
April 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its temporary location located at 1551 East Napoleon Street in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on April 10, 2023, 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
NICK NEZAT, Council Representative of District 2
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4

ABSENT - MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3
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 Mr. Nezat, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Abshire.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that items 7, 8, 9, and 12 be removed from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the agenda stand as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a Proclamation presented to Sulphur High School Soccer Team. Mayor Danahay presented proclamations to each of the team members and congratulated them for winning LHSAA Division 1 State Semi-Finalist for the first time in school history, a State Playoff Ranking of 5, the highest ranking in school history, as well as Back-to-Back District Champion Titles for the first time in school history during the 2022-2023 season. Mayor Danahay and City Council commented them on their winning season.

The next item on the agenda is a Proclamation to Paula Taylor, Sulphur Christian Community Coalition.
(This proclamation was presented later in the meeting).

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to Kenneth Smith, 1284 South Post Oak Road, to allow for living in an RV due to hurricane Laura. Mayor Danahay stated that most of Mr. Smith's property is now in a floodway and his damaged mobile home from hurricane can't be placed back on the property. Mayor Danahay asked that the Council consider letting Mr. Smith continue to live in his RV as long as Mr. Smith occupies it. Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following amendment be made:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Kenneth Smith, 1284 South Post Oak Road, to allow for living in an RV due to Hurricane Laura and variance shall expire and RV shall be removed at any time Kenneth Smith no longer resides in the RV.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3520, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO KENNETH SMITH, 1284 SOUTH POST OAK ROAD, TO ALLOW FOR LIVING IN AN RV DUE TO HURRICANE LAURA.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (1) (a) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, an RV is not considered a single family detached dwelling; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Kenneth Smith, 1284 South Post Oak Road, to allow for living in an RV due to Hurricane Laura and variance shall expire and RV shall be removed at any time Kenneth Smith no longer resides in the RV for the following described property:

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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.

Upon approval of this variance 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 RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Kenneth Smith, 1284 South Post Oak Road, to allow for living in an RV due to Hurricane Laura with the above stipulations.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution proposing revised and restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur. Mayor Danahay thanked the Council for reviewing the Charter and recognizing it needed to be changed. The Council appointed Home Rule Charter Commissioners and they couldn't have been more qualified. It's been 39 years since it's adoption and it needs to be changed. Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, then stated that Council shouldn't be able to give themselves raises. She then read aloud what other cities pay their Councilmen. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3521, M-C SERIES

Resolution calling an election concerning a proposed revised and restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the City Council as governing authority of the City of Sulphur acting pursuant to Section 7-06(E) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur and La. R.S. 33:1395-1 did adopt Ordinance No. 1811, M-C Series duly appointing seven citizens to serve as the Home Rule Charter Commission to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the citizen members of the Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Sulphur have met over the past four months to discuss how to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, received comment from interested members of the public, and held a public hearing on the final proposal that was previously published for review;

WHEREAS, the citizen Home Rule Charter Commission unanimously recommended the attached proposal for a Revised and Restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council as governing authority of the City of Sulphur that it does hereby formally call an election to propose for the voters the ratification of the attached revised and restated Home Rule Charter on October 14, 2023, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 5 of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, and La. R.S. 33:1395.2 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, on **Saturday, the 14th of October, 2023**, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of 1181 of Title 18 and of Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and that at said special election there be submitted to all qualified electors of the City entitled and qualified to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following propositions:

REVISED HOME RULE CHARTER

Shall the revised and restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur, prepared and submitted by the duly constituted citizen Charter Commission according to Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law, be adopted?

SECTION 2. The polling places set forth in the Notice of Special Election in Section 4 hereof, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold such election, subject to any changes which may be required by law.

SECTION 3. Officers designated or such substitutes as may be selected, designated and sworn in compliance with Sections 1286 through 1289 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold said election substantial in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except that the election is called shall be conducted, canvassed, and promulgated, and notice thereof give in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Said election officers shall make due returns of said election at a regular meeting of the City Council to be held at its regular meeting place, the Sulphur City Hall, 101 N. Huntington, Sulphur, Louisiana, on Monday, the 13th day of November, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., at which time said City Council, will, then and there, in open and public session, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said special election. The compensation of election officials be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum as specified in Sections 424 and 425 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Assessed valuations shall not be voted in this election, and all qualified electors of the City are entitled to vote therein. Voting machines shall be used in this election, and voters shall not be required to sign a ballot of vote assessed valuation of property. The permanent registration law of the State of Louisiana being in force in Calcasieu Parish, said election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions thereof.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of the Council is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to publish the entire proposed amended and restated charter in the official journal of the City on or before April 25, 2023, as required by La. R.S. 33:1395.1, and is also empowered, authorized, and directed to publish entirely separate and apart from any publication which may be made of this resolution, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication not less than forty-five days nor more than ninety days before the date of the election a

Notice of Election substantially in the following form (subject to technical corrections by the Clerk including to update polling locations):

**NOTICE TO VOTERS OF
HOME RULE CHARTER ELECTION**

To the qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 10th day of April, 2023, the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, ordered that a special election be held in Sulphur, Louisiana, on Saturday, the **14th day of October, 2024**, for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, the following proposition proposed by a duly qualified citizen Home Rule Charter Commission:

REVISED HOME RULE CHARTER

Shall the revised and restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur, prepared and submitted by the duly constituted citizen Charter Commission according to Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law, be adopted?

Said election will be held at all polling places which are situated within the corporate boundaries of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. All registered voters in each of the following precincts shall be eligible to vote on the proposition:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
401	Calcasieu Parish Health Unit, Sulphur Branch, 201 Edgar Street, Sulphur
402	Frasch Park Recreation Center, 400 Picard Road, Sulphur
403	Frasch Elementary School, 540 South Huntington, Sulphur
407	R. W. Vincent Elementary School, 1634 Beglis Parkway, Sulphur
408	T. D. McMurry Park Gymnasium, 300 South Hazel Street, Maplewood

ONLY THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSITION:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>
400 (Part)	D.S. Perkins Elementary School, 565 North Crocker Street, Sulphur
404 (Part)	R.W. Vincent Elementary School, 1634 Beglis Parkway, Sulphur
405 (Part)	Maplewood Elementary School, 4401 Maplewood Drive, Sulphur
406 (Part)	W.T. Henning Elementary School, 774 Henning Drive, Sulphur
461 (Part)	Rec Dist. 1 Multi-Purpose Complex, 1221 Sampson Street, Westlake

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- 465 (Part) Frasch Park Recreation Center, 400 Picard Road, Sulphur
- 466E (Part) Cypress Cove Elementary School, 700 Currie Drive, Carlyss (Formerly
located at Carlyss Fire Station, 5151 Volunteer Road, Carlyss)
- 467 (Part) Cypress Cove Elementary School, 700 Currie Drive, Carlyss (Formerly
located at Carlyss Fire Station, 5151 Volunteer Road, Carlyss)

The polls will open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and shall remain open until not later than eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. The said special election will be held substantially in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except that the election is called and shall be conducted, canvassed, and promulgated, and notice thereof given in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The officials appointed to hold the election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected, designated and sworn in compliance with Sections 1286 through 1289 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, will make due returns thereof to the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. Voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. All qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, will be entitled to vote.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 13th day of November, 2013, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the City Council will meet in open and public session at the regular meeting place of the City Council, Sulphur City Hall, 101 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, and will, then and there, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Sulphur, Louisiana, by authority of a Resolution adopted by the City Council on the 10th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Dru Ellender, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Arlene Blanchard
ARLENE BLANCHARD
Clerk of the Council

SECTION 5. The Clerk of the Council be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for furnishing said election officers, in ample time for holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other election paraphernalia essential to the property holding of said election.

SECTION 6. Application is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for consent, approval and authority to hold the aforesaid election in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. The Clerk of the Council, is empowered, authorized and requested to forward to the State Bond Commission, a certified copy of this resolution which shall constitute a formal application to said Commission as herein provided.

SECTION 8. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Calcasieu, and the Registrar of Voters, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as authorized and required by law.

SECTION 10. All resolutions, ordinances, or orders in conflict herewith, be, to the extent of such conflict, and they are hereby repealed.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

**At this time Council went back to item #2 and presented Paula Taylor with her proclamation. Mrs. Ellender then read the proclamation and stated that she served on a committee with Mrs. Taylor for many years, and everything that's stated in the proclamation is true. Mrs. Taylor volunteers a lot of time to her community.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to Paula Louvier, 436 Sands Point, to allow for living in an RV due to hurricane Laura. Mrs. Louvier stated that she did get her permits and it was inspected by Jerry Jones. She needs a little longer to complete her repairs. Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3522, M-C SERIES

RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO PAULA LOUVIER, 436 SANDS POINT, TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY LIVING IN AN RV DUE TO HURRICANE LAURA.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (1) (a) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, an RV is not considered a single family detached dwelling; and

WHEREAS, said variance shall be contingent upon obtaining proper permits and inspections; expires after 3 months.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Paula Louvier, 436 Sands Point, to allow for temporary living in an RV while home is being repaired due to Hurricane Laura for the following described property:

PORTION OF LOTS 96 AND 98 SUMMERWOOD SUB DESC AS – COM ON N/L SANDS POINT 21.24 FT E OF SW COR LOT 96, TH NELY 102.49 FT TO N/L SAID LOT AT PT 40 FT E OF NW COR SAID LOT, TH E 90.06 FT TO NE COR SAID LOT, SELY 24.01 FT ALONG E/L LOT 98, SWLY 127.51 FT TO NLY/LING SANDS POINT BEING 30.70 FT NWLY OF SW COR LOT 98, WLY 24.64 FT ALONG SLY/LINE LOTS 98 AND 96 TO COM

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.

Upon approval of this variance 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 RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Paula Louvier, 436 Sands Point, to allow for temporary living in an RV while home is being repaired due to Hurricane Laura with the above stipulation.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

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

- a. To condemn building or structure located at 1119 Alvin Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be condemned.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. To condemn building or structure located at 427, 427 ½, and 435 North Crocker Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be condemned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1733, M-C Series, to increase certain fees for demolition, electrical, fire, gas, housing moving, mechanical, mobile home, plumbing, portable building, grading, plan reviews for residential and commercial, generator installation, change contractor, culvert inspection, and site visits outside city limits. Mrs. Thorn stated that this was directed from the State back in January. It has to do with the costs of the environmental laws. The last time these fees were changed was back in 2014. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1844, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1733, M-C SERIES, TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES FOR DEMOLITION, ELECTRICAL, FIRE, GAS, HOUSE MOVING, MECHANICAL, MOBILE HOME, PLUMBING, PORTABLE BUILDING, GRADING, PLAN REVIEWS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, GENERATOR INSTALLATION, CHANGE CONTRACTOR, CULVERT INSPECTION, AND SITE VISITS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby amend Ordinance No. 1711, M-C Series, to increase certain fees for demolition, electrical, fire, gas, housing moving, mechanical, mobile home, plumbing, portable building, grading, plan reviews for residential and commercial, generator installation, change contractor, culvert inspection, and site visits outside city limits to read as follows:

Cost Schedule

0 - 300	\$0
301 – 1000	\$15.00
1001 – 2000	\$20.00
2001 – 3000	\$25.00
3001 – 5000	\$30.00
5001 – 10,000	\$35.00
10,001 – 25,000	\$50.00
25,001 – 26,000	\$100.00
26,001 – 150,000	\$101.25 – \$255.00
150,001 – 500,000	\$327.50 - \$1200.00
500,001 – UP	\$1201.50 - Up

In addition to permit fees, inspection fees for each craft on new or renovated commercial establishments will be as follows:

26,001 – 150,000	\$100.00
150,001 – 500,000	\$200.00
500,001 – UP	\$300.00

The following projects are “cost of job” permits (see cost schedule) - Signs, paved parking, swimming pools, re-roofs, fences, gasoline tanks, remodeling, repairs and/or alterations

Demolition Permit

\$40.00	Demo-Commercial
\$25.00	Demo-Residential

Electrical Permit

\$25.00	Electrical Permit
\$25.00	Electrical-Pole Service
\$4.00	Electrical-Breaker Double Pole
\$8.00	Electrical-Breaker Quad Pole
\$2.00	Electrical-Breaker Single Pole
\$6.00	Electrical-Breaker Triple Pole
\$4.00	Electrical-Breaker Main
\$6.00	Electrical-Breaker Main 3 Phase

Fire Permit

\$85.00	Fire-Construction
\$85.00	Fire-Operation

Gas Permit

\$25.00	Gas Permit
\$1.00	Gas-Outlet
\$25.00	Gas-Pressure Test

House Moving Permit

\$105.00	House Moving
\$55.00	Site visit to determine approval of structure up to 30 mile radius

Mechanical Permit

\$25.00	Mechanical Inspect
\$16.00	Mechanical Permit-1 st Ton
\$4.00	Mechanical-Per Add'l ton

Mobile Home Permit

\$85.00	Mobile Home-DBL Wide Permit
\$45.00	Mobile Home-SGL Wide Permit
\$55.00	Site visit to determine approval of structure up to 30 mile radius

Plumbing Permit

\$25.00	Plumbing-Change sewer line
\$25.00	Plumbing Permit
\$5.00	Plumbing-A/C
\$5.00	Plumbing-Bathtub
\$5.00	Plumbing-Dishwasher
\$5.00	Plumbing-Disposal
\$5.00	Plumbing-Drink Fountain
\$5.00	Plumbing-Grease Trap
\$5.00	Plumbing-Hose Bib
\$25.00	Plumbing-Inspection Fee
\$5.00	Plumbing-Lavatories
\$5.00	Plumbing-Refrigeration
\$5.00	Plumbing-Sewer
\$5.00	Plumbing-Shower/Floor Drain
\$5.00	Plumbing-Sink
\$5.00	Plumbing-Urinal
\$5.00	Plumbing-Washing Machine
\$5.00	Plumbing-Water Closet
\$5.00	Plumbing-Water Heater
\$5.00	Plumbing-Water Line
\$35.00	Plumbing- Commercial Back-Flow
\$75.00	Plumbing-Outside City Sewer Connection
\$40.00	Plumbing-Outside City Sewer Inspection

Portable Building Permit

\$45.00	Portable Bldg-over 12' Wide
\$20.00	Portable Bldg-under 12' Wide

Grading

\$60.00	Grading Permit
\$20.00	Portable Bldg-under 12'Wide

Demolition Bond (Cashier's Check or Money Order)

\$1000.00	Demolition Bond-Commercial
.10	Demolition Bond-Commercial Sq Ft
\$500.00	Demolition Bond-Residential

Borrow Pit and Pond

\$50.00-\$500.00	Depending on complexity of review
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Other Fees

\$25.00	Re-inspection fee
\$55.00	Plan Review fee-Residential
\$70.00	Plan Review fee-Commercial
Double permit fee	"No Permit"

\$50.00	Generator Installation
Cost of Job + pre-construction inspection fee + final inspection fee (plan review fee if required)	Solar Panel
\$60.00	Change Contractor
\$60.00	Culvert Inspection Fee
\$60.00 (30 mile radius)	Any site visit required outside of city limits

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the Summer Feeding Program. Motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1845, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Mike Danahay to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for Summer Feeding Program.

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. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance adopting the annual budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, for the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE
CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.**

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE
CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.**

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth water fees charged by the City of Sulphur. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH WATER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY
OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire 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 “American Press”, 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 SETTING FORTH WATER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY
OF SULPHUR.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth sewer fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH SEWER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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 SETTING FORTH SEWER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth garbage/trash collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH GARBAGE/TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire 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 “American Press”, 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 SETTING FORTH GARBAGE/TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1393, M-C Series, setting forth tie-in fees for water and sewer. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1393, M-C SERIES, SETTING FORTH TIE-IN FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1393, M-C SERIES, SETTING FORTH TIE-IN FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1611, M-C Series, which established a program to assist low-income households in the payment of water, sewer, and garbage-trash collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1611, M-C SERIES, WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PAYMENT OF WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE-TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a introduction of ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1218, M-C Series which set forth a Capital Recovery fee charged by the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1218, M-C SERIES WHICH SET FORTH A CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire 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 “American Press”, 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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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending Resolution No. 2102, M-C Series, which authorized the Mayor to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for Wastewater Treatment Services for Mossville area (Sewerage District No. 8). Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2102, M-C SERIES, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR MOSSVILLE AREA (SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 8).

Motion was then made by Mr. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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

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ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2102, M-C SERIES, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR MOSSVILLE AREA (SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 8).

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance granting a right-of-way and authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to execute right of way with Entergy Louisiana, LLC, for property located on Invader Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE GRANTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO EXECUTE RIGHT OF WAY WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON INVADER STREET.

Motion was then made by Mr. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting the millage rates for tax year 2023 for General Alimony, Street Maintenance, and Fire Maintenance. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2023 FOR GENERAL ALIMONY, STREET MAINTENANCE, AND FIRE MAINTENANCE.

Motion was then made by Mr. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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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ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2023 FOR GENERAL ALIMONY, STREET MAINTENANCE, AND FIRE MAINTENANCE.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

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 (Shop parts). Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

Motion was then made by Mr. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat 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 “American Press”, 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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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2023, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid received for North Water Treatment Improvement Program – Removal and Replacement of Pressure Filters. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3523, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid for North Water Treatment Improvement Program – Removal and Replacement of Pressure Filters.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for North Water Treatment Improvement Program – Removal and Replacement of Pressure Filters were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. and bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
The Lemoine Company, LLC	\$3,473,620.00
Wharton-Smith, Inc.	\$5,197,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay and award the bid for North Water Treatment Improvement Program – Removal and Replacement of Pressure Filters as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
The Lemoine Company, LLC	\$3,473,620.00 (<i>contingent upon the 10 Day Forms and upon approval and authorization by the Louisiana Water Sector Commission</i>)

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. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

The next item on the agenda is Public to Address Council. Sheila Broussard addressed the Council and stated that her videos can be found on her Facebook page at Concerned Citizens for Sulphur. If you click on the group site, you can make comments.

Mayor Danahay stated that he wanted to thank the Home Rule Charter Commission again. They did an excellent job and it's hard to find people to come forth and help their community and put in the hours that they've put in. They did a great job.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Vice-Chairman

4/10/23
6:40 P.M.