

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place at City Hall, Sulphur, Louisiana, on September 10, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

DRU ELLENDER, Council Representative of District 1
MIKE KOONCE, Council Representative of District 2
CHRIS DUNCAN, Council Representative of District 3
NANCY TOWER, Council Representative of District 4
STUART MOSS, Council Representative of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Lonnie Gothrup, Houston River Baptist Church, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Moss.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. With no changes made, motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried.

The Chairman then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the agenda stand as written.

The first item on the agenda a presentation to Volunteer of the Month of September. Mayor LeLeux presented a certificate to Sondra Moss.

The next item on the agenda a presentation to "Dare to be Different" for the Month of September. Mayor LeLeux presented the following students a certificate: Garret Leger, W.W. Lewis Middle School; Jeffery Fontenot, Our Lady's School; Tiffany Riggs, Sulphur High 9th Grade; Courtney Cox, Sulphur High School; Taylor Edwards, LeBlanc Middle School; Haley Johnson, Maplewood Middle School.

The next item on the agenda a presentation to Teachers of the Month for September. Merella Kowarsch, Maplewood Middle; Heather Watson, R.W. Vincent Elementary; Colynn Schonefeld, Sulphur High 9th Grade; Kathy Pardue, Sulphur High School.

The next item on the agenda a presentation to the Sulphur Nationals 10 and Under All Stars. Mayor LeLeux presented certificates to the following boys for winning the championship for Nationals 10 & Under All Stars in Ponchatoula, Louisiana: Ian Smith, Hunter Misse, Jayce White, Logan Hayes, Wyatt Barrilleaux, Keifer Ackley, Reece Walker, Hayden Richard, Kolby Hafer, Austin Nelson, Michael Lyons, Kale Breaux and Coaches Sam Breaux, Rickey Hayes, Danny Nelson and David Misse.

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance providing for the approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and authorizing the issuance, execution, negotiation, sale and delivery of Certificates of Indebtedness of the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Agreement and the Certificates; designating the date, denomination, time and place of payment of said Certificates; providing for the payment thereof in principal; and providing for any other matters in connection therewith (Stine Lumber Company). Jay Delafield addressed the Council and stated that this agreement is similar to the agreement with Lowe's. The electors voted in a recent election to allow for these types of agreements. Mr. Delafield also stated that this is only an introduction and he will have a few more changes to the ordinance before it gets adopted. With that being said, motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be introduced:

Ordinance providing for the approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and authorizing the issuance, execution, negotiation, sale and

delivery of Certificates of Indebtedness of the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Agreement and the Certificates; designating the date, denomination, time and place of payment of said Certificates; providing for the payment thereof in principal; and providing for any other matters in connection therewith. (Stine Lumber Company)

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in “The Southwest Daily News”, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, and that the said Notice of Introduction of the above ordinance is substantially in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 2-12B of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, the following ordinance:

Ordinance providing for the approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and authorizing the issuance, execution, negotiation, sale and delivery of Certificates of Indebtedness of the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Agreement and the Certificates; designating the date, denomination, time and place of payment of said Certificates; providing for the payment thereof in principal; and providing for any other matters in connection therewith. (Stine Lumber Company)

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 24th day of September, 2007, at City Hall in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a resolution setting forth guidelines for Tax Increment Financing. Mr. Duncan stated that he would like for the guidelines to be

stiffer. He also asked Mr. Clyde if the purchase of land for the construction is included in these guidelines. Mr. Clyde stated that it is only the permitted construction cost. Mr. Koonce asked if the City could handle the cost if a bunch of businesses want this same agreement. Mr. Clyde stated that if small businesses want to expand the City wouldn't have to give up much money. Mrs. Tower stated that she didn't feel comfortable voting on this issue at this meeting because she would like to see some changes. The voters depend on the Council to make good decisions. She asked the Council to postpone this until everyone could agree on the guidelines. Mayor LeLeux stated that these are just guidelines for a procedure we will go through for everyone. We will offer everyone what has been offered in the past. The Council will still have to vote on every ordinance when it comes to this agreement. When the Council votes on each ordinance they can put stipulations in that ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019, M-C SERIES

Resolution setting forth guidelines for Tax Increment Financing for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2007, the citizens of Sulphur approved an amendment to the 25 year 1% Sales and Use Tax, which allows for a portion of the tax revenues to be used for economic development activities within the City; and

WHEREAS, in order for this amendment to be fairly distributed to interested parties, the following guidelines are established:

1. The one cent (1%) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) shall be rebated at a rate of 8% of the total permitted construction cost, not to exceed \$1 million, over a ten year period.
2. Payments shall be made on an annual basis, with the first rebate issued one year from the date of the Certificate of Indebtedness. The amount rebated annually shall be the amount of the one (1) cent tax only. If the 8% of the total permitted constructed cost, not to exceed \$1 million,

should be reached before the 10 year period has expired, then all rebates will cease.

3. All businesses applying for the program shall be located within the corporate limits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby set forth guidelines for the Tax Increment Financing for the City of Sulphur.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Moss, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan
NAYS: Mrs. Tower
ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution authorizing the extension of a six month temporary permit which allows for temporary placement of travel trailers and/or mobile home on residential property for living purposes during reconstruction of damages caused by Hurricane Rita for the following addresses:

1101 Elm – Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted an extension until next Council meeting. Motion carried.

458 Brimstone – Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted a six month extension. Motion carried.

531 North Crocker – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted no extension. Motion carried.

2005 Post Oak – Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that this address be granted a six month extension. Motion carried.

919 Platt – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted a six month extension. Motion carried.

1102 Alvin – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted no extension. Motion carried.

989 Beulah – Chief Abrahams stated that they have received 31 noise disturbance calls in a sixteen month period. Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be granted no extension. Motion carried.

2525 St. Francis – Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Ellender that this address be granted a six month extension. A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Mr. Duncan
ABSENT: None

And the said address received a 6 month extension on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

1316 Lilliput – Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that this address be granted a 6 month extension. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance abolishing Chapter 22, Section 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur – Due date; place of payment. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 802, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE ABOLISHING CHAPTER 22 SECTION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR - DUE DATE; PLACE OF PAYMENT (UTILITY BILLS).

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that the following ordinance be abolished:

Sec. 22-2. Due date; place of payment.

All sewer and water service accounts shall be payable on the first day of each month at City Hall.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur to provide for Section 7 – Establishment of Curfew; scope. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 803, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO PROVIDE FOR SECTION 7 – ESTABLISHMENT OF CURFEW; SCOPE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances be amended to provide for the following:

Sec. 8-7. Establishment of Curfew; scope.

It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years of age to loiter, idle, wander, walk, stroll or play in or on the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, other public places and public buildings, vacant lots or other unsupervised places, or otherwise be out in public and away from home in a boat, motor vehicle or other vehicle in the city, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day Monday through Thursday, and between the hours of 12:00 p.m. midnight and 5:00 a.m. of the following day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the following instances:

- (1) To a minor accompanied by his parents, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor;
- (2) Where the minor is upon an emergency errand;
- (3) Where the minor is in attendance at a supervised activity sponsored by a school, church, the governmental recreation department, or by a group of parents, or on the way home from the supervised activities, provided the minor is returning directly to his home from the supervised activities by the shortest possible route;
- (4) Where the minor is traveling directly to and from legitimate, gainful employment.

This ordinance shall become effective upon the Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a variance to Neil Patel, Holiday Inn – Arena Road, to allow for parking lot (12 stalls) to be located 2'

from property line instead of the required 2 ½ feet. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 804, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 7 (3) (D) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO NEIL PATEL, HOLIDAY INN – ARENA ROAD, SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, is owned by Neil Patel, Holiday Inn – Arena Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663, to-wit:

Commencing at a point North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 190.40 feet and North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 957.55 feet from the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 10 West; thence continue North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 644.79 feet; thence South 71° 30' 25" East a distance of 62.6 feet; thence North 07° 44' 48" East a distance of 101.10 feet to the South line of said Interstate Highway 10; thence South 71° 30' 25" East, along said South line, a distance of 134.10 feet; thence South 00° 15' 00" West a distance of 683.93 feet to the North line of Texaco Road and the point of commencement, containing 3.13 acres more or less, subject to a 50 foot access easement across the North side thereof.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will allow (12) parking stalls to be located 2' from the adjacent property line instead of the required 2 ½ feet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

The Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a variance to Neil Patel, Holiday Inn on Arena Road, of Article IV, Part 2, Section 7 (3) (D) to exempt the following described property to wit:

Commencing at a point North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 190.40 feet and North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 957.55 feet from the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 10 West; thence continue North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 644.79 feet; thence South 71° 30' 25" East a distance of 62.6 feet; thence North 07° 44' 48" East a distance of 101.10 feet to the South line of said Interstate Highway 10;

thence South 71°30'25" East, along said South line, a distance of 134.10 feet; thence South 00°15'00" West a distance of 683.93 feet to the North line of Texaco Road and the point of commencement, containing 3.13 acres more or less, subject to a 50 foot access easement across the North side thereof.

This variance is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said variance interfere with the rights and privileges owned by the City of Sulphur pursuant to a pre-existing right of way, servitude or easement. If withdrawn, any improvements constructed thereon shall be removed at the expenses of owner thereof.

Grantee hereby agrees and contracts to hold Grantor harmless from any damages created and/or caused by the granting of this variance, including, but not limited to, litigation defense, litigation costs, violation of subdivision restrictive covenants, building code violations or any other damages, property and/or monetary or otherwise, relating thereto.

That the owner of this variance shall be responsible for the recordation thereof, with the Clerk of Court, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and shall provide the City of Sulphur a receipt evidencing recordation within 10 days of the effective date of this variance.

No work shall commence until all applicable permits are obtained. In the event work is commenced prior to obtaining all applicable permits, this variance shall be withdrawn and considered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a variance to Neil Patel, Holiday Inn – Arena Road, to allow for parking stalls to be 9' x 19' instead of

the required 10' x 20'. Garrett Lawrence addressed the Council and stated that the owners had their plans drawn up prior to knowing how big the stalls had to be. All their stalls are 9' x 19'. Mr. Koonce stated that we have this ordinance for a reason. Evidently, we thought that 9' x 19' was too small to begin with. He also stated that he was concerned with all the "dings" on vehicles because the stalls are too narrow. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 805, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 7 (3) (D) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO NEIL PATEL, HOLIDAY INN – ARENA ROAD, SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, is owned by Neil Patel, Holiday Inn – Arena Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663, to-wit:

Commencing at a point North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 190.40 feet and North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 957.55 feet from the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 10 West; thence continue North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 644.79 feet; thence South 71° 30' 25" East a distance of 62.6 feet; thence North 07° 44' 48" East a distance of 101.10 feet to the South line of said Interstate Highway 10; thence South 71° 30' 25" East, along said South line, a distance of 134.10 feet; thence South 00° 15' 00" West a distance of 683.93 feet to the North line of Texaco Road and the point of commencement, containing 3.13 acres more or less, subject to a 50 foot access easement across the North side thereof.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will allow (12) parking stalls to be located 2' from the adjacent property line instead of the required 2 ½ feet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

The Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a variance to Neil Patel, Holiday Inn on Arena Road, of Article IV, Part 2, Section 7 (3) (D) to exempt the following described property to wit:

Commencing at a point North 00° 15' 00" East a distance of 190.40 feet and North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 957.55 feet from the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 10 West; thence continue North 89° 36' 43" West a distance of 200.00 feet; thence North 00°15'00" East a distance of 644.79 feet; thence South 71°30'25" East a distance of 62.6 feet; thence North 07°44"48' East a distance of 101.10 feet to the South line of said Interstate Highway 10; thence South 71°30'25" East, along said South line, a distance of 134.10 feet; thence South 00°15'00" West a distance of 683.93 feet to the North line of Texaco Road and the point of commencement, containing 3.13 acres more or less, subject to a 50 foot access easement across the North side thereof.

This variance is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said variance interfere with the rights and privileges owned by the City of Sulphur pursuant to a pre-existing right of way, servitude or easement. If withdrawn, any improvements constructed thereon shall be removed at the expenses of owner thereof.

Grantee hereby agrees and contracts to hold Grantor harmless from any damages created and/or caused by the granting of this variance, including, but not limited to, litigation defense, litigation costs, violation of subdivision restrictive covenants, building code violations or any other damages, property and/or monetary or otherwise, relating thereto.

That the owner of this variance shall be responsible for the recordation thereof, with the Clerk of Court, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and shall provide the City of Sulphur a receipt evidencing recordation within 10 days of the effective date of this variance.

No work shall commence until all applicable permits are obtained. In the event work is commenced prior to obtaining all applicable permits, this variance shall be withdrawn and considered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to HABCO, LLC, 206 South Cities Service Hwy., from Residential District to Business District. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be amended to add the following wording:

A 6' privacy fence shall be constructed on the west side of property
(Note: This wording was already in the ordinance)

Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 806, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RE-ZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO HABCO, LLC, JULES HABETZ, 206 S. CITIES SERVICE HWY., SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, being rezoned from Residential District to Business District is owned by Habco, LLC, Jules Habetz, to-wit:

LOT 29 BLK 1 INDIAN HILLS NO. 1 AND ABUTTING DRAINAGE DITCH ON WEST. COM INTERSECTION OF C/L LA HWY 108 (CITIES SERVICE HWY) WITH C/L FAIRVIEW AVE S 295.76 FT W 55 FT AND PT OF BEG TH S 90 FT W 45 FT ETC.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will be for a Business District use and a 6-8 foot privacy fence will be constructed across the entire western boundary of lot. Further, a 20 foot buffer zone shall be between the western boundary line and the construction of any improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

The Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a re-zone from Residential District to Business District to Habco, LLC, Jules Habetz, for the following described property to wit:

LOT 29 BLK 1 INDIAN HILLS NO. 1 AND ABUTTING DRAINAGE DITCH ON WEST. COM INTERSECTION OF C/L LA HWY 108 (CITIES SERVICE HWY) WITH C/L FAIRVIEW AVE S 295.76 FT W 55 FT AND PT OF BEG TH S 90 FT W 45 FT ETC.

This re-zone is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said re-zone interfere with the rights and privileges owned by the City of Sulphur pursuant to a pre-existing right of way, servitude or easement. If withdrawn, any improvements constructed thereon shall be removed at the expenses of owner thereof.

Grantee hereby agrees and contracts to hold Grantor harmless from any damages created and/or caused by the granting of this re-zone, including, but not limited to, litigation defense, litigation costs, violation of subdivision restrictive covenants, building code violations or any other damages, property and/or monetary or otherwise, relating thereto.

That the owner of this re-zone shall be responsible for the recordation thereof, with the Clerk of Court, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and shall provide the City of Sulphur a receipt evidencing recordation within 10 days of the effective date of this re-zone.

No work shall commence until all applicable permits are obtained. In the event work is commenced prior to obtaining all applicable permits, this re-zone shall be withdrawn and considered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Ellender (*she stepped out for a moment*)

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Johnny Vincent, vacant property south of 1816 Todd Street, from Residential District to Mixed Residential District to allow for a double-wide manufactured home. Mr. Vincent stated that his grandson wants to move a mobile home next door to him. Mr. Drost stated that the Land Use Commission adopted this rezone contingent upon the rezone only be for 6,000 sq. ft. only and not the whole six acres. Mr. Drost stated that this rezone is only for 6,000 sq. ft. Mr. Koonce stated that he didn't have an issue with this rezone because Mr. Vincent keeps his property in top notch shape. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 807, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RE-ZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO JOHNNY VINCENT, VACANT PROPERTY SOUTH OF 1816 TODD STREET .

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, being rezoned from Residential District to Mixed Residential District is owned by Johnny Vincent, vacant property south of 1816 Todd Street, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS 732.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA.

THENCE NORTH 89 29' 05" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET, THENCE EAST ALONG SAID LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 32' 06" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET , THENCE NORTH 00 02' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 29' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will include a manufactured home.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

The Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a re-zone from Residential District to Mixed Residential District to Johnny Vincent, for the following described property to wit:

COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS 732.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA.

THENCE NORTH 89 29' 05" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET, THENCE EAST ALONG SAID LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 32' 06" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET , THENCE NORTH 00 02' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 29' 05" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

This re-zone is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said re-zone interfere with the rights and privileges owned by the City of Sulphur pursuant to a pre-existing right of way, servitude or easement. If withdrawn, any improvements constructed thereon shall be removed at the expenses of owner thereof.

Grantee hereby agrees and contracts to hold Grantor harmless from any damages created and/or caused by the granting of this re-zone, including, but not limited to, litigation defense, litigation costs, violation of subdivision restrictive covenants, building code violations or any other damages, property and/or monetary or otherwise, relating thereto.

That the owner of this re-zone shall be responsible for the recordation thereof, with the Clerk of Court, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and shall provide the City of Sulphur a receipt evidencing recordation within 10 days of the effective date of this re-zone.

No work shall commence until all applicable permits are obtained. In the event work is commenced prior to obtaining all applicable permits, this re-zone shall be withdrawn and considered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Randy Trahan, 1105 S. Huntington Street, from Mixed Residential District to Business District to allow for the property to be sold as Business. Randy Trahan stated that he doesn't know what type of business he will put there. Mr. Koonce stated that he could only put the type of business that is allowed in a Business District. At this time motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following amendment be added:

All ingress and egress, including all deliveries, shall enter from South Huntington Street.

Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following amendment be added:

Further, a 6-8 foot privacy fence shall be constructed across the entire northern, southern and western boundary of lot.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 808, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RE-ZONE FROM MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO RANDY TRAHAN, 1105 S. HUNTINGTON STREET, SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, being rezoned from Mixed Residential District to Business District, to-wit:

North half (N ½) of Lot Three (3) of the J.T. Henning Subdivision in Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of SW ¼) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Nine South, Range Ten West (T-9-S, R-10-W) and the Southeast Corner of lot of Leo Domingue being in Block Three (3) of J.T. Hennings Addition to Sulphur, Louisiana, Calcasieu Parish, thence running South 59 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence North 59 feet, thence East 100 feet to point of beginning.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will allow for the property to be sold as Business. All ingress and egress, including all deliveries, shall enter from South Huntington Street. Further, a 6-8 foot privacy fence shall be constructed across the entire northern, southern and western boundary of lot.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THAT:

The Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a re-zone from Mixed Residential District to Business District, 1105 South Huntington Street, for the following described property to wit:

North half (N ½) of Lot Three (3) of the J.T. Henning Subdivision in Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of SW ¼) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Nine South, Range Ten West (T-9-S, R-10-W) and the Southeast Corner of lot of Leo Domingue being in Block Three (3) of J.T. Hennings Addition to Sulphur, Louisiana, Calcasieu Parish, thence running South 59 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence North 59 feet, thence East 100 feet to point of beginning.

This re-zone is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said re-zone interfere with the rights and privileges owned by the City of Sulphur pursuant to a pre-existing right of way, servitude or easement. If withdrawn, any improvements constructed thereon shall be removed at the expenses of owner thereof.

Grantee hereby agrees and contracts to hold Grantor harmless from any damages created and/or caused by the granting of this re-zone, including, but not limited to, litigation defense, litigation costs, violation of subdivision restrictive covenants, building code violations or any other damages, property and/or monetary or otherwise, relating thereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Carl Hardy, northeast corner of Beglis Parkway and Cypress, from Residential District to Business District to allow for the property to be used as Business. Mrs. Ellender stated that if this subdivision's restrictions are still in force then Mr. Hardy will have to get 51% of the subdivision to sign stating that he has their approval to use this lot for Business. Their restrictions supersede any rezone the Council would adopt. At this time Mrs. Ellender asked Mr. Hardy if he checked the subdivision restrictions. Mr. Hardy stated, no. With that being said, motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that the following rezone be postponed:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A RE-ZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, TO CARL HARDY, NORTHEAST CORNER OF CYPRESS STREET AND BEGLIS PARKWAY, SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur to provide for micro-chipping of dogs and cats. Mr. Duncan stated that this ordinance will allow Animal Control to micro-chip all animals, at the owner's cost, prior to the owner getting the animal back. The cost of the micro-chip is roughly \$12.00-\$15.00. Mr. Koonce asked if the City would be liable if the animal gets hurt in any kind of way while inserting the micro-chip. Mr. Drost stated, yes, but that's why the City has liability. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO PROVIDE FOR SECTION 4-52 – MICRO-CHIPPING.

Motion was then made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in "The Southwest Daily News", the official journal of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, and that the said Notice of Introduction of the above ordinance is substantially in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 2-12B of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO PROVIDE FOR SECTION 4-52 – MICRO-CHIPPING.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of October, 2007, at City Hall in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NANCY TOWER, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance amending Chapter 5, Section 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur – All buildings required to have numbers; specifications. Mrs. Tower stated that she would like to amend the ordinance and take out the last two sentences. Mr. Dupre stated that there are many areas in Sulphur that are confusing when it comes to addressing. This ordinance, as written, will cover everything we could possibly come up against. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – ALL BUILDINGS REQUIRED TO HAVE NUMBERS; SPECIFICATIONS.

Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in “The Southwest Daily News”, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, and that the said Notice of Introduction of the above ordinance is substantially in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 2-12B of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – ALL BUILDINGS REQUIRED
TO HAVE NUMBERS; SPECIFICATIONS.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of
October, 2007, at City Hall in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a resolution awarding low bid received for Night
Vision Goggles (10) sets for the Police Department. Motion was made by Mr. Moss
seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for Night Vision Goggles (10) sets for the
Police Department.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the
governing authority thereof, that bids for Night Vision Goggles (10) sets for the Police
Department was scheduled to be opened on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
and no bids were received.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution authorizing Mayor to sign Cooperative
Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the Sara Street/Maplewood Drive

Drainage Project. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing Mayor LeLeux to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the Sara Street/Maplewood Drive Drainage Project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor LeLeux to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the Sara Street/Maplewood Drive Drainage Project.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution awarding low bid received for Tammy Street Drainage Project. Mr. Randy Chaisson stated that the east side of Tammy Street will be done first then they will start the west side. Mayor LeLeux stated that once the east side is done this will correct much of the flooding in that area. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for Tammy Street Drainage Project (Phase I).

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for the Tammy Street Drainage Project (Phase I) were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Friday, September 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., and the bids were as follows:

	Part I Total	Part II Total	Total Part 1 & 2	Total Alt. A	Grand Total Part 1 & 2 & Alternate
Contractor					
Civil Construction	\$537,054.00	\$81,865.00	\$618,919.00	\$38,940.00	\$579,979.00
Apeck Construction, Inc.	\$567,172.00	\$79,525.00	\$646,697.00	\$41,998.00	\$604,699.00
R. Cloud Construction	\$596,757.50	\$93,417.50	\$690,175.00	\$8,537.00	\$681,638.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Ron LeLeux and award the bid for the Tammy Street Drainage Project (Phase I) as follows:

	Part I Total	Part II Total	Total Part 1 & 2	Total Alt. A	Grand Total Part 1 & 2 & Alternate
Contractor					
Civil Construction	\$537,054.00	\$81,865.00	\$618,919.00	\$38,940.00	\$579,979.00

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution requesting LA DOTD to resurface off ramp shoulders on Beglis Parkway and to overlay Beglis Parkway from I-10 to Hwy. 90. Mr. Duncan stated that these roads in Sulphur desperately need to be resurfaced. It looks like I-10 did a while back. We would like DOTD to address this problem. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following amendment be added:

and resurface Hwy. 90 through city limits of Sulphur.

Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023, M-C SERIES

Resolution requesting LA DOTD to resurface off ramp shoulders on Beglis Parkway and to overlay Beglis Parkway from I-10 to Hwy. 90 and resurface Hwy. 90 through city limits of Sulphur.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby request LA DOTD to resurface off ramp shoulders on Beglis Parkway and to overlay Beglis Parkway from I-10 to Hwy. 90 and resurface Hwy. 90 through city limits of Sulphur (see attached).

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution creating an Environmental Committee. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce to allow for discussion. Mrs.

Ellender stated that she was once on a CAP committee for one of the industry's and the City of Sulphur is not an industry. Our City engineers' know all about the Storm Water ordinance. If this committee is created this ordinance will be one of the things that Mrs. Tower wants them to be involved in. That's why we have engineers' because they are experienced in this kind of stuff. They would have to train this committee on the ordinance and then committee members may quit and all that training would have been a waste. Then they would have to start training someone all over again. Mrs. Tower then stated that this committee would be involved in many other things, such as, assist the City with implementation of various environmental requirements as needed, coordinate and support volunteer environmental efforts recognized by the City, offer suggestions to the Mayor and Council for ways to enhance the City's environmental performance and the citizen's perception. This is a strictly a volunteer committee. Mrs. Ellender stated that she sees it as vigilant force.

A gentleman named Scott, addressed the Council and stated that he has noticed division in the Council. When someone has a good idea to bring before the City, some Council members always shoot it down. He sees it as a personal conflict. This is a voluntary committee to assist the City so why not vote for it. It will cost the City nothing.

With the previous motion being made, a vote was then called on the following resolution:

Resolution creating an Environmental Committee for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the committee will be to assist the City of Sulphur with implementation of various environmental requirements as needed, coordinate and support volunteer environmental efforts recognized by the City, offer suggestions to the Mayor and Council for ways to enhance the City's environmental performance and the citizen's perception thereof; and

WHEREAS, said committee will also assist with meeting the requirements of the Storm Water permit, study recycling and present suggestions for enhancing efforts in this

area and also to pursue grants for environmental projects as approved by the City Council (i.e. proposed composting facility, beautification grants, coastal prairie restoration sites, etc.); and

WHEREAS, this would be a volunteer group consisting of one person from each district, a representative from Public Works and a representative from a local Garden Club (to be chosen by the Club's Board).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby create an Environmental Committee for the City of Sulphur.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Tower, Mr. Duncan

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Moss, Mr. Koonce

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution failed on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for a new City Hall. (*Note: this resolution was on August agenda but failed to be advertised*)

Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for a new City Hall.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize the advertisement of bids for a new City Hall, said bids to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with Vincent & Shows Architects APC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advertisement of bids will be in "The Southwest Daily News, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, in three separate publications, giving notice as follows:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Separate and sealed bids for a new City Hall will be received by the Clerk of the Council until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of October, 2007, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in an open and public bid opening session to be conducted by the Director of Public Works in the Conference Room at the City Hall, and shall be awarded at a regular meeting on the 9th day of October, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution accepting Substantial Completion on Main Pump Station Improvements. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting Substantial Completion on Main Pump Station Improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby accept the Substantial Completion Report on Main Pump Station Improvements.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a discussion concerning Jake Braking in city limits. Mr. Duncan stated that he was standing outside of his home one day and he could hear the 18-wheelers jake-braking on Beglis Parkway. Chief Dupre stated that all emergency vehicles have jake-brakes. He made the fireman do a test-run going 25, 35 & 45 miles/hour. They came to the conclusion that the fire truck stopped quicker without jake-braking. There are different kinds of jake-brakes. Jake-braking allows trucks with large loads to stop repetitively without applying the brakes. Chief Dupre also stated that he will do more research before the Council puts this on the agenda again.

The next item on the agenda a discussion concerning mobile home parks and apartment complex owners to get an occupational license. Mr. Duncan stated that the City Council voted against an ordinance pertaining to this many years ago. He feels that these owners not necessarily need an occupational license but they need something like this. Mrs. Tower stated that maybe the landlords need to have something stating that it is in a livable condition. Mr. Duncan stated that maybe the Inspectors could inspect these places once a year to check out the living conditions. Mr. Dupre stated that he would suggest that the Council put their thoughts in writing and give it to him and he would then call other cities to see how they handle this situation.

The next item on the agenda a Rule to Show Cause for the condition of the following addresses:

305 Pitre – Mrs. VanderHey, Ordinance Enforcement, stated that this home is boarded up and three-fourths of the grass is mowed. The truck in the front yard is legal.

Mrs. Ellender stated that she would like to see the back window boarded as well. Mr. Duncan asked Mr. Drost if this house was seized for sale can the Council still rule on it. Mr. Drost stated, yes, the Council can proceed. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that this address be demolished. Motion carried.

2020 Carr #8 – Mrs. VanderHey stated that the owner has started putting siding but hasn't finished. He also replaced the lumber in some places. Mr. Duncan stated that after the Council voted last month on this same address the owner started the work without a permit. The Inspectors shut down their job. Mr. Duncan asked if the Council could demolish this trailer if someone still lived in it. Mr. Drost stated that it doesn't matter if someone lives there or not. Chief Dupre asked if the Council rules on this tonight, would 30 days be enough time for this person to find somewhere else to live. Mr. Drost stated that Mrs. VanderHey would have to send her notice out immediately.

Jared, resident of Carr Lane, stated that a couple that has kids stay in the trailer park and they are always sick because of the mold. They also have wiring problems. Mrs. VanderHey asked if she needs to issue a stop work order. Mr. Drost stated that the Council needs to demolish it. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be demolished. Motion carried.

908 West Napoleon – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this home is in the same condition as the last time it was on the agenda. The two out-buildings on the east side need to be demolished. Laura Thibodeaux, owner, addressed the Council and stated that this property is still in litigation and asked for another extension. Mr. Koonce then made a motion to grant a 60 day extension if the two buildings get secured. Mrs. Thibodeaux stated that if she secures the buildings they will just get tore up again by the same kids.

Mrs. VanderHey then stated that the Inspectors said that the buildings are rotten and need to come down. At this time Mr. Koonce withdrew his motion. Motion was then made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mrs. Ellender that this Rule to Show Cause be on the October 9, 2007 City Council agenda. Motion carried.

301 Navarre – Mr. Koonce stated that this property has complied and it looks real nice. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Duncan that this address be removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is Public to Address Council. Sheila Rather addressed the Council and stated that there is a mountain of trash on Carr Lane. It is on the Serices' property. People just dump there trash and leave it. There are mice and rats that are in my mom's yard and they are coming from this trash.

Ed Morgan, Rio Hondo, addressed the Council and asked about the buffer zone for item # 12 on the agenda (206 South Cities Service).

Sheryl Breaux, Horseshoe Lane, addressed the Council and she is concerned about the two goats in her neighborhood. She would like the Council to take action. The owners are following all City laws but they do not need to be in this residential neighborhood.

Jerry, Carr Lane, addressed the Council and stated that there is still raw sewer in the trailer park. Kids can't play outside because of this.

Mr. Moss stated that he and his family lost their home due to a fire. He thanked everyone who helped out, especially the fire department.

Mr. Koonce reminded everyone that all homes and businesses are required to have addresses.

There being no other business to come before the Council, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

9/10/07
8:05 P.M.