring local people and of course they said in a sense that it was out of their hands. They said the contractors were doing the hiring. We save Marathon Oil millions and millions of dollars. Each and every time we help Marathon they give us the boot. We got the boot this week. I just left there feeling empty not accomplishing anything. I just feel personally when Marathon or any other industry that is located in St. John or businesses come to this council for assistance, we should sit down and negotiate some terms. The only thing we do is approve the pollution patrol bond sale. That means that we the parish co-sign for Marathon Oil so that they can get a discount and again we have saved Marathon millions and millions and there is a big expansion going on at Marathon Oil."*

Dale Wolfe - Update on Overlay for E. 23rd, 26th & 28th Streets in Reserve

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Cheryl Millet - Council matters

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

Property/Casualty Insurance Agent - 1) Claims, any/all property, casualty, and Workman comp claims 2) Claims, procedures and disposition 3) Coverage's, any/all material changes

Cable Franchise Negotiations

Jaclyn Hotard/Ronnie Smith/Montgomery Watson/GE - Report on the NANO filtration project

Any and all pending legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

At PM, Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Ronnie Smith
COUNCIL CHAIR

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary