
April 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its temporary location located at 501 Willow Avenue in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on April 14, 2025, 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. Hardy, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Ellender.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that item #5 be postponed to the May agenda:

- Public hearing on ordinance entering into a franchise agreement with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moton carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is Hunter Tyler, with Entergy, to introduce himself. Mr. Tyler addressed the Council and stated that they could call him anytime they needed. He just wanted to introduce himself since he was new to the company.

The next item on the agenda is a presentation by Sulphur High School Lead Council on their newest community initiative. Each member of Lead Council introduced themselves. Lead is made up of Sophomores and Juniors and trusted with \$20,000 from Woodside Energy. Their projects for this year are the new street

signs in the Downtown Cultural District, mural on The Village, hanging baskets and flower boxes. Council and Administration thanked them for all their hard work.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for Summer Feeding Program. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1952, 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. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance declaring certain surplus movable property of the City of Sulphur and providing for the disposal thereof (I.T. equipment, vehicles, air filters, etc.). Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be amended since items were added after introduction in March:

ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL THEREOF (I.T. EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AIR FILTERS, ETC.).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1953, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN SURPLUS MOVABLE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL THEREOF – I.T. Equipment.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, and in accordance with LA. R.S. 33:4712, that the following described surplus movable property of the City of Sulphur, not needed for public purposes, after having been duly advertised be declared surplus:

CATEGORY	QTY	TYPE-MAKE-DESC	MODEL#	SERIAL#	REASON	YEAR	DATE	VALUE
PRINTER	1	HP-LaserJet M281fdw	T6B82A	VNBNM2W5Q0	MECH	YR2024	03/28/24	\$ -
NETWORK	1	SAMSUNG-QNV7020RN	QNV7020RN	ZCTP6V2HC0008YM	MECH	YR2024	04/05/24	\$ -
NETWORK	1	SAMSUNG-QNV7020RN	QNV7020RN	ZCTP6V2J200018F	MECH	YR2024	04/05/24	\$ -
PRINTER	1	HP-LaserJet M375nw	CE903A	CND8F5R34C	MECH	YR2024	04/15/24	\$ -
NETWORK	1	SAMSUNG-QNV7020RN	QNV7020RN	ZCTP6V2HC0008CM	MECH	YR2024	04/17/24	\$ -
PERIPHERAL	1	LIND PANASONIC CHARGER	PA1580-1745	SN1330	MECH	YR2024	04/17/24	\$ -
PERIPHERAL	1	LIND PANASONIC CHARGER	PA1580-1745	SN1646	MECH	YR2024	04/17/24	\$ -
PRINTER	1	HP-LASERJET-M276NW	CF145A	CND8GCD2SJ	MECH	YR2024	04/29/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	PLANAR-PXL2271MW	PXL2271MW	PL638LTS00241	MECH	YR2024	04/29/24	\$ -
NETWORK	1	HANWHA IP CAMERA	QNV-7020RN	ZCTP6V2J20001FT	MECH	YR2024	05/05/24	\$ -
PRINTER	1	LaserJet M281fdw	T6B82A	VNBK9P1H6	MECH	YR2024	05/17/24	\$ -
MIFI	1	MIFI-880L	8800L	IMEI-990016875624494	MECH	YR2024	06/04/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	PLANAR-PLL2210W	PLL2210W	PL624LT501014	MECH	YR2024	06/10/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	PLANAR-PLL2210W	PLL2210W	PL606LT500183	MECH	YR2024	07/08/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	PLANAR-PLL2210W	PLL2210W	PL319LT703259	MECH	YR2024	07/08/24	\$ -
CAMERA	1	DAHUA IP CAM	N41BK22	5G00781PAGA2314	MECH	YR2024	07/10/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	PLANAR-PXL2271MW	PXL2271MW	PL708LTS00256	MECH	YR2024	07/15/24	\$ -
OFFICE	1	WirelessKeyboard-LogitechK350	K350	1908DF00MJ98	MECH	YR2024	08/05/24	\$ -
OFFICE	1	WirelessKeyboard-LogitechK520	K520	YR0053820002546	MECH	YR2024	08/05/24	\$ -
OFFICE	1	WirelessKeyboard-LogitechK350	K350	YR0053-SC70735	MECH	YR2024	08/05/24	\$ -
NETWORK	1	LINKSYS 5-PORT ROUTER	SE3005	13P20F16802192	MECH	YR2024	08/14/24	\$ -
MIFI	1	MIFI-8800L	8800L	IMEI-99000931364322	MECH	YR2024	08/28/24	\$ -
MONITOR	1	VIZIO-TV	D40F-J09	LINID4PY4201950	MECH	YR2024	08/30/24	\$ -
PRINTER	1	OfficeJet 3830	K7V40A	CN88T5Q754	MECH	YR2024	12/03/24	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRONIX IX100X	IX100X	DZGEG7236ZZ0622	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON DESK MOUNT	IX100X, DESK MOUNT	ZZMOR8023ZH0020	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNER	FC300	FC300131744892	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNER	FC300	FC300131744883	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNERS	FS3	4900068752	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNER DESK MOUNT	FC3002DSKCRDL	FC300213203886	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNER DESK MOUNT	FC3002DSKCRDL	FC300213173500	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	ITRON SCANNER DESK MOUNT	P-0844-6017	4450045811	LIFE	YR2025	02/05/25	\$ -
OTHER	1	VARIOUS CORDS CABLES WIRES	NA	NA	MECA	YR2025	2/5/2025	\$ -

DEPT	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL #/VIN #	REASON	DATE	ESTIMATED VALUE
A/C	TQ	2009 FORD F150 PICKUP WHITE	2009	FORD	F150	1FTRX12W59KA68208	NOT IN USE	3/10/25	\$1500

DEPT	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL #/VIN #	REASON	DATE	ESTIMATED VALUE
POLICE	MISC	CON EX METAL STORAGE CONT	UNK				NOT IN USE	3/10/25	\$800.00
WWPLANT	EQUIP	INGERSOLL-RAND COMPRESSOR	1999	INDERSOLL RAND	P185WJD	295534UJI22	BROKE	11/19/24	\$100.
SHOP	EQUIP	TRUCK BED (FITS ON 2017 F-250)	2017	TRUCK BED FORD	F250		NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$400
SHOP	EQUIP	TRUCK BED (FITS ON 2019 F-250)	2019	TRUCK BED FORD	F250		NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$400
SHOP	TQ	FORD F350	2014	FORD	F350	1FD7W3E68EEB87618	SCRAP USE	11/19/24	\$2000
SHOP	TQ	INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	2005	INTERNATIO NAL	DUMP TRUCK	1ATMMAAM15H126165	SCRAP USE	11/19/24	\$2000
SHOP	TQ	INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	2005	INTERNATIO NAL	DUMP TRUCK	1HTMMAAM55A126167	SCRAP USE	11/19/24	\$5000
SHOP	TQ	INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	2005	INTERNATIO NAL	DUMP TRUCK	1HTMMAAM75H126168	NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$5000
SHOP	TQ	INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	2005	INTERNATIO NAL	DUMP TRUCK	1HTMMAAMX5H126164	NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$5000
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS KFAFK0312LRG- (7)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$3
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 16X20X1- (12)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$7
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS KFAFK0412XXL-(10)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$5
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 24X 24 X 1 -(24)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$7
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 20 X 21 X 1 -(23)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$15
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 20 X 22 ¼ X 1- (12)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$7
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 20 X 24 X 1-(22)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$15
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS 20 X 25X 1-(23)		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$15
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS PLEATED 12X24X1-		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$2
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS PLEATED 16X20X2-		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$15
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS PLEATED 16X25X1-		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$15
WHOUSE	MISC	AC FILTERS PLEATED 16X25X2-		AAF FLANDERS			NOT IN USE	11/19/24	\$3
SHOP	MISC	SCRAP METAL					NOT IN	11/26/	\$150
FINANCE	MISC	MULTIPLE EXPIRED INK					EXPIRED	2/26/25	\$500.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Mayor Mike Danahay is authorized to dispose of the above-mentioned surplus movable property and to sign all paperwork in connection therewith.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the Mayor's signature.

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 above ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance entering into a franchise agreement with Vexus Fiber, LLC, dba METRONET. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1954, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH VEXUS FIBER, LLC, DBA METRONET, TO EXPAND ITS FIBER OPTICS INFRASTRUCTURE TO AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

WHEREAS, Vexus Fiber, LLC, dba Metronet, is a telecommunications company that desires to expand its fiber optics infrastructure to areas within the City of Sulphur; and

WHEREAS, Vexus Fiber, LLC desires to access and utilize the public right-of way to accomplish said expansion by way of the installation, modification, relocation, repair, operation and maintenance of its fiber-optic infrastructure within said rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the expansion of Vexus Fiber, LLC fiber-optic infrastructure to areas within the municipal boundaries of the City will provide a public benefit and assist in the economic development of the area, and the parties have a reasonable expectation of receiving benefits which are commensurate to the benefits respectively conferred.

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 execute all documents in connection therewith.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the Mayor's signature.

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 above ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting an Exception to Khan Khel, LLC, 115 South Cities Service, to allow for apartments in a Business District. Mr. Badaar addressed the Council and stated that he'd like to make apartments in the rear and a strip mall in the front. Danny DiPetta, Bonin Drive, stated that the Council shouldn't allow residential living in this area. Cities Service is for businesses. The Master Plan should be followed. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO KHAN KHEL, LLC, 115 SOUTH CITIES SERVICE, TO ALLOW FOR APARTMENTS IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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 above ordinance failed on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the relocation of Prater Road Lift Station Project LS19-3. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY
FOR THE RELOCATION OF PRATER ROAD LIFT STATION PROJECT LS19-3.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in the “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 AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY
FOR THE RELOCATION OF PRATER ROAD LIFT STATION PROJECT LS19-3.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SWLA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.). Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH SWLA SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE
EXAMINER (S.A.N.E.).

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy 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 AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH SWLA SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE
EXAMINER (S.A.N.E.).

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending Chapter 17, Section 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur – Overhanging trees and shrubs – minimum heights and street clearance.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – OVERHANGING TREES AND SHRUBS – MINIMUM
HEIGHTS AND STREET CLEARANCE.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – OVERHANGING TREES AND SHRUBS – MINIMUM
HEIGHTS AND STREET CLEARANCE.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, 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. Mayor Danahay stated that when raising rates several factors are considered (1) what are our operational costs of our water/wastewater systems (2) future operational costs and inflationary costs year to year. Expenses can't exceed revenue since that's not a sound policy. He then stated that he had a history book of the City of Sulphur, and it reads that in 1978 rates were not increased for 4 years. So, in 1982 the city was over \$1 million in deficit as well as an increase from \$8.00 to \$18.00/month (24% increase in that year). Again, in 1990 the Council chose not to increase rates for several years. They then had to raise rates for 5 years a maximum of 10% each year (50% increase). If we don't review our rates and act appropriately, we will end up further in debt.

Mrs. Thorn, Director of Finance, stated that they are not presenting scare tactics. She then read a letter from 2023 which went over how the water sector grant worked. The Council wanted the rate study done. The study indicated that water rates increase 7.5 % for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 years then 2.5 % for 3 years following OR if meters are in place rates can be reevaluated by the city once adequate data is gathered. We were approved for \$5 million and have received \$1.8 million so far. The city will be obligated to pay back this funding if the rates aren't increased. Terminating the CEA will eliminate funding and funds will be lost. It could also put the city in jeopardy with the Office of Community Development for any future funding due to poor practices. If the increase isn't approved the Council and Administration would need to work together on reworking the proposed budget.

Mr. Abrahams, Director of Public Works, stated that since 2019 just in Capital Projects they've spent over \$19 million. Future projects include the Driftwood water tower that needs to be rehabilitated, the Water

Meter Program where they're pursuing the Drinking Water Revolving Loan fund to help pay for the \$20 million project. The next project would be to address the transmission mains. The city has approx. 125 miles of waterlines. He would say a conservative amount of \$23 million just to replace all waterlines. Future projects are estimated at \$43 million in unfunded projects.

Lynette Chaisson, South Kent, stated that her water filter was supposed to last 3 months and it only lasted 3 weeks because the water was so bad.

Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, stated that she finds it abominable that the city is charging a penny for their water. She then stated that microbes have eaten through her faucets. She doesn't think the city should charge citizens for drinking water until reverse osmosis is done.

Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that there's no justification for all the water increases each year. She then questioned why the rate study said "no growth expected" for the next 10 years and don't know why that was in there. Only south of the city is expected growth. You expect no revenue growth nor population growth, but the citizens will have to pay more money for utilities.

After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas 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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth sewer fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Mrs. Thorn stated that the proposed increase is \$.50 since there was a substantial increase on sewer last year. Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that she's against this increase also. She's not against improvements, she's just against how the money has been managed the last 10 years. She also stated that for Capital Projects, Punch Lists have to be done and there was only 1 Punch List for 2024 and that was for \$20,000 of \$7 million awarded for. She also stated that she'd like more information on the emergency generator that the Council had a special meeting for last year. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy 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 Mrs. Hardy that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in the "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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth garbage/trash collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Mrs. Thorn stated that per the Consumer Price Index the last few months have shown an increase between 4.89% and 5.19%. They won't know where the price will actually be until around June. The proposed increase is 4.44% (\$1.00/mo.) Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that there's a disclaimer that trash is in the General Fund. Why is it in the General Fund. Mrs. Thorn stated that since it's not water/sewer it has to be in General Fund. She has to follow the Government Financial board which is a federal mandated government board, and it says that public utility only includes sewer/water and it does not include trash. Mrs. Wingate then asked if Mrs. Thorn had ever asked the federal government to make a change for this. This is her problem with the budget every year. Mrs. Thorn then stated that she has never asked the federal government to change their accounting standards. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Ellender 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 Mrs. Ellender 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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth a discount to those who are qualified to assist low-income households in the payment of water, sewer, and garbage-trash collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. Mrs. Thorn stated that the proposed increase for assistance is \$3.75 which would be a total of 27.75 off their bill. Cindy Robertson, West Verdine Street, stated that if you're at the federal poverty level (A.L.I.C.E. – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed households) that is a good

chunk of their income going to water and sewer. Mrs. Young, Augusta Drive, asked how people on a fixed income afford this. She doesn't even have a pool or sprinklers. She wants water meters. Mrs. Hardy stated that she's been advocating for water meters for a few years now. This is the end goal. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH A DISCOUNT TO THOSE WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PAYMENT OF WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE-TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy 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:

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting forth a Capital Recovery Fee charged by the City of Sulphur. Mrs. Thorn stated that the proposed increase is 6.9% (\$.10/mo. flat rate). This funds water and wastewater capital projects. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH A CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy 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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Thomas

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for the City of Sulphur, Louisiana. Mrs. Thorn went over some of the highlights in the budget, all which can be found on the city's website. Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, stated that if the Council votes no on this then the Director would have a whole month to get another budget together. Mrs. Thorn stated that she has a better idea and if the Council votes to introduce the ordinance tonight then the citizens can view the budget. If Council votes no, then the citizens don't have the chance to view it. If Council sees that changes need to be made, those changes can be made in May at the public hearing. Mrs. Ellender stated that if someone has a concern after reviewing the budget, they can call their Council persons or Mrs. Thorn and she could sit down with them and explain it. Mrs. Broussard stated that that would be wonderful but in today's world everyone is busy. She suggested the Council go on her Facebook page she created and find those people who are complaining about the city and the Council needs to reach out to those people rather than the citizens reaching out to their Council person. Maybe even hold a town hall meeting.

Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that she's upset that the citizens can't review the budget prior to the introduction that way they could ask questions at the introduction of the ordinance. Her complaints are how the city is managing the money. She also stated that she doesn't know if the Council realizes that they amended a budget last year after the year-end for millions of dollars. How did the city miss that if they are really scrutinizing the budget. Why isn't the Marshal's office included in the budget among many other things.

Mrs. Thorn stated that the budget has had to be amended every year since Hurricane Laura. It's all been related to FEMA reimbursement. The first year she didn't know how it worked since she's never been through a disaster before. FEMA had given the city \$20 million so she just thought well I'll just put it in the budget but soon found out that's not how it works. You spend the money first then they reimburse you when they choose and it could be in pieces. They tell you your're about to get the money then you don't see it for over 6 months or they tell you it'll be 6 months and you'll get it the next week. We never know when we'll get the money. Since the hurricane, we've met with our FEMA PDMG every two weeks to discuss these matters. The only

way to amend a budget after year end, per the Legislative Auditor's office, is if it's something completely out of our control, in which Federal reimbursements are. We can do one of two things: (1) We can take a budget finding for being under/over 5% of our revenue OR (2) amend the budget for unexpected variance. The Council will need to amend the budget soon again because we received \$5.5 million and we only budgeted to receive \$3 million in Federal reimbursements. She doesn't know when the amendment will come because more money may come before the end of June. She doesn't want to have a budget finding but if the Council is OK with a budget finding, then that's what she'll do. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026, FOR THE
CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.**

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy 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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EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026, FOR THE
CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.**

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance providing for the annual salary for the Mayor of the City of Sulphur during the next term of office (annual longevity and across the board increases as provided to all general employees of the City). Mrs. Abshire stated that this increase will not be for the current Mayor but will take effect after the 2026 election. Many great things are coming to our area and we need someone in office, whether this Mayor or next Mayor, to handle the responsibilities of this job. Billy Loftin, City Attorney, stated that per Section 3-04 of the Home Rule Charter, it requires us to do the Mayor's raises this way. Any adjustment to the Mayor's salary must be done within 1 year prior to the end of the term and not become effective until the next term. This isn't a pay raise for Mayor Danahay. It's a pay raise for the Mayor of the City of Sulphur for the next term. It's very prudent that we find qualified people for this position. The increase would be for longevity and across the board pay increases that all city employees get.

Danny DiPetra, Bonin Drive, stated that this isn't an indictment against the current Mayor or Council. He finds it sad that some of the self-proclaimed pundit's in this room tonight and on-line, these are the people that scream the loudest about replacing the Council, Mayor and Administration. These are the same people that don't want to offer a fair compensation package for someone to take their place. Government should be run like a business. You have to offer a good compensation for a Mayor to run a city with a large budget.

Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that she is for an increase in Mayor's salary. What's she's not for is, is it a raise for the right party that wins the election or is it across the board. It wasn't presented how this raise will really work. Is it percentages over the last years or what. These are important questions.

Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, stated that this salary is way too large for this size city. The pay scales for Louisiana Mayor's are all over the place so you really can't get an average median with that. In 2017 the Council raised the Mayor's salary and Mayor Duncan vetoed that ordinance. Mrs. Ellender stated that he did not

veto the ordinance, he just said he was against the raise. Mrs. Broussard stated that if you're a public servant are you in this for the money? She does know people that would serve that are highly qualified and do not/would not expect that high of a salary to serve. She told the Council to ask around and find those people that are willing to serve at a lower salary. Change is coming in 2026, and she hopes that the new Council would agree with us and we could come up with something more in line.

Mrs. Abshire stated that she understands that people don't think this position deserves a lot of pay but she wonders how many hours the Mayor puts in. The proof is in the pudding. Look how many people are willing to put their time, thoughts and energy into even running. You don't see long lines of people running. It's an honor to serve hoping to make a difference. Have I done it all correctly, no, but no one else has done their job 100% correct either. Because we're all human and we do the best we can do. We need someone with adversity who will stand with us in good times and in bad.

Cindy Robertson, West Verdine, stated that a government is not to be run like a corporation. A corporation is for profit, a government is to serve the people. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR DURING THE NEXT TERM OF OFFICE (ANNUAL LONGEVITY AND ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASES AS PROVIDED TO ALL GENERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY).

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy 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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to sign any and all documentation necessary for redemption of property located on Cities Service Hwy. - Assessment No. 1175440, pursuant to LA R.S. 47:2245 et seq. Billy Loftin, City Attorney, stated that this is for a piece of property on Cities Service Hwy. It's an old tax redemption from 1991. This is a great opportunity development for the city. By right of LA R.S. 47:2245 et seq. it authorizes the tax collector to redeem the property. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAY TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY FOR REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CITIES SERVICE HWY. - ASSESSMENT NO. 1175440, PURSUANT TO LA R.S. 47:2245 ET SEQ.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed

ordinance in the “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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

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 introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

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

To condemn building or structure located at 947 Beulah Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Simien, Executor of estate, asked for more time so she can see what it'll cost to repair or demolish.

It's not raining in the home nor is the home leaning. The seals will need to be replaced. Mrs. VanderHey,

Ordinance Enforcement, stated that the owner did not sign for the certified letter that she sent to him. Her

normal process is 30 days to either repair or tear down unless the Council gives you more time. Mrs. Hardy

stated that she'll have to recuse from voting since her children are related to the property owners. Mrs. Ellender

stated that the property owner will need to have a plan. Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Abshire that a 90-day extension (i.e. July 14, 2025) be given to the above address.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: Mrs. Hardy

And a 90-day extension (i.e. July 14, 2025) was granted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into an Agreement with AT&T for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating structures and facilities used in or incidental to the provisions of the telephone and telegraph services to the public. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES USED IN OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in the "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 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

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 introduced on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid for Maplewood Drive Rehabilitation Phase 3. Wendy Wingate, the state says that they allocated over \$9 million for this project so she'll be contacting them to see if the city ever got those funds. Mayor Danahay stated that this is part of the state legislative funding. Motion was then made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3638, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for Maplewood Drive Rehabilitation Phase 3.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for Maplewood Drive Rehabilitation Phase 3. were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and the bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HD Truck & Tractor	\$6,293,128.50
Alfred Palma, L.L.C.	\$6,575,034.22
Apeck Construction, LLC	\$7,152,388.23
Siema Construction, LLC	\$8,084,272.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay and award the bid for Maplewood Drive Rehabilitation Phase 3 to HD Truck & Tractor contingent upon the following:

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- 10 Day Forms
 - FP&C Concurrence in Award
 - Adequate Budgetary Allocations

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HD Truck & Tractor	\$6,293,128.50

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

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to Belary Deville, 1309 Meadow Lane, to allow for chicken enclosure to be located on the SW property line instead of the required 50 feet. Ms. Deville addressed the Council and stated that she wanted her kids to have the chance to experience how to raise chickens. The coop is completely enclosed. She gives the chickens dietary food to make sure they don't stink. The enclosure is on the back property line. She asked all her neighbors before she even started and they all said they didn't have a problem with the chickens. Mr. Schultz, Sherwood Drive, stated that all the neighbors said they wouldn't mind the chickens because Ms. Deville was very intimidating when she approached all of them. We are all elderly people and were all intimidated so we said we didn't mind the chickens. His kitchen window is 12 feet away from the chicken coop. His wife has COPD and heart condition. All the neighbors are sickly people. Chickens can get bird flu and they stink. She should be 50 feet from the residential property lines.

Mrs. Hardy said she can't support this since the ordinance says she has to be 50 feet. She understands the property owner wants her children to have a hands on experience but she can't support it. She should have

checked with Animal Control before she put the coop up. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO BELARY DEVILLE, 1309 MEADOW LANE,
TO ALLOW FOR CHICKEN ENCLOSURE TO BE LOCATED ON THE SW PROPERTY
LINE INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 50 FEET.

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 resolution failed on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid received for ST22-2 Concrete Street Rehab. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3639, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for the ST22-2 Concrete Street Rehab.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for the ST22-2 Concrete Street Rehab. were opened and read aloud in an open and public bid session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and the bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
McManus Construction	\$3,849,135.78
Alfred Palma, LLC	\$4,210,943.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay and award the bid for the ST22-2 Concrete Street Rehab. as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
McManus Construction	\$3,849,135.78

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

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Cajun Charlie's located at 202 Henning Drive. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3640, M-C SERIES

RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CAJUN CHARLIE'S LOCATED AT
202 HENNING DRIVE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve liquor license for Cajun Charlie's located at 202 Henning Drive.

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 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Gator Fuel Stop located at 1600 East Napoleon Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3641, M-C, SERIES

RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GATOR FUEL STOP LOCATED AT
1600 EAST NAPOLEON STREET.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve liquor license for Gator Fuel Stop located at 1600 East Napoleon Street.

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 14th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is executive session to consider and take appropriate action on settlement of:

Richard Clay Heinbach, et al
Vs. 2013-844
City of Sulphur, John Doe, Sulphur City Police
Department, XYZ Insurance Company

Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that they enter into executive session.

Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the meeting reconvene.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance approving proposed settlement and authorizing Mayor Danahay to settle or make an offer of judgment pursuant to La. CCP 970, if not settled, on the following suit:

Richard Clay Heinbach, et al
Vs. 2013-844
City of Sulphur, John Doe, Sulphur City Police
Department, XYZ Insurance Company

Billy Loftin, City Attorney, stated that while in executive session no votes were taken, nor any decisions were made. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE APPROVING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAHAY TO SETTLE OR MAKE AN OFFER OF JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO LA. CCP 970, IF NOT SETTLED, ON THE FOLLOWING SUIT:

Richard Clay Heinbach, et al
Vs. 2013-844
City of Sulphur, John Doe, Sulphur City Police
Department, XYZ Insurance Company

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas 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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Richard Clay Heinbach, et al
Vs. 2013-844
City of Sulphur, John Doe, Sulphur City Police
Department, XYZ Insurance Company

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
NICK NEZAT, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is Public to Address Council. Cindy Robertson, West Verdine Street, stated that Earth Day festivities will be held this Saturday from 2:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at 1401 Argin Street. She encouraged everyone to attend.

James LeDoux, North Claiborne Street, thanked everyone for the Easter Egg Hunt. It ran like a well-oiled machine. The Mayor stated that there were 16,000 eggs.

Mrs. Hardy stated no pain, no gain. She does oppose the water increase however she voted yes to support the city's effort in procuring and maintaining that financial stability because she sees the light at the end of the tunnel which is meters. That's what she's been advocating for. Yes, it's painful right now but in order to reach the goal, which is to get meters, she will support it.

Austin Abrahams, Director of Public Works, stated that Phase 1 for water replacement meters for commercial businesses has started. They completed their audit a few weeks ago. The 5/8 x 3/4 meters starting installation in July and everything 2" and above will be delivered in October. Hopefully they'll be installed by the end of this year.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

NICK NEZAT, Chairman

4/14/25
7:45 P.M.