

January 11, 2016

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on January 11, 2016 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
DENNIS BERGERON, Council Representative of District 2
VERONICA ALLISON, Council Representative of District 3
RANDY FAVRE, 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 Mr. Holmes, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Favre.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mrs. Allison that the following minutes be amended to insert the public hearing action concerning #18 on the December 14, 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the minutes be amended as changed. Motion carried.

The Chairman then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Allison that item #12 be removed:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 1360, M-C Series which amending Chapter 12, Section 52 of the Code of Ordinances – Transportation routes for hazardous materials and trucks passing through city. ORD07-16 (Mayor Duncan)

Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that item #17 be moved up to item #4A. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that item #18 be moved up to item #4B. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the agenda stand as changed. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda is a Presentation by Armed Forces Committee. The committee presented a certificate to Kenneth R. Higginbotham and thanked him for his years of service.

The next item on the agenda is a Presentation to Dolores (Dee) Davis. Mayor Duncan presented a plaque to Mrs. Davis and thanked her for her 32+ years of service with the City of Sulphur in the Judicial sector.

The next item on the agenda is a Presentation of Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Kevin Alley, Director of Finance gave a brief presentation of Audit (see attached).

The next item on the agenda is a resolution accepting Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Allison that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2923, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby accept audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution authorizing Kevin Alley, Director of Finance, to sign on behalf of the City of Sulphur to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2924, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing Kevin Alley, Director of Finance, to sign on behalf of the City of Sulphur to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage from the Automobile policy and authorize Kevin Alley to sign on behalf of the City of Sulphur to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage from the Automobile policy.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor licenses for 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mrs. Allison that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2925, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor licenses for 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve the below liquor licenses for 2016:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Class</u>
A & B Tobacco	B
American Legion Post 179	A
Bebop's Ice House	A
Brookshire Brothers #47	B
Casa Manana TU	A
Casa Ole #48	A
Cash Magic Winner's Choice	A
Cash Magic Winner's Choice-CS	B
Chili's Grill and Bar	A
Circle A	B
Circle K #8337	B
Circle K #8339	B
Circle K #8340	B
Circle K #8342	B
Coconuts Bar and Grill	A
CVS/Pharmacy #5612	B
Delta Food Mart #4	B
E-Z Mart #694	B
Fifth Wheel Conoco	B
First Stop #1	B
Food Mart	B
Holiday Inn	A
Hollier's Cajun Diner	A
Hollier's Cajun Kitchen	A
Jackpot Junction Casino	A
Joe's Pizza and Pasta	A
Kaw-Liga's WDN Indian Club	A
Kroger #747	B
Kroger Kwik Shop #747	B
La Rumba	A
LeBleu's Landing	A
Mae Mae's #295	B
Maplewood Discount	B
Market Basket #41	B
Misse's Grocery	B

Mission Fuel	B
More 4 Less #25	B
Mr Gatti's Pizza	A
Pitt Grill	A
Quaker Steak and Lube	A
Quick Stop	B
Quick Stuff	B
Richard's Boudin & Seafood Mart	A
Rite Aid #7311	B
Royal Palace	A
Shop Rite #69	B
Smoker's Paradise	B
Sulphur Truckstop & Casino	A
Sulphur Truckstop-C Store	B
Sulphur VFW Post 8107	A
Sundown Super Saver	B
The Boiling Point	A
The Sausage Link	A
Tobacco Plus, Inc #1	B
Wal-Mart Supercenter #331	B
Walgreens #10509	B
Walgreens #2920	B
West Cal Arena	A
West Cal Arena & Events Center	A
X-Prez Tobacco	B

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above liquor licenses be approved contingent upon all documentation being received by January 25, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a presentation by Kaitlyn Gallegos on complaint/positive feedback system. Miss Gallegos stated that on the Action Center on City's website citizens can

enter complaints and also give positive feedback. There are several complaints/request that are available: (1) garbage complaints (2) ordinance violation (3) anonymous crime tips (4) water, sewer, drainage issues (5) report lost/found animals (6) inspections request (7) fire prevention education (8) information in city services (9) misc. concerns (10) positive feedback. Once information is entered in system the complaint can be tracked by the tracking number that is issued.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1114, M-C Series, adopted April 8, 2013, which authorized the lease of property of the City of Sulphur to Tag Ford Properties, LLC. Motion was made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1365, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1114, M-C SERIES, ADOPTED
APRIL 8, 2013, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE LEASE OF PROPERTY OF THE CITY
OF SULPHUR TO TAG FORD PROPERTIES, LLC.

WHEREAS, upon research of ownership of said property, it was determined that Holy Trinity Episcopal Church owned said property rather than the City of Sulphur.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby repeal Ordinance No. 1114, M-C Series, adopted April 8, 2013, which authorized the lease of property of the City of Sulphur to Tag Ford Properties, LLC.

This ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting an Exception to Sealy-Ratcliff Swisco Road, LLC, property located between I-10 and Swisco Road, west of Republic Waste Services, to allow for workforce housing. *(For complete discussion, log onto www.sulphur.org and visit City Council site)*. Gregg Thompson, owner, gave presentation on the attached handout. After approximately 6 neighborhood residents spoke against the workforce housing, the Chairman asked for a motion. With no motion from Council, the following ordinance died:

ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO SEALY-RATCLIFF SWISCO ROAD, LLC, PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN I-10 AND SWISCO ROAD, WEST OF REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES, TO ALLOW FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING.

And the above ordinance failed on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing the City of Sulphur to implement a supplemental pay schedule per R.S. 40:1667.1A (3) for the first year salary on newly hired police officers who would otherwise be eligible for State supplemental pay except that they have not completed one year of service. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Favre to remove this item from the table. Motion carried. *(For complete discussion, log onto www.sulphur.org and visit City Council site)*. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the following amendment be made:

- Amend \$300.00 to \$250.00 per month

Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1366, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO IMPLEMENT A SUPPLEMENTAL PAY SCHEDULE PER R.S. 40:1667.1 A(3) FOR THE FIRST YEAR SALARY OF NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICERS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY EXCEPT THAT THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF SERVICE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that in accordance with LA. R.S. 40:1667.1 A(3) does hereby authorize the City of Sulphur to implement a supplemental pay schedule for the first year salary of newly hired police officers who would otherwise be eligible for State Supplemental Pay except that they have not completed one year of service; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that supplemental payments shall be in the amount of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month shall, be payable on a monthly basis due no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the subsequent month, and shall be for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) months; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that total City supplemental payments shall not exceed Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per officer; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that the City supplemental payments shall terminate when the Police Officer begins to receive State Supplemental Pay or after twelve (12) months, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is authorized to prepare a Disclosure and Acknowledgment Form per R.S. 40:1667.1 A(3) to be signed by Police Officers at the time they are hired; and

BE IT ALSO 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. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1315, M-C Series, adopted July 13, 2015, which annexed 88 acres north of Hwy. 90 and west of Prater Road to correct the property description. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Ms. Allison that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1367, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1315, M-C SERIES, ADOPTED JULY 13, 2015, WHICH ANNEXED 88 ACRES NORTH OF HWY. 90 AND WEST OF PRATER STREET FOR KNI, LLC TO CORRECT THE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.

WHEREAS, in said annexation Ordinance No. 1315, M-C Series that was adopted by the City Council on July 13, 2015 the incorrect property description was erroneously inserted.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby amend Ordinance No. 1315, M-C Series, adopted July 13, 2015 which annexed 88 acres north of Hwy. 90 and west of Prater Street for KNI, LLC to correct the property description to read as follows:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING 87.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29 AND 32, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼ OF THE SW ¼) OF SECTION 29; AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW ¼ OF THE NW ¼) OF SECTION 32, AND THAT CERTAIN STRIP OF LAND DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼ OF THE NW ¼) OF SECTION 32; THENCE

PROCEED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 1,721.21 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (S ½ OF THE NW ¼); THENCE SOUTH 0°01'22" EAST, 191.53 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE WEST 1,721.24 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 32; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 32, 184.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL BEING LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY PWK TIMBERLAND, LLC (THEN KNOWN AS KING II, NUCO #2, INC.) BY CONVEYANCE DEED RECORDED AT FILE NO. 2264702 (AS CORRECTED AT FILE NO. 2271149) AND BY EXCHANGE DEED RECORDED AT FILE NO. 2264726 (AS CORRECTED AT FILE NO. 2271148).

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. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting an Exception to Central Testing, Co., Inc., 146 Cities Service Hwy., to allow for parking lot to be aggregate rather than required concrete or asphalt. Danny Dupre, Fire Chief, stated that they will still have to follow Storm Water ordinance and any issues that carry onto the street. They will have to comply with those rules. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Favre that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO CENTRAL TESTING, CO.,
INC. 146 CITIES SERVICE HWY., TO ALLOW FOR EXTENDED PARKING
LOT TO BE AGGREGATE RATHER THAN REQUIRED CONCRETE OR
ASPHALT.

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana,
for an Exception is owned by Central Testing, Co., Inc., to-wit:

LOTS 14 AND 15 OF BLOCK 1 OF HOLLYWOOD SUB.

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will include the extension of an aggregate
parking lot rather than the required concrete or asphalt in accordance with Article IV, Part II,
Section 7 (4) (c) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana.

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 an Exception
to Central Testing, Co., Inc., for the following described property to wit:

LOTS 14 AND 15 OF BLOCK 1 OF HOLLYWOOD SUB.

This Exception is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of
Sulphur should said Exception 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 Exception, 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 Exception 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 ordinance 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. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance failed on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Calvin Vallette, Alex Seay, VJ & VA Trahan Family Trust, from Business/Residential to Commercial, for 2729 Ruth Street, and two parcels west of 310 Patton Street to allow for proposed hotel. Joe Ellender, representing property owners, stated that a hotel is interested in locating here. Motion was made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1368, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONE FROM BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL TO CALVIN VALLETTE, ALEX SEAY, VJ & VA TRAHAN FAMILY TRUST, FOR 2729 RUTH STREET, AND TWO PARCELS WEST OF 310 PATTON STREET TO ALLOW FOR PROPOSED HOTEL.

WHEREAS, Calvin Vallette, Alex Seay, VJ & VA Trahan Family Trust submitted application for a rezone from Business/Residential to Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Commission granted said rezone on Monday, December 21, 2015.

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 Rezone to Calvin Vallette, Alex Seay, VJ & VA Trahan Family Trust, from Business/Residential to Commercial for the following described property to wit:

BEG 50 FT E OF NW COR NE 10.10.10, S ALG BDY LINE OF PAVED
SUL-CARLYSS RD TO A PT 416 FT N OF R/W OF RD RUN E AND W

FOR BEG, TH E 600 FT, N 200 FT ETC @101010-1755-1 0004 0000
@101010-1755-1 0005 0000 LOTS 4, 5 BLK 1 SOUTH ACRES REF1-
ARVEL J TRAHAN JR ET AL B 1734 P 308-83 REF2-B 1843 P 709-84
REF3-ASSESSED WD 4-85

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following stipulation shall be placed on said property:

A 6 foot tall privacy fence of wood or brick shall be located on all boundaries that abut Residential and Mixed Residential District.

This Rezone is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said Rezone 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 Rezone, 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 Rezone 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 Rezone 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. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance declaring certain movable items and providing for Mayor Christopher L. Duncan to dispose of said movable property (IT equipment and vehicles). Motion was made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that the following ordinance be introduced:

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN SURPLUS MOVABLE
PROPERTY (IT EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES) OF THE CITY OF
SULPHUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL THEREOF.**

Motion was then made by Mr. Favre 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:

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN SURPLUS MOVABLE
PROPERTY (IT EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES) OF THE CITY OF
SULPHUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL THEREOF.**

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8^h day of February, 2016, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid received for Loretto-LaSalette Alleyway Water Main Replacement Project. Motion was made by Ms. Allison seconded by Mr. Moss that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2925, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for Loretto-LaSalette Alleyway Water Main Replacement Project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for Loretto-LaSalette Alleyway Water Main Replacement Project were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Thursday, January 7, 2016, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
MPB Construction, LLC	\$ 87,643.00
Blake D. Hines, Inc.	\$107,725.00
EB Feucht	\$147,880.00
BDS Constructors, LLC	\$187,240.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Christopher L. Duncan and award the bid for Loretto-LaSalette Alleyway Water Main Replacement Project as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
MPB Construction, LLC	\$87,643.00

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Christopher L. Duncan is authorized to sign all paperwork in connection therewith.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution requesting La DOTD to go forth with completing the 4-laning of Hwy. 27 between Sulphur and DeQuincy. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Favre that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2926, M-C SERIES

Resolution requesting LA DOTD to go forth with completing the 4-laning of Hwy. 27 between Sulphur and DeQuincy.

WHEREAS, there has been an unprecedented growth in our area in the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, as of 2013, the traffic flow on Hwy. 27 South, between Sulphur and DeQuincy, was between 7,000 and 13,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sulphur has determined that the best interests of the City and the public would be served by completing the four lane highway between Sulphur and DeQuincy; and

WHEREAS, with the Sasol expansion, as well as other expansions in our area, the traffic on Hwy. 27 between Sulphur and DeQuincy has increased tremendously; and

WHEREAS, the section of two lane highway from Sulphur to DeQuincy has been the site of 428 traffic accidents, with 8 fatalities reported, from 2010 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Hwy. 27 is a designated Hurricane Evacuation Route.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sulphur, the governing authority thereof, does hereby formally request that the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, go forth with completing the 4-laning of the remaining 13 miles of Hwy. 27 between Sulphur and DeQuincy and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our area legislators.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is Rule to Show Cause for the condition of the following address:

- a. To condemn building or structure located at 120 Canal Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Motion was made by Mr. Favre seconded by Mr. Moss that the above address be condemned. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution setting meeting dates for the Sulphur City Council, Land Use Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment for 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Moss seconded by Mr. Favre that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2927, M-C SERIES

Resolution setting meeting dates for the Sulphur City Council, Land Use Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment for 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby set the following meeting dates for the Sulphur City Council, Land Use Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment for 2016 as follows:

City Council

Land Use

Board of Zoning Adjust.

Monday, January 11
Monday, February 8
Monday, March 14
Monday, April 11
Monday, May 9
Monday, June 13
Monday, July 11
Monday, August 8
Monday, September 12
Tuesday, October 11

Tuesday, January 19
Tuesday, February 16
Monday, March 21
Monday, April 18
Monday, May 16
Monday, June 20
Monday, July 18
Monday, August 15
Monday, September 19
Monday, October 17

If there are items on the
BZA agenda these meetings
will be held immediately
following the Land Use mtgs.

Monday, November 14
Monday, December 12

Monday, November 21
Monday, December 19

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Allison, Mr. Favre, Mr. Moss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a discussion concerning Blackboard system and the use of it. Mr. Moss stated that he spoke with other Councilmen and they are getting questions from citizens asking what exactly is Blackboard supposed to be used for. Blackboard was originally purchased for emergency situations only. He also stated that when people see City of Sulphur calling they just swipe it and don't even listen to it. All Councilmen agreed that that's what they are afraid is going to happen when there's a real emergency; they will just swipe their phone and not listen to it. Mrs. Ellender stated that she's received many comments from citizens on the same thing. We need to utilize Blackboard so it's not a burden. Mr. Favre stated that there's other technology out there (twitter, facebook, etc.) to notify citizens of non-emergency issues. He also stated that too much of something is not always a good thing. Mrs. Ellender also stated that when recording the message, the message needs to be identified as "the City of Sulphur", not a certain person's name. Ms. Allison agreed with Mrs. Ellender as far as identifying as City of Sulphur. Citizens only need to get emergency calls.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

1/11/16
7:37 P.M.