
December 11, 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 December 11, 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
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 Mr. Nezat.

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 Mr. Nezat that the minutes stand as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that #17 be amended to read as follows:

Resolution appointing a member to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that item #23A be added:

- Executive Session for pending litigation for Marburger vs City of Sulphur.

There was no one that commented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a presentation of Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and Resolution accepting same. Steve DeRouen, CPA, gave a presentation and stated that the city didn't have any findings.

The next item on the agenda is a presentation to Scott and Tina Jacobs. Mrs. Ellender presented them a certificate and thanked them for all their hard work on the Pecan Street lighting.

The next item on the agenda is a presentation to Nieda Kaye Loup. Mrs. Abshire presented Mrs. Loup with a certificate for outstanding contribution as a volunteer for the Henning House and Christmas Under the Oaks Festival.

The next item on the agenda is to Appeal an administrative decision for a neighborhood commercial use for Cynthia Robertson located at 618 West Verdine Steet. Barrett Ristroph, Attorney for Mrs. Robertson, stated that people were unhoused after Hurricane Laura. Mrs. Robertson has encountered many obstacles from the city. Administration has been very vague and their definition of immediate neighborhood is vague. Pochie Town is considered her immediate neighborhood. People come on bikes as well as walk. The city even changed a zoning law after Mrs. Robertson met with them. This is arbitrary. She couldn't even get a reasonable explanation why SC3 could operate and she couldn't. Mrs. Robertson even presented a petition at the Land Use meeting last month but was told property owners had to sign the petition, not renters. Mrs. Robertson would have never bought 618 West Verdine if she had known she couldn't operate Micah 68. Without being able to operate Micah 68 the house is useless to her.

Mr. Belanger, West Verdine Street, addressed the Council and stated that this neighborhood is not the right place for Mrs. Robertson to operate her nonprofit. Neighborhood Commercial is supposed to be beneficial to the neighborhood, but this is not. There's a lot of foot traffic and neighbors are opposed to this. Mrs. Robertson is expanding her project by buying this home. He respects Mrs. Robertson's passion, but their neighborhood is declining. Stores that are in this neighborhood were there before zoning and they are on major roads, not in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Mrs. Robertson's project is not peaceful to him nor his wife. His home and quality of life is not safe.

Cynthia Robertson, owner, stated that she's been dealing with the city for 9 months. If the Council doesn't overturn the Land Use Commission's decision, her process will continue. She's just asking to continue her work as she's been doing for the last 5 years. Many of these people have no cars. They gave away 95 bagged lunches this past Sunday at The Village. She stated that the work that they do will be filling the food box twice a day. We also put clothes in the box. We also do environmental advocacy work, large food give aways at restaurants. Mr. Nezat asked what exactly she would be doing out of 618 West Verdine. Mrs. Robertson stated that they will work on computers, print out papers, store food for food box, and an office. There won't be any traffic in and out of the office.

Mrs. Hardy asked Mrs. Robertson how her program was going to be different from SC3 or the Biker Church. Mrs. Robertson stated that they visit with people at the food box and develop a relationship with them. Some say they are on food stamps but it's not enough to get them by. A lot of the people are elderly. Any kind of rehab that it needed we tell them about the SC3.

After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat the following be adopted to-wit:

Appeal an administrative decision for a neighborhood commercial use for Cynthia Robertson located at 618 West Verdine Steet.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Nezat

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said appeal failed on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Shannon Carroll, 1516 LeBlanc Street, from Residential to Mixed Residential to allow for the continuance of a mobile home on the

property. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be postponed to the January 8, 2024, City Council meeting:

ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONE TO SHANNON CARROLL, 1516 LEBLANC STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF A MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was postponed on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Lee Marsaliese, 102 Louisiana Avenue, from Residential to Business to allow for an office. Dominique Valenti, representing Mr. Marsaliese, stated that the property is deteriorating. They want to tear this house down and put a professional office there. At this time motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following stipulations be placed on the property:

- Permitted uses shall be as follows:

Professional offices, financial institutions, churches, schools, libraries and museums.

- That whenever an existing residential use is bounded by a less restricted use, the proposed use will install an eight (8) foot tall buffer constructed of wood or brick masonry. Furthermore, a twenty (20) foot buffer width will also be maintained that will be void of any parking apron, construction, accessory use, etc. The bufferyard is to remain free, clear and open of any obstruction.
- Ingress/egress shall be from Beglis Parkway.
- Parking in rear of building shall be limited to 3 employees only.
- Outdoor lighting shall not be aimed, directed or focused towards any residential homes on adjacent property or nearby land.

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- Hours of operation shall be Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - If the development doesn't occur within 2 years of this ordinance being adopted, it shall revert back to Residential District.
 - Shall provide for adequate professional building landscaping.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coleman, Texas Street, addressed the Council and stated that she's been living in the same house for over 30 years. When she moved in it was all homeowners but now there are very many rentals because the owners have either passed away or moved, etc. It's been about 10 years that the neighborhood opposed a rezone at this same location and the rezone failed. Nothing has been done to Mr. Marsaliese's property since the hurricane. The rats are horrible in the neighborhood. The renter that was in Mr. Marsaliese's house told her that as long as his rent was paid Mr. Marsaliese didn't care what happened to the house.

After discussion motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1882, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONE TO LEE MARSALISE, 102 LOUISIANA AVENUE, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS TO ALLOW FOR AN OFFICE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a rezone to Lee Marsalise, 102 Louisiana Avenue, from Residential to Business to allow for an office for the following described property:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following stipulations be placed on said property:

- Permitted uses shall be as follows:

Professional offices, financial institutions, churches, schools, libraries and museums.
- That whenever an existing residential use is bounded by a less restricted use, the proposed use will install an eight (8) foot tall buffer constructed of wood or brick masonry. Furthermore, a twenty (20) foot buffer width will also be maintained that will be void of any

parking apron, construction, accessory use, etc. The bufferyard is to remain free, clear and open of any obstruction.

- Ingress/egress shall be from Beglis Parkway.
- Parking in rear of building shall be limited to 3 employees only.
- Outdoor lighting shall not be aimed, directed or focused towards any residential homes on adjacent property or nearby land.
- Hours of operation shall be Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- If the development doesn't occur within 2 years of this ordinance being adopted, it shall revert back to Residential District.
- Shall provide for adequate professional building landscaping.

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.

Upon approval of this rezone 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 rezone.

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 by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a rezone to Lee Marsalise, 102 Louisiana Avenue, from Residential to Business to allow for an office with the above stipulations.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to Ronnie Hossain, 1507 Weekly Road, to allow for a 480 sq. ft. manufactured home rather than the required 600 sq. ft. (postponed from October 10, 2023, agenda). Mr. Nezat stated that the property owner hasn't pulled any permits and no work on the home has been done. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO RONNIE HOSSAIN, 1507 WEEKLY ROAD,
TO ALLOW FOR A 480 SQ. FT. MANUFACTURED HOME RATHER THAN THE
REQUIRED 600 SQ. FT. (POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER 10, 2023, AGENDA).

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution failed on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an extension for temporary housing in recreational vehicles due to damage caused by Hurricane Laura for the following addresses:

To extend temporary housing in a recreational vehicle located at 706 Live Oak, in accordance
Ordinance No. 1693, M-C Series.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the above address be granted for another 6 months.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance creating the position of Deputy Chief of Police on a competitive basis. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1883, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE ON A
COMPETITIVE BASIS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 748 of 2010, codified as Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2481.4, governing authorities, including the City of Sulphur, may create the position of Deputy Chief of Police, pursuant to the provisions thereof, which position shall be filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligibles provided for therein, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision and discharge of such position shall be vested in the Police Chief, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

The competitive position of Deputy Chief of Police is hereby created and established as a competitive position within the police department in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2481.4 and 33:2541.1.

Duties and Responsibilities of Deputy Chief of Police

The primary duty and responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Police is assisting the Police Chief in the management and administration of the overall function and operations of the police department. The Deputy Chief of Police is responsible for the enforcement of state and municipal laws, regulations and ordinances. Employees in this position perform law enforcement duties which may include administrative or specialized support functions to enhance or maintain the effectiveness and/or efficiency of the Sulphur Police Department. The Deputy Chief of Police performs the duties of the Police Chief in the Chief's absence. The Deputy Chief of Police assists the Police Chief in the planning and development of departmental operations; participates in the personnel management function; and oversees the maintenance of departmental records and reports.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1521 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1884, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1521 RUBY LANE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1521 Ruby Lane.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 4112 Tracy Circle. Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1885, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4112 TRACY CIRCLE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 4112 Tracy Circle.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 2309 Timberlane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1886, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2309 TIMBERLANE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 2309 Timberlane.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1533 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1887, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1533 RUBY LANE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1533 Ruby Lane.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1537 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1888, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1537 RUBY LANE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1537 Ruby Lane.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1009 Melanie Drive. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1889, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1009 MELANIE DRIVE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1009 Melanie Drive.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1605 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1890, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1605 RUBY LANE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1605 Ruby Lane.

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

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 508 South Kent Drive. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1883, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 508 SOUTH KENT DRIVE.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 508 South Kent Drive.

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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution appointing a member to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3560, M-C SERIES

Resolution appointing a member to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby appoint Jay Kumar to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Said term to expire December, 2026.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the re-advertisement of bids for the annual supply of chemicals for the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3561, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing the re-advertisement of bids for the annual supply of chemicals for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department for the City of Sulphur failed to send out bid packets in a timely manner, therefore causing the re-advertisement of bids.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize re-advertisement for bids for the annual supply of chemicals for the City, said bid to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with the City of Sulphur Finance Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advertisement of bids will be in “The American Press, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, in three separate publications, giving notice as follows:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Separate and sealed bids for the re-advertisement of bids for the annual supply of chemicals for the City will be received by the Clerk of the Council until 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of January, 2024, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in an open and public bid opening session to be conducted by the Director of Finance in the Conference Room at City Hall, and the City Council shall at a regular meeting on the 8th day of January, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. proceed to award the bid to the lowest bidder, to waive irregularities, or to reject any and all bids, or otherwise proceed thereto as provided by law. Bids are also available electronically at www.centralbidding.com; free membership is required to access. Said bids to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with the City of Sulphur Finance Department located at 101 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana will meet in open and public session at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, in the Council Chambers on the 8th day of January, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and shall then and there proceed to award the bids to the lowest bidder or to reject any and all bids, otherwise proceed thereto as provided by law.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution setting dates for City Council, Land Use and Board of Zoning Adjustment meetings for year 2024. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3562, M-C SERIES

Resolution setting meeting dates for the Sulphur City Council, Land Use Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment for 2024.

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 2024 as follows:

City Council

Land Use & Board of Zoning Adjustment

Monday, January 8	Tuesday, January 16
Monday, February 12	Tuesday, February 20
Monday, March 11	Monday, March 18
Monday, April 8	Monday, April 15
Monday, May 13	Monday, May 20
Monday, June 10	Monday, June 17
Monday, July 8	Monday, July 15
Monday, August 12	Monday, August 19
Monday, September 9	Monday, September 16
Tuesday, October 15	Monday, October 21
Tuesday, November 12	Monday, November 18
Monday, December 9	Monday, December 16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings will be held at the temporary location at 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 at 5:30 p.m.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3563, M-C SERIES

Resolution authorizing Jennifer Thorn, 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 Jennifer Thorn 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. Nezat, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is promulgating the results of an election held in the City of Sulphur, on November 18, 2023, for (2) two property tax renewals. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

PROCES VERBAL

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this 11th day of December, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in accordance with a resolution of the City Council (the "Council"), governing authority of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, adopted on May 8, 2023, and recorded in the records of said Council, notice of which meeting was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the Council, being a quorum thereof, met at the temporary meeting place of the Council, and according to law examined the tabulation blanks, certificates

and statements which were received from the Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge of the election held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana on November 18, 2023, in accordance with said resolution, together with the transcription of the totals made by the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Calcasieu Parish to determine the following propositions:

CITY OF SULPHUR RENEWAL PROPOSITIONS

CITY OF SULPHUR PROPOSITION NO. 1 - FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Sulphur, Louisiana be authorized to renew, levy, and collect an existing tax each year for a period of ten (10) years, a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar, beginning with and including the year 2025, on all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$ \$1,058,824 for one entire year, for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment for, and enlarging and improving the present facilities of, the Fire Department of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, for the maintenance of said equipment, improvements and facilities, and for salaries for the maintenance and operation of said department, constituting works of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

CITY OF SULPHUR PROPOSITION NO. 2 - STREET MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Sulphur, Louisiana be authorized to continue to renew, levy, and collect an existing tax each year for a period of ten (10) years a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar, beginning with and including the year 2025, on all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$ \$1,058,824 for one entire year, for the purpose of graveling, shelling, hard-surfacing, installation of culverts and drains, and otherwise improving the streets for the City of Sulphur, and for the maintenance thereof, constituting works of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

The results of said election proved to be as follows:

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION NO. 1:

PRECINCT	NUMBER OF VOTES IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION	NUMBER OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION
400	18	24
401	34	25
402	33	24
403	54	50
404	89	45
405	141	64
406	51	36
407	61	49
408	76	42
461	0	5
465	2	0
466E	0	0
467	16	16
Group Subtotal	575	380
Absentee	<u>654</u>	<u>268</u>
TOTALS	1229	648

We therefore ascertained that the majority of qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voting in said election in the City voted in favor of Millage Renewal Proposition No. 1.

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION NO. 2:

NUMBER OF VOTES IN PRECINCT	NUMBER OF VOTES FAVOR OF PROPOSITION	AGAINST PROPOSITION
400	17	22
401	37	22
402	29	29
403	56	49
404	88	47
405	138	65
406	46	41
407	55	54
408	77	42
461	1	4
465	2	0
466E	0	0
467	18	14
Group Subtotal	564	389
Absentee	<u>641</u>	<u>282</u>
TOTALS	1205	671

We therefore ascertained that the majority of qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voting in said election in the City voted in favor of Millage Renewal Proposition No. 2.

At the same time and place, we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by said tabulation blanks, certificates, and statements received from the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge, the correctness of which were sworn to by the election Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners according to law, and our finding was that the returns indicated a majority voted in favor of Millage Renewal Propositions Nos. 1 and 2.

Therefore, we declare that the result of said election is in favor of the Propositions as stated above.

In accordance with law, a resolution promulgating the aforesaid results was adopted, and the Clerk of the Council was ordered to have a copy of said resolution signed by the Chairman and published in one issue of the American Press, a newspaper published in Calcasieu Parish and of general circulation in the City.

We did, likewise, order that one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana, and that one copy be sent to the Clerk of the District Court of Calcasieu Parish to be recorded in the mortgage records of said Parish and that one copy be filed in the archives of this Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 3564, M-C SERIES

A RESOLUTION PROMULGATING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA ON NOVEMBER 18, 2023.

Whereas, on November 18, 2023, an election was held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana to determine the propositions hereinafter set out;

WHEREAS, the returns of said election were canvassed by the Council according to law and notice duly given as provided by law, and the result of said election was declared to be in favor of the Proposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. An election was held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, on November 18, 2023, to determine the proposition hereinafter set out; that said election was duly and properly called by the Board by a resolution adopted on May 8, 2023, and recorded in the records of said Council, that notice of said election embracing all matters required by law to be contained therein was given by publication in the American Press, a newspaper published in Sulphur, Louisiana, and of general circulation in the City, on September 6, September 13, September 21 and September 30, the first of said publications being not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date set for said election; that this Council did in said resolution designate the polling places for said election and did provide for the use of voting machines in the conduct of said election; that election officials were duly selected; that each election official received the certificate of instruction of the use of the voting machines and his duties in connection therewith as required by law; that the State Custodian of Voting Machines and the Clerk of the Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Calcasieu Parish made available on the day of the election at the polling places designed for the conduct of said election the necessary voting machines and all necessary equipment and paraphernalia required by law in connection with the use of voting machines at elections; that the Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court of Calcasieu Parish furnished to the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge copies of the precinct registers for each precinct or ward entitled to vote at such polling places; that the Louisiana State Bond Commission approved the election on June 14, 2023; that the Louisiana Secretary of State prepared and certified that ballot used in the voting machines as required by law; that the proposition voted on in said election and as it appeared in said voting machine was in due form provided by law and the resolution adopted by this Council on May 8, 2023, calling said election; that the results of said election were written on a large sheet of paper at said polling places, which sheet of paper was signed by each of the election officials designated to conduct such election at said polling places and which sheet was thereupon posted in public view at the polling places in accordance with law; that only qualified electors under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voted at said election; that the officials who served at said election were duly and properly appointed; that the places of all absent election officials were properly filled in accordance with law; that before opening the polls all election officials were properly sworn in accordance with law; that the polls at the voting places were opened at 7:00 a.m. and remained open and until not later than 8:00 p.m.; that after the closing of the polls the votes for and against the proposition were properly counted and tallied and the necessary tabulation blanks, certificates and statements were made by the election officials in accordance with law and the voting machines delivered to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a copy of the results of said election delivered to the Clerk of the District Court of Calcasieu Parish as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:1190 E; that on November 21, 2023, that being the third day after said election the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines, after breaking the seals and opening the voting machines used in said election did transcript the totals for the proposition voted upon at said election; and that all things whatsoever required by law to be done in connection with the holding of said election were properly and duly performed in manner and form as require by Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the general election laws of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 2. In said election the following propositions were approved by a majority of the electors qualified to vote and voting in said election in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana:

CITY OF SULPHUR PROPOSITION NO. 1 - FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Sulphur, Louisiana be authorized to renew, levy, and collect an existing tax each year for a period of ten (10) years, a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar, beginning with and including the year 2025, on all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$ \$1,058,824 for one entire year, for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment for, and enlarging and improving the present facilities of, the Fire Department of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, for the maintenance of said

equipment, improvements and facilities, and for salaries for the maintenance and operation of said department, constituting works of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

CITY OF SULPHUR PROPOSITION NO. 2 - STREET MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Sulphur, Louisiana be authorized to continue to renew, levy, and collect an existing tax each year for a period of ten (10) years a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar, beginning with and including the year 2025, on all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$ \$1,058,824 for one entire year, for the purpose of graveling, shelling, hard-surfacing, installation of culverts and drains, and otherwise improving the streets for the City of Sulphur, and for the maintenance thereof, constituting works of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

SECTION 3. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication of this resolution of promulgation one time in the American Press, a newspaper published in Sulphur, Louisiana, the official journal of the Council and of general circulation in the City.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution amending Resolution No. 3553, M-C Series, which awarded low bid for annual supply of pipe and fittings. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3565, M-C SERIES

Resolution amending Resolution No. 3553, M-C Series, which awarded low bid for annual supply of pipe and fittings.

WHEREAS, while Purchasing Department was drafting tab sheets, the apparent low bidder was awarded to Coburns in the amount of \$9,193.70.00. The bid should have been awarded to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$13,120.00 since Coburn's did not bid on every item in that section.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby amend Resolution No. 3553, M-C Series and award the bid in Section VIII as follows:

Tabulation for Annual Supply of Pipes and Fittings

SECTION	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	COBURN'S		AWARDED VENDOR
SECTION I	\$19,813.99	\$17,810.42		COBURNS
SECTION II	\$29,292.93	\$28,860.55		COBURNS
SECTION III	\$44,307.83	\$56,551.90		FERGUSON
SECTION IV	\$13,932.32	\$12,491.10		COBURNS
SECTION V	\$1,059.13	NO BID		FERGUSON
SECTION VI	\$22,751.99	\$14,113.10		COBURNS
SECTION VII	\$6,971.00	\$5,747.01		COBURNS
SECTION VIII	\$13,120.00	\$9,193.70		FERGUSON *****
SECTION IX	\$7,633.36	NO BID		FERGUSON
SECTION X	\$12,302.80	\$12,450.24		FERGUSON
SECTION XI	\$4,053.88	\$2,717.45		COBURNS
SECTION XII	\$9,283.25	NO BID		FERGUSON
SECTION XIII	\$1,158.00	\$1,206.25		FERGUSON
TOTAL DELIVERED	\$185,680.46	\$161,141.72		

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda accepting Substantial Completion for the Police Department – Project: CPSPD. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3566, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting Substantial Completion for the Police Department – Project: CPSPD.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby accept Substantial Completion for the Police Department – Project: CPSPD.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 11th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is executive session for pending litigation for Marburger vs City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that they enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that they reconvene. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is public comment. There was no one with any comments.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

12/11/23
7:40 P.M.