

OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 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 Mrs. Ellender 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. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan 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. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that item #19 and #20 be removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that #1 be moved to #5A. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that 1106 Elm Street be removed from the Rule to Show Cause. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda a presentation to “Dare to be Different” for the month of October. Mayor LeLeux presented certificates to the following students: Sulphur High 9th Grade Campus, Kiah Mansell; Sulphur High School, Paige Davis; Lewis Middle School, Phillip Stelly; LeBlanc Middle School, Dustin Bourge; Our Lady School, Shelby Borders.

The next item on the agenda a presentation to Teachers of the month for October. Mayor LeLeux presented certificates to the following teachers: Sulphur High 9th Grade Campus, Blaine Wyninger; Sulphur High School, Sheila Garner; E.K. Key Elementary, Rebecca Jernigan; Maplewood Middle, Kristi Bult.

The next item on the agenda a proclamation declaring “Start! Southwest Louisiana Heart Walk Day”. Mayor LeLeux presented a proclamation to representatives from the American Heart Association and declared November 10, 2007 as “Start! Southwest Louisiana Heart Walk Day”.

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:

Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following addresses receive a 6 month extension: 612 Miller, 522 Phillips, 220 Oak, 939 Alice, 827 Elm, 2392 Tammy, 2145 Cedar, 112 Vine, 112.1 Vine, 308 E. Verdine. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following addresses do not receive an extension: 1125 Alvin, 609 Thomas, 416 Mimosa, 1205 Sherwood, 2708 St. Joseph, 455 Mimosa, 1122 Verdine #35, 211 W. Lincoln, 205 N.

Crocker, 708 N. Huntington, 1001 N. Claiborne, 1235 Franklin, 1206 Franklin, 719 Elm.
Motion carried.

1122 Verdine #35 – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

308 East Verdine – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that this address be granted a 6 month extension. Motion carried.

211 West Lincoln – The owner stated that they will be out of the trailer by October 11, 2007. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Duncan that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

205 N. Crocker – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

999 N. Claiborne – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that a 30 day extension be granted. Motion carried.

708 N. Huntington – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

1001 N. Claiborne – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Duncan that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

1235 Franklin – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

1206 Franklin – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

719 Elm – Mr. Duncan stated that FEMA has gone to this home and inspected it. There is no one living in the FEMA trailer, they are now living in their mobile home.

Home Health goes to the big trailer so I would think that means they are living in the big trailer. Mr. Duncan also stated that he has driven by there many times and they are always in the big trailer. The neighbor has even told Mr. Duncan that they are now living in the big trailer. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that no extension be granted. Motion carried.

138 E. Lee – Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that a 60 day extension be granted. Motion carried.

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

1122 Verdine #35 – Mrs. VanderHey stated that the owner is selling this home and the new owner needs more time to clean it up and tear it down. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that this address be reset until the January, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

718 W. Lyons – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this home needs to be demolished. The owner doesn't live here because he takes care of his parents somewhere else. It's been vandalized. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be demolished. Motion carried.

524 N. Stanford – The owner stated that he needs approximately 3 more weeks to finish the work. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that a 30 day extension be granted. Motion carried.

305 Pitre – Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Moss that the previous action taken on this address should be rescinded due to the owner taking action and cleaning the property. Motion carried.

230 Tamarack – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this property has been cleaned and the grass has been cut. The house is in bad condition but they are waiting on Road Home. The owner addressed the Council and stated that he's sure he's not getting any money from Road Home so he will proceed to hire a contractor to tear the house down. He needs a little time to collect money and hire someone to tear it down. He feels that within the next 2-3 months it can be done. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that this Rule be reset for January, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

1710 E. Burton – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this address has come before the Council four (4) times. FEMA condemned it but couldn't tear it down because it wasn't occupied before Hurricane Rita. The City cuts the grass and the owner has done nothing to make it look better. Nathan McCormick, the owner's nephew, stated that he was sent to Sulphur to look at the home to see what needs to be repaired. Mr. McCormick stated that he has never seen the home and he had just driven into town. Mr. Duncan stated that he will show no leniency due to the owners just abandoning it and not caring. The owners should have come before the Council long before now. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this address be demolished. Motion carried.

2317 Roxanne – Mrs. VanderHey stated that the owner is deceased and her sister now owns it. The City mows the grass and no one has lived there in 8 years. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that both structures on the property will be demolished. Motion carried.

320 Vincent Lane – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this home has not been occupied since Hurricane Rita and the City cleans it. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that this address be demolished. Motion carried.

119 Hazel – Mrs. VanderHey stated that one of the sheds has been demolished and the other one also needs to be demolished. Mr. Bird, owner, stated that the neighbor’s trees fell during Hurricane Rita onto his sheds. He asked the Council for more time because he has been sick. He will put a new roof and doors. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that this address be reset for the January meeting. Motion carried.

12 Poinsetta – Mrs. VanderHey stated that this was damaged in the hurricane. Mrs. VanderHey also stated that she spoke to the owner and gave a timeframe of what needed to be done. Mr. Moss stated that he told the owner that it had to be secure. A structural engineer was coming soon to look at the home. Mrs. VanderHey also stated that the holes in the roof needed to be covered again because the blue roof that was up there is no longer there. Mr. Moss stated that there is litigation being filed at this time. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that a 6 month extension be granted. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a presentation to Volunteer of the Month of October. Mayor LeLeux presented a certificate to Eric “Bear” Burkholder.

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur to provide for Section 4-52 – Microchipping of dogs and cats. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that this item be moved to the November City Council meeting. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on 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 took a bunch of pictures of

homes where the house numbers are more than 20 feet away from the entrance of the home. These homes will be out of compliance if the Council votes on this wording in the ordinance. Mr. Dupre, Fire Chief, stated that this was addressed at the last meeting. When there is an emergency at night it is hard for emergency vehicles to see house numbers. He has worked hard on this ordinance and it's a good ordinance the way it reads now. Mrs. Tower asked Mr. Dupre if the current addresses don't meet the requirements, do we grandfather them in or do we just not enforce the ordinance. Mr. Dupre stated that they have identified as many addresses as they could and they will use their judgement in policing this ordinance. If we see an address that is visible to the emergency vehicle, then we will stand by it. If not, then they will have to comply with the ordinance.

Chris Abrahams, Police Chief, stated that all addresses need to be consistent. In an emergency, personnel should only have to look in one location to find the address. Right now we are looking everywhere on the premises for addresses. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 810, M-C SERIES

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that Chapter 5, Section 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-3. All buildings required to have numbers; specifications.

(a) All houses and other buildings in the City of Sulphur shall have numbers displayed on or within 20' of the buildings addressed entrance. Numbers must be easily visible from the street. Numbers fastened to the building shall be in the vicinity of the entrance facing the addressed street. Numbers not fastened to the building shall be affixed to a permanently anchored sign post.

(b) Where the structure is more than 100 feet from the street the address number shall be placed on a post, fence, or mail box located on said property within 50 feet of street.

(c) The number shall be at least three (3) inches high by two (2) inches wide, and be of contrasting color to their background.

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article II, Section 2 of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Definitions. Mr. David, Land Use Commissioner, stated that this ordinance was to clarify the definition for property lines. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 811, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – DEFINITIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article II, Section 2 of the Land Use Ordinance to add the following to the existing definitions:

Front Lot Line

The line separating the lot from a public street. On a corner or through lot, the line separating the lot from the street designated as the “street address” for the structure.

Rear Lot Line

The lot line opposite the front lot line.

Setback Line

A line which marks the minimum distance a structure must be located from the property line and establishes the minimum required front, side or rear yard space of a building.

Side Lot Line

Any lot line other than the front lot line or rear lot line.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that that they do hereby amend Article II, Section 2 of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur to add the above definitions to the existing definitions.

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, Mrs. Tower, Mr. Moss

NAYS: Mr. Duncan

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (2) (c) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Residential District Development Standards. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 812, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 3, SECTION 1 (2) (C) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (2) (c) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

(c) All development in the Residential District shall conform to the Development standards set out in the following table:

Distance measured from front, side and rear lot lines shall be measured from the overhang/eve of the structure.

USE	DENSITY	LOT SIZE	FRONT SETBACK	SIDE SETBACK	REAR SETBACK	HEIGHT
s/f det	7 du/a	6000 s.f.	30 ft.	5 ft.	10 ft.	35 ft.
Churches, Schools, Public uses	-----	1 acre	50 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	35 ft.
Accessory Uses	-----	-----	30 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	35 ft.
Rec. (low intensity)	-----	-----	50 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	35 ft.

Mfr. Housing Not Permitted
& Mobile Homes

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article IV,
 Part 3, Section 2 (2) (c) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Mixed

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

ORDINANCE NO. 813, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 3, SECTION 2 (2) (C) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 3, Section 2 (2) (c) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

- (d) All development in the Mixed Residential District shall conform to the Development standards set out in the following table:

Distance measured from front, side and rear lot lines shall be measured from the overhang/eve of the structure.

<u>USE</u>	<u>DENSITY</u>	<u>LOT SIZE</u>	<u>FRONT SETBACK</u>	<u>SIDE SETBACK</u>	<u>REAR SETBACK</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>
s/f det.	7 du/a	6000 sf	30 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft
multi-family	12 du/a	6000 sf	30 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Churches	-----1 acre		50 ft	10 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Schools & Public Uses	FAR .35	-----	50 ft	10 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Rec. (Low Intensive)	-----		50 ft	10 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Mfg. Housing	7 du/a	6000 sf	30 ft	5 ft	5 ft	35 ft
Mobile Homes	7 du/a	6000 sf	30 ft	10 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Neighborhood Commercial	FAR .5	5000 sf	30 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article IV, Part 3, Section 4 (3) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Business District Development Standards. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 814, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 3, SECTION 4 (3) (B) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 3, Section 4 (3) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

- (b) All development in the Business District shall conform to the development standards set out in the following table:

Distance measured from front, side and rear lot lines shall be measured from the overhang/eve of the structure.

<u>USE</u>	<u>DENSITY</u>	<u>LOT SIZE</u>	<u>FRONT SETBACK</u>	<u>SIDE SETBACK</u>	<u>REAR SETBACK</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>
Single family	7 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft

Multi-Family	18 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Retail & Service	FAR .5	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Offices, Restaur.& Entert.	FAR 1	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Schools, Churches	_____	10000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

 ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

 NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article IV, Part 3, Section 5 (3) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Commercial District Development Standards. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 815, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 3, SECTION 5 (3) (B) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 3, Section 5 (3) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

(c) All development in the Commercial District shall conform to the development standards set out in the following table:

Distance measured from front, side and rear lot lines shall be measured from the overhang/eve of the structure.

<u>USE</u>	<u>DENSITY</u>	<u>LOT SIZE</u>	<u>FRONT SETBACK</u>	<u>SIDE SETBACK</u>	<u>REAR SETBACK</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>
Single family	7 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Multi-Family	18 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Retail & Service	FAR .5	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Offices, Restaur.& Entert.	FAR 1	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Schools, Churches	_____	10000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance amending Article IV, Part 3, Section 6 (4) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Industrial District Development Standards. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 816, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 3, SECTION 6 (4) (B) OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 3, Section 6 (4) (b) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

- (d) All development in the Industrial District shall conform to the development standards set out in the following table:

Distance measured from front, side and rear lot lines shall be measured from the overhang/eve of the structure.

USE	DENSITY	LOT SIZE	FRONT SETBACK	SIDE SETBACK	REAR SETBACK	HEIGHT
Single family	7 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	35 ft
Multi-Family	18 du/a	6000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Retail & Service	FAR .5	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Offices, Restaur.& Entert.	FAR 1	5000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft
Schools, Churches	_____	10000 sf	20 ft	5 ft	10 ft	50 ft

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance abandoning certain servitudes on Lots 17, 19 & 35 of Maplewood Subdivision (Beauregard Street). Mr. Bergeron stated that this property will revert back to the property owner since the water lines moved from the rear of the property to the front of the property. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be introduced:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON SEWER LINES OF MAPLEWOOD
SUBDIVISION (BEAUREGARD STREET).**

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss 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:

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON SEWER LINES OF MAPLEWOOD
SUBDIVISION (BEAUREGARD STREET).

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 13th day of November, 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 4 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for section not permitting farm animals in residential districts. Mr. Moss stated that some subdivisions may already have restrictions on farm animals in their neighborhood. Mr. Craig Richardson stated that he bought his property because his subdivision did allow for farm animals and that's why I bought the property. He also stated that if someone's restrictions allow for farm animals and they don't want to live near farm animals, don't buy the property. He also stated that he raises 4-H animals and needed to find an area that allowed for that. He asked the Council not to medal in people's business by not permitting farm animals in residential districts. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO PROVIDE FOR SECTION 4-3 – FARM
ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur be amended to provide for Section 4-3 as follows:

Sec. 4-3 Farm Animals in Residential and Mixed Residential Districts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep chickens, livestock, ducks, geese or other poultry, fowl, rabbits, swine or any other farm animal in a Residential and Mixed Residential District within the City of Sulphur.

Residential and Mixed Residential Districts shall be distinguished in the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur.

Any of the above animals that are currently permitted in the City of Sulphur in a Residential and Mixed Residential District shall be grandfathered in but will not be allowed to breed or expand. The grandfather permit shall expire after the animal dies, is sold, or is transferred out of the city.

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

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: None

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

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance failed on this 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance amending Article III, Part 2, Section 1 (1) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Application Submission Requirements. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following ordinance be moved to the November City Council agenda. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, PART 2, SECTION 1 OF THE
LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – APPLICATION
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

And the said ordinance was then moved to the November 13, 2007 City Council agenda.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCNARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance amending the General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 to provide for funds for the filming/editing of the City Council meetings. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce to amend the \$10,000 to \$6,000.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender

ABSENT: None

And the above motion was adopted on this 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

At this time Mr. Moss asked Mrs. Tower why aren't the citizens still paying for the videoing. The last time this was on the agenda Mrs. Tower and Mr. Koonce said they would raise money to pay for the videoing and now they want the City to pay for it again. Mrs. Tower stated that she told everyone to stop donating money because it was soon going to be on the agenda again for the City to pay. If the Council votes against this again then funds will once again be solicited. Mr. Koonce stated that he had a petition with many signatures in support of the City paying for the videoing. He hopes the Council would reconsider and vote for it. Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce to add the following:

SECTION 4. Upon City Council approval of RFP.

Mr. Koonce stated that the City did not have to go out for bids on this but he would rather get bids because it would be advertised. Mr. Clyde stated that

Administration could get proposals and the Council could put anything they wanted in that proposal.

At this time Mr. Duncan and Mr. Koonce removed their previous motion and second.

Motion was then made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be introduced:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

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:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE FILMING/EDITING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 13th day of November, 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 a new City Hall. Dennis Bergeron stated that this award is just for City Hall. The Council will have to amend the budget again for approximately \$250,000 for the new Council Chambers. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2028, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for a new City Hall

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for a new City Hall were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., and the bids were as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Priola Construction Corp.	\$1,587,000.00
Shannon Smith Construction	\$1,592,350.00
John D. Myers	\$1,643,000.00
Sam Istre Construction	\$1,700,000.00
Picheloup Construction	\$1,708,000.00
Lewing Construction	\$1,834,385.00
Pat Williams Construction	\$1,853,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Ron LeLeux and award the bid for a new City Hall as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Priola Construction Corp.	\$1,587,000.00

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 ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution authorizing the extension of agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for the collection of property taxes. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2029, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing the extension of agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for the collection of property taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize the extension of agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for the collection of property taxes.

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution acknowledging the members that attended the workshop for zoning boards and planning commissions. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2030, M-C SERIES

Resolution acknowledging the members that attended the workshop for zoning boards and planning commissions.

WHEREAS, Act 859 of the 2004 Louisiana Legislature requires that newly appointed member of planning commissions, zoning boards of adjustments and similar boards must receive at least four hours of training in the duties and responsibilities of planning commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all commissions, zoning boards of adjustments members and similar board members should have a basic understanding of planning, land use, zoning laws and ethics in order to better fulfill their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, a Planning Commissioners workshop was held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that the Sulphur City Council certifies that Troy Darby and Lawrence David did attend said workshop on Saturday, September 22, 2007 and that these Commissioners hereby comply with the four hours of training requirements of ACT 859.

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 9th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a discussion concerning Attorney General Opinion regarding cameras at traffic lights. Mayor LeLeux stated that the city received an Attorney General's Opinion and it is legal to put cameras at red lights. If the Council passes this ordinance the city could enforce it. He also added that he supports this and he is leaving it in the Council's hands.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

10/9/07
8:35 P.M.