

August 9, 2021

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 August 9, 2021, 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
MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4
MANDY THOMAS, 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 Mrs. Thomas.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Ellender that item #5A be added to the agenda:

5A. Nancy Tower to give presentation on Business Recovery Report.
I-13-21 (Mayor Danahay)

Mrs. Abshire then stated that this item was being added to the agenda since the agenda was already published at the time this information was received.

There weren't any comments from the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the agenda stand as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a presentation by Tarek Polite, Director of Human Services for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, to speak of various services they provide. Mr. Polite and his co-workers addressed the Council and spoke about the various programs offered in the Sulphur area from rental assistance to public transportation.

The next item on the agenda is an announcement by Jeremy Stine, candidate for Senate District 27. Mr. Stine addressed the Council and stated that the special election will be held October 9th and he then gave a brief presentation on his background in politics. He stated that his family motto is also Faith, Family, Community. He asked for everyone's support.

The next item on the agenda is Appreciation to Calcasieu Cameron Fair Association for allowing Crowder Gulf to set their staging area on their property for the removal and disposal of vegetative debris for Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Mayor Danahay stated that immediately after Hurricane Laura, Calcasieu Cameron Fair Association offered their property free of charge to allow for a company to do all the wood chipping from the debris. He thanked the Association for coming forward to allow this much needed location. Chuck Kinney, Association member, stated that the dates for the Cal Cam Fair will be October 7-10, 2021.

The next item on the agenda is a Presentation by Sulphur High School Twisters to the Sulphur Armed Forces Committee. SHS Twisters representative presented the Sulphur Armed Forces Committee with a \$5,000 check. In May the Twisters had a fundraiser for them to go to Nationals and they wanted to give a donation to the Sulphur Armed Forces Committee in appreciation for all they've done.

The next item on the agenda is Gerrit Lawrence, Sulphur Armed Forces Commission, to give briefing. Mr. Lawrence addressed the Council and stated that they have so many projects that they want to do but they'll only take two at a time and concentrate on them. Once those two are complete, we'll move on to the next two. He also stated that if any veteran needs any help with anything, all they need to do is get in touch with any Commissioner.

The next item on the agenda is Nancy Tower to give a presentation on Business Recovery Report. Mrs. Tower addressed the Council and stated that they help small businesses/individuals that have been affected by COVID or any disaster. They help in a comprehensive way. Three main ways they help:

1. Select an existing organization to collaborate with on ways to address an identified need.
2. Provide professional services to meet the needs. Business coaching, consulting, training and support groups are some direct services that we provide.
3. Recognize a recovery gap and look for ways to fill it.

Mrs. Tower also stated that rather than a business/individual going to many different entities/websites gathering information from here and there, you can just call them, and they'll help you with all your paperwork at one location. They'll evaluate your needs and give you the help with needed services.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a variance to Frances Simon, 405 Emile Street, to allow for a mobile home to be 560 sq. ft. rather than the required 600 sq. ft. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1736, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO FRANCES SIMON, 405 EMILE STREET, TO ALLOW FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE 560 SQUARE FEET RATHER THAN THE REQUIRED 600 SQUARE FEET.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 14, Section 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur, each mobile/manufactured home shall be a minimum size of six hundred (600) square feet; and

WHEREAS, applicant is requesting a variance to allow for the mobile/manufactured home to be 560 square feet rather than the required 600 square feet; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall be in effect as long as Frances Simon is the occupant of the mobile home; and

WHEREAS, the following described property located in the City of Sulphur, State of Louisiana, is owned by Frances Simon, 405 Emile Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663, to-wit:

LOT 8 COURTNEY PLACE SUB, LESS NORTH 5 FEET

WHEREAS, improvements on the property will include a mobile/manufactured home to be 560 square feet rather than the required 600 square feet.

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

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur is hereby amended to grant a variance to Frances Simon, 405 Emile Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, for the following described property to-wit:

LOT 8 COURTNEY PLACE SUB, LESS NORTH 5 FEET

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.

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, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Danahay to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for funding assistance for the City for debris removal activities created by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1737, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL ACTIVITIES CREATED BY HURRICANES LAURA AND DELTA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for funding assistance for the City for debris removal activities created by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the Mayor's approval, or upon proper re-adoption by the Council pursuant to Section 2-13(C) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement previously adopted on March 15, 2011, between the City of Sulphur and Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the I-10 North Frontage Road. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Koonce that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 15, 2011, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SULPHUR
AND CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR THE I-10 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender 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 THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 15, 2011, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SULPHUR
AND CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR THE I-10 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 13th day of September, 2021, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance declaring certain surplus movable property of the City of Sulphur and providing for the disposal thereof. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL THEREOF.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy 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:

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CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid for Sulphur Wastewater Treatment Facility Hurricane Laura Damage Repairs - DR4559-LA FEMA Cat E - Equipment; Procurement of New Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Decanter Assembly Equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3400, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid for Sulphur Wastewater Treatment Facility Hurricane Laura Damage Repairs - DR4559-LA FEMA Cat E - Equipment; Procurement of New Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Decanter Assembly Equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for Sulphur Wastewater Treatment Facility Hurricane Laura Damage Repairs - DR4559-LA FEMA Cat E - Equipment; Procurement of New Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Decanter Assembly Equipment were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and bids were as follows:

Company

Base Bid Amount

Aqua-Aerobics Systems, Inc.

\$1,205,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay and award the bid for Sulphur Wastewater Treatment Facility Hurricane Laura Damage Repairs - DR4559-LA FEMA Cat E - Equipment; Procurement of New Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Decanter Assembly Equipment as follows:

Company

Base Bid Amount

Aqua-Aerobics Systems, Inc.

\$1,205,000.00

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Mike Danahay is authorized to sign all paperwork in connection therewith.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Chargepoint LLC, located at 444 West Burton Street. After much discussion, motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3401, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Chargepoint LLC located at 444 West Burton Street.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve liquor license for Chargepoint LLC located at 444 West Burton Street.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a discussion concerning junked items behind fences. Mr. Koonce stated that he's not for junk to be hidden behind a fence but if they do have junk, he thinks they should be required to have at least a 6-8 foot fence that is compatible to the neighborhood and is in good shape. He asked the Council to look at the ordinance to see how'd they like to change it.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

8/9/21
7:25 P.M.