

February 27, 2008

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place at City Hall, Sulphur, Louisiana, on February 27, 2008 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. Koonce.

Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Ellender that item #9 be removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that item #4 be removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda an introduction of ordinance amending Chapter 9, Section 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur – Fire Prevention Code Adopted. Mr. Dupre, Fire Chief, stated that this was strictly house-keeping. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTED.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Ellender 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 9, SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTED.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2008, at City Hall in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a resolution approving liquor license for Mike’s Place located at 201 South Cities Service Hwy. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2061, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Mike’s Place located at 201 S. Cities Service Hwy.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve the liquor license for Mike’s Place located at 201 South Cities Service Hwy.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution approving liquor license for Sloppy Jeux's located at 1507 Ruth Street. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mr. Duncan that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2062, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Sloppy Jeux's located at 1507 Ruth Street.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve the liquor license for Sloppy Jeux's located at 1507 Ruth Street.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution accepting petition for annexation and to authorize Publication of Notice. (south Cities Service Hwy. – south of Winner's Choice).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2063, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting petition for annexation and to authorize Publication of Notice. (South Cities Service Hwy. – south of Winner’s Choice).

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby accept petition for annexation and to authorize Publication of Notice on property more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST; THENCE EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, FOR A DISTANCE OF 97.99 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LA. HWY. NO. 108; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A FOUND ½” IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.00 FEET TO A SET ½” IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A SET ½” IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.00 FEET TO SET ½” IRON ROD ON THE AFOREMENTIONED EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LA. HWY. NO. 108; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution appointing Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the City of Sulphur Land Use Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2064, M-C SERIES

Resolution appointing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby elect Gerrit Lawrence as Chairman and Lawrence David as Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur which terms will expire in May, 2008.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution authorizing the extension of a Joint Services Agreement with Houston River Volunteer Fire Department (fire protection for SPAR Aquatic Center). Motion was made by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2065, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing Mayor LeLeux to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the Houston River Volunteer Fire Department to provide for fire protection to the Recreation and Aquatic Center on West Parish Road.

WHEREAS, the Sulphur Fire Department agrees to be recognized as the primary fire department for fire protection to the Recreation and Aquatic Center located at 933 West Parish Road; and

WHEREAS, the Houston River Volunteer Fire Department agrees to be recognized as the secondary fire department for fire protection; and

WHEREAS, terms of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year with either party, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement. Should either party to this Agreement fail to send a notice of termination, this Agreement will be considered to have been automatically renewed for additional twelve (12) month periods.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a resolution employing Special Counsel for prospective litigation. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2066, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing the employment of Special Counsel for prospective litigation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize the employment of Greg Belfour of Jones, Tete, Fonti and Belfour, LLP for prospective litigation.

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 27th day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda a public hearing on ordinance revoking the original permit issued to BoBel Construction on July 25, 2007 for the construction of a truck stop at 225 North Cities Service Highway and any subsequent extensions of said permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Duncan that this ordinance be postponed to the March 10, 2008 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a discussion concerning hiring an Assistant City Attorney. Mr. Koonce stated that he would like to get Mr. Drost some help. This attorney could help out with drafting ordinances and doing research. Mr. Drost stated that he has one secretary and wouldn't mind hiring another attorney. The City of Ruston has three City Attorney's and four to five staff members. The City of Natchitoches has four City Attorney's and four to five staff members. Every day we're getting more and more legal issues that need to be addressed. There is no space at City Court for this new person. Maybe we can address this issue again after the new City Hall is built. Mayor LeLeux stated that administration will look at some figures and see where we would place this new person.

Mr. Duncan stated that Skipper is constantly bombarded with changes to ordinances. The Council is always removing items from the agenda because no one has time to research them and get the correct wording.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NANCY TOWER, Chairman

2/27/08
5:58 P.M.