
May 12, 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 May 12, 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. Ellender, 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. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the minutes stand as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that item #27A be added to the agenda:

Introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish School Board for funding for STEM project.

With no comments from the public, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that item #20 be removed from the agenda:

Public hearing on 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 carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Hardy that item #26 be removed from the agenda:

Resolution granting a variance to Jimmy Wells and Sheree Tucker, 4790 Maplewood Drive, to allow them to keep the recently extended ½ brick wall and fence in city right of way.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution electing a new Chairman/Vice-Chairman for Sulphur City Council. Mrs. Abshire presented Mr. Nezat with a plaque and thanked him for his leadership for the past year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3642, M-C SERIES

Resolution electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for City Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby elect Joy Abshire as Chairman and Mandy Thomas as Vice-Chairman for City Council.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution accepting Substantial Completion for Sulphur Animal Control Reconstruction. Mayor Danahay stated that Animal Control employees have been in a mobile home since Hurricane Rita, and they never complained about it. Hurricane Laura hit and it all had to be rebuilt.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3643, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting Substantial Completion for Sulphur Animal Control Reconstruction.

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 Sulphur Animal Control Reconstruction.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to Justin Babineaux from Residential to Business for property located on South Beglis Parkway, south of the new Carlyss Drive extension (Assessment No. 00868027). James LeDoux, North Claiborne Street, asked if a buffer would be required on the south side of this property since it's adjacent to residential. Mr. Abrahams stated, yes and a 20-foot buffer. Motion was then made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1955, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONE TO JUSTIN BABINEAUX FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH BEGLIS PARKWAY, SOUTH OF THE NEW CARLYSS BOULEVARD EXTENSION (ASSESSMENT NO. 00868027).

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a rezone to Justin Babineaux from Residential to Business for property located on South Beglis Parkway, south of the new Carlyss Blvd. extension (Assessment No. 00868027) for the following described property:

PHASE 1

BEG AT SW COR OF SE/4SW/4 SEC 11.10.10; TH N 720.96 FT; TH S 45 DEG E 29.58 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS 1250, TH SE'LY ALONG CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 955.50 FT TO POINT OF TANGENT, CURVE HAVING CHORD BEARING S 67 DEG 43'09" E 932.41 FT; TH S 89 DEG E 295.12 FT TO POINT IN W LINE OF CLYDE P ECCLES; TH S 01 DEG W ALONG W LINE CLYDE P ECCLES 198.76 FT TO SW COR OF CLYDE P ECCLES; TH S 89 DEG E ALONG S LINE CLYDE P ECCLES 350.34 FT TO SE COR OF CLYDE P ECCLES TRACT LYING ON C/L OF S BEGLIS PKWY; TH S 25.25 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT RADIUS 11459.16 FT, TH S ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH 139.93 FT TO INTERSECTION WITH S LINE OF SW/4SE/4 SEC 11 SAID CURVE HAVING CHORD BEARING S 139.93 FT; TH N 89 DEG W ALONG S LINE OF SW/4SE/4 212.48 FT TO SE COR OF SE/4SW/4; TH N 89 DEG W ALONG S

LINE OF SE/4SW/4 1325.70 FT TO POB

PHASE 1 B

COM AT SW COR OF SE/4SW/4 SEC 11.10.10; TH N 858.11 FT AND POB; TH N 472.15 FT TO SW COR OF NE/4SW/4 SEC 11; TH N 592.13 FT TO SW COR OF INWOOD FOREST SUB LYING ON N BANK OF LITTLE BAYOU D'INDE; TH MEANDERING ALONG NORTH BANK: N 58 DEG E 52.22 FT, S 74 DEG E 94.09 FT, N 85 DEG E 177.47 FT, S 81 DEG E 79.52 FT, S 66 DEG E 179.95 FT, S 58 DEG E 134.22 FT, S 51 DEG E 89.68 FT, S 41 DEG E 245.26 FT, S 58 DEG E 81.45 FT; TH S 31 DEG W 259.83 FT; TH S 23 DEG W 673.60 FT; TH S 20 DEG W 149.22 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF A TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS 20 FT, TH SE'LY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 32.48 FT CHORD BEARING S 26 DEG 28'23" E 29.03 FT; TH NW'LY ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT RADIUS 1150 ARC LENGTH 545.53 FT CHORD BEARING N 59 DEG 24'38" W 540.43 FT; TH N 45 DEG W 123.54 FT TO POB

PHASE 2

COM AT SW COR OF SE/4SW/4 SEC 11.10.10; TH N 858.11 FT ; TH S 45 DEG E 123.54 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS 1150 FT ARC LENGTH 545.53 FT CHORD BEARING S 59 DEG 24'38" E CHORD LENGTH 540.43 FT TO POB; TH NW'LY ALONG CURVE TO RIGHT RADIUS 20 FT ARC LENGTH 32.48 FT CHORD BEARING N 26 DEG 28'23" W 29.03 FT; TH N 20 DEG E 149.22 FT; TH N 213 DEG E 673.60 FT; TH N 31 DEG E 259.83 FT TO S LINE INWOOD FOREST SUB LYING ON NORTH BANK OF LITTLE BAYOU D'INDE; TH MEANDERING ALONG NORTH BANK OF LITTLE BAYOU D'INDE S 58 DEG E 115.01 FT, S 54 DEG E 148.88 FT, S 39 DEG E 96.48 FT, S 48 DEG E 82.55 FT TO SW COR OF TRACT CONVEYD TO CITY OF SULPHUR; TH S 45 DEG E 186.34 FT TO INTERSECTION WITH W R/W LINE OF S BEGLIS PKWY (LA HWY 3077), FRMLY ARIZONA ST; TH N 08 DEG E 146.99 FT; TH N 01 DEG E 62.17 FT TO INTERSECTION WITH N LINE OF SW/4SE/4 SEC 11; TH S 89 DEG E 50 FT; TH S 01 DEG W 665.15 FT TO NE COR OF TRACT CONVEYED TO CLYDE P ECCLES; TH N 9 DEG W 344.58 FT; TH S 01 DEG W 201.23 FT; TH N 89 DEG W 296.31 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT RADIUS 1150 FT, ARC LENGTH 333.53 FT CHORD BEARING N 81 DEG W 332.37 FT TO POB. AND .227 AC DESCRIBED AS FOLL: COM AT SW COR OF SE/4SW/4 SEC 11.10.10; TH N 720.9 FT TO POB; TH N 9.64 FT; TH S 46 DEG E 19.90 FT; TH S 57 DEG E 51.36 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF NON-TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT HAVING RADIUS OF 1250 FT. TH SE'LY ALONG SAID CURVE, ARC DISTANCE OF 935.18 FT CHORD BEARING S 68 DEG 03'43" E 913.52 FT; TH S 89 DEG E 273.93 FT TO W LINE OF CLYDE P ECCLES TRACT; TH S 01 DEG W .63 FT; TH N 89 DEG W

295.12 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT RADIUS OF 1250 FT,
TH NW'LY ALONG SAID CURVE ARC
LENGTH OF 955.50 FT CHORD BEARING N 67 DEG 43'09" W 932.40 FT; TH N 45 DEG W
29.58 FT TO POB. LESS .227 AC
PER B4359 P410 TO INWOOD FOREST LLC ET AL DESC AS: COM AT SW COR OF
SE/4SW/4 SEC 11.10.10; TH N 858.11 FT
TO POB; TH N 36.05 FT; TH S 46 DEG E 6.15 FT; TH S 35 DEG E 55.90 FT; TH S 46 DEG E
111.12 FT TO POINT OF CURVE
OF TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT RADIUS OF 1150 FT; TH SE'LY ALONG SAID CURVE
ARC DISTANCE OF 868.88 FT CHORD
BEARING S 67 DEG E 848.36 FT; TH S 89 DEG E 274.91 FT TO POINT IN W LINE OF
CLYDE P ECCLES TRACT; TH S 01 DEG
W .63 FT; TH N 89 DEG W 296.31 FT TO POINT OF CURVE OF TANGENT CURVE TO
RIGHT RADIUS 1150, TH NW'LY
ALONG SAID CURVE ARC LENGTH OF 879.06 FT CHORD BEARING N 67 DEG 43'09" W
857.81 FT; TH N 45 DEG W 123.54
FT TO POB. LESS B 4338 P 880 TRACT I AND 2 DESCRIBED AS: TRACT 1: COM AT SW
COR OF SE SW 11-10-10; TH N
894.17 FT; TH S 46 DEG 12 MIN 18 SEC E 6.15 FT; TH S 35 DEG 54 MIN 01 SEC E 55.90
FT; TH S 46 DEG 12 MIN 18 SEC E
111.12 FT TO THE PT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A
RADIUS OF 1150.00 FT; TH
SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT FOR AN ARC
LENGTH DISTANCE OF 510.23 FT TO POB
OF HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD WHICH BEARS S 58
DEG 54 MIN 56 SEC E, A DISTANCE
OF 505.06 FT; TH NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A
RADIUS OF 20.00 FT, FOR AN ARC
LENGTH DISTANCE OF 32.00 FT TO THE PT OF TANGENT SAID CURVE HAVING A
CHORD WHICH BEARS N 25 DEG 47
MIN 19 SEC W, A DISTANCE OF 28.70 FT; TH N 20 DEG 03 MIN 15 SEC E 359.01 FT TO
THE PT OF CURVATURE OF A
TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FT; TH
NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID TANGENT CURVE
TO THE RIGHT, FOR AN ARC LENGTH DISTANCE OF 5.88 FT, HAVING A CHORD
WHICH BEARS N 28 DEG 28 MIN 18 SEC
E, A DISTANCE OF 5.86 FT TO THE BEGINNING OF A COMPOUND CURVE TO THE
LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FT;
TH NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COMPOUND CURVE TO THE LEFT, FOR AN ARC
LENGTH DISTANCE OF 28.35 FT,
HAVING A CHORD WHICH BEARS N 20 DEG 38 MIN 43 SEC E, A DISTANCE OF 27.97
FT; TH S 85 DEG 35 MIN 55 SEC E
15.00 FT; TH N 23 DEG 43 MIN 25 SEC E 166.54 FT; TH N 88 DEG 51 MIN 36 SEC E 316.26
FT; TH S 41 DEG 54 MIN 56 SEC
E 431.63 FT; TH S 89 DEG 04 MIN 28 SEC E 106.12 FT; TH S 06 DEG 03 MIN 34 SEC E
91.83 FT; TH S 01 DEG 03 MIN 56 SEC
W 2.98 FT; TH N 89 DEG 04 MIN 28 SEC 294.58 FT, TH S 01 DEG 03 MIN 48 SEC W 200.60
FT; TH N 89 DEG 29 MIN 41 SEC
W 274.91 FT TO PT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING
A RADIUS OF 1150.00 FT; TH
NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, FOR AN ARC

LENGTH DISTANCE OF 358.65 FT TO PT
OF BEG, AID CURVE HAVING A CHORD WHICH BEARS N 80 DEG 33 MIN 38 SEC W
357.19 FT, CONT 8.45 ACS M/L
TRACT 2 - COM AT SW/C OF SE SW 11-1010; TH N 894.17 FT, TH S 46 DEG 12 MIN 18
SEC E 6.15 FT; TH S 35 DEG 54 MIN
01 SEC E 55.90 FT; TH S 46 DEG 12 MIN 18 SEC E 111.12 FT TO THE PT OF CURVATURE
OF A TANGENT CURVE TO THE
LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1150.00 FT; TH SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID
TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT FOR AN ARC
LENGTH DISTANCE OF 51.23 FT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD WHICH BEARS S 58
DEG 54 MIN 56 SEC E 506.06 FT; TH
NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FT,
FOR AN ARC LENGTH DISTANCE
OF 32.00 FT TO THE PT OF TANGENT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD WHICH
BEARS N 25 DEG 47 MIN 10 SEC W 28.70
FT; TH N 20 DEG 03 MIN 15 SEC E, 359.01 FT TO THE PT OF CURVATURE OF A
TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING
A RADIUS OF 20.00 FT; TH NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID TANGENT CURVE TO
THE RIGHT, FOR AN ARC LENGTH
DISTANCE OF 5.88 FT, HAVING A CHORD WHICH BEARS N 28 DEG 28 MIN 18 SEC E
5.86 FT TO THE BEGINNING OF A
COMPOUND CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FT; TH
NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID COMPOUND CURVE
TO THE LEFT FOR AN ARC LENGTH DISTANCE OF 28.35 FT, HAVING A CHORD
WHICH BEARS N 20 DEG 38 MIN 43 SEC E
37.97 FT; TH S 85 DEG 35 MIN 55 SEC E 15.00 FT; TH N 23 DEG 43 MIN 25 SEC E 166.54
FT TO PT OF BEGINNING; TH N 23
DEG 43 MIN 25 SEC E 251.22 FT; TH N 31 DEG 02 MIN 55 SEC E 259.83 FT; TH S 58 DEG
57 MIN 05 SEC 115.01 FT; TH S 54
DEG 03 MIN 33 SEC E 148.88 FT; TH S 39 DEG 30 MIN 50 SEC E 96.48 FT; TH S 48 DEG 48
MIN 49 SEC E 82.55 FT, TH S 45
DEG 29 MIN 29 SEC E 186.34 FT; TH S 08 DEG 11 MIN 26 SEC W 54.57 FT; TH S 01 DEG
03 MIN 56 SEC W 200.00 FT; TH S
06 DEG 03 MIN 34 SEC W 109.73 FT, TH N 89 DEG 04 MIN 28 SEC W 106.12 FT; TH N 41
DEG 54 MIN 56 SEC 431.63 FT; TH
S 88 DEG 51 MIN 36 SEC W 316.26 FT TO POB CONT 5.96 ACS
LESS B 4442 P 430 (22.04 ACS) TO LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DESC AS: COM SW
COR OF SE SW SECT 11.10.10; TH N
894.17 FT TO POB: TH N 436.09 FT TO SW COR OF NE SW; TH CONT N 592.13 FT TO SW
COR OF INWOOD FOREST SUB,
SAID PT LYING ON N BANK OF LITTLE BAYOU D'INDE; TH MEADER ALONG SAID N
BANK OF LITTLE BAYOU D'INDE; N 58
FT 37 MIN 40 SECS E, A DIST OF 52.22 FT; TH S 74 DEGS 31 MIN 0 SECS E, A DIST OF
94.09 FT; TH N 85 DEGS 20 MIN 56
SECS E, A DIST OF 177.47 FT; TH N 85 DEGS 15 MINS 9 SECS E, A DIST 79.52 FT; TH S
66 DEGS 50 MIN 26 SECS E, A DIST
OF 179.95 FT; TH S 58 DEGS 13 MIN 3 SECS E, A DIST OF 134.22 FT; TH S 51 DEGS 54
MINS 35 SECS E, A DIST OF 89.68
FT; TH S 41 DEGS 43 MIN 31 SECS E, A DIST OF 245.26 FT; TH S 58 DEGS 57 MIN 5
SECS E, A DIST OF 81.45 FT; TH S 31
DEGS 2 MIN 55 SECS W A DIST OF 259.83 FT; TH S 23 DEGS 43 MIN 25 SECS W, A DIST

OF 417.76 FT; TH N 85 DEGS 35
MIN 55 SECS W, A DISXT OF 15 FT TO POC (NON-TANGENT TO RIGHT(RADIUS OF 50
FT; TH SWLY, ALONG NON
TANGENT CURVE A ARC DIST OF 28.35 FT, CHORD BEARING 20 DEGS 38 MIN 43
SECS W A DIST OF 27.97 FT, TO BEG OF
A COMPOUND CURVE TO LEFT, A RADIUS OF 20 FT; TH SWLY, ALOND SAID
COMPOUND CURVE TO LEFT AND E R/W
LINE OF A PROPOSED RD, AN ARC LENGTH DIST OF 5.88 FT TO POINT OF TANGENT,
CURVE HAVING A CHORD
BEARING S 28 DEGS 28 MIN 18 SECS W, A DIST OF 5.86 FT; TH S 20 DEGS 3 MINS 15
SECS W, ALONG E R/W OF
PROPOSED RD A DIST OF 359.01 FT TO A CURVE TANGENT TO LEFT AND RADIUS
OF 20 FT; TH SWLY, ALONG SAID
TANGENT CURVE TO LEFT AND E R/W LINE OF PROPOSED RD, AN ARC LENGTH
DIST OF 32 FT TO PT OF CUR OF A
NON-TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT, SAID PT BEING ON N R/W LINE OF PROPOSED
RD, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD
WHICH BEARS S 25 DEGS 47 MIN 10 SECS E, A DIST OF 28.70 FT; TH NWLY, ALONG
SAID N R/W LINE OF PROPOSED
RD, AND A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO RIGHT, RADIUS OF 1150 FT, FOR AN ARC DIST
OF 510.23 FT, TO TH POINT OF
TANGENT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING N 58 DEGS 54 MIN 56 SECS W,
A DIST OF 506.06 FT; TH N 46 DEGS
12 MIN 18 SECS W, ALONG N PROPOSED RD A DIST OF 111.12 FT; TH N 35 DEGS 54
MIN 1 SEC W, ALONG SAID N R/W
LINE OF PROPOSED RD A DIST OF 55.90 FT; TH N 46 DEGS 12 MIN 18 SECS W, ALONG
SAID N R/W LINE OF PROPOSED
RD A DIST OF 6.15 FT TO POB (22.04 ACS M /L AND SUBJ TO DRAINAGE SERVITUDE
ACROSS THE N AND W/S
THEREOF; SUJ TO ANY EASEMENTS, SERVITUDES OR R/WS OF RECORD OR BY USE.
REF1-GLEN ALLEN JAMES AND SUSAN JEANNE B 1843 P 106-84

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following stipulations or restrictions are required as stated in the
CEA with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury:

1. Lot Frontage, abutting Carlyss Drive Extension, for commercial lots, which have a driveway connection to Carlyss Drive Extension, between LA 1256 and LA 27, shall not measure less than 250 feet.
2. Curb Cuts for commercial driveways shall not exceed 36 feet in width as measured along the back of curb or edge of pavement line.

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, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby grant a rezone to Justin Babineaux from Residential to Business for property located on South Beglis Pakway, south of the new Carlyss Blvd. extension (Assessment No. 00868027).

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting a rezone to BAB Rentals, LLC, from Residential to Business for property located at 501 Willow Avenue. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1956, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE GRANTING A REZONE TO BAB RENTALS, LLC, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 WILLOW AVENUE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a rezone to BAB Rentals, LLC, from Residential to Business for property located at 501 Willow Avenue for the following described property:

COM SW COR E CHERRY AND WILLOW AVE S 89 DEG 35 1/2 MIN W 236.1 FT S 32 DEG 41 MIN E 313.3 FT N 84 DEG 31 1/2 MIN E 67.2 FT N NO DEG 01 MIN E 259 FT TO COM

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 BAB Rentals, LLC, from Residential to Business for property located at 501 Willow Avenue.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance entering into a franchise agreement with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1957, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CONTERRA ULTRA BROADBAND, LLC. TO OPERATE A FIBER OPTICS TRANSMISSION CABLE, AND ALL APPURTENANCES AND APPENDAGES THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Sulphur is entering into a 15-year franchise agreement with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC for the transmission of telephonic, data, video and other services, in under, along and/or across the City rights-of-way, together with the right to make, install, maintain, repair and replace all such cable and other usual equipment or apparatus as may be reasonable necessary or desirable in the operation of said fiber optics communications transmission system.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, 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 said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, 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 Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the relocation of Prater Road Lift Station Project LS19-3. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1958, M-C SERIES

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for the relocation of Prater Road Lift Station Project LS19-3.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, 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 SWLA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.). Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1959, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE
ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR THE SWLA SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER
(S.A.N.E.) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the mission of the SWLA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) Program is to meet the needs of the sexual assault victim. The program will provide immediate, unbiased, compassionate and comprehensive forensic evaluation and treatment by trained, professional nurse experts within the parameters of the State Nurse Practice Act, the S.A.N.E. Standards of the International Association of Forensic Nurses and agreement with the participating multi-disciplinary agencies.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the SWLA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) Program with the following entities:

Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office
Sheriff of Calcasieu Parish
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
City of Lake Charles
City of Westlake
City of Vinton
City of DeQuincy
Town of Iowa
Cameron Parish District Attorney's Office
Allen Parish District Attorney's Office
Beauregard Parish District Attorney's Office
Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney's Office
Region V Office of Public Health (Health Unit)
Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Service District
Christus Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana d/b/a Christus Ochsner
St. Patrick Hospital
Christus Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana d/b/a Christus Ochsner Lake
Area Hospital
Beauregard Health System

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Agreement shall become effective for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2025 and shall be automatically renewed unless a party hereto gives notice to all the parties in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the date on which this agreement expires that the party will not be renewing its participation in this agreement.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on 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. Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, asked if the city will verify that the tree is overhanging prior to owner getting a citation. Mrs. Abshire stated that this is an existing ordinance and they're just modifying it. Cindy Robertson, West Verdine, stated that there are many corners where stop signs are located that trees are blocking the view. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1960, M-C SERIES

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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby amend Chapter 17, Section 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur to read as follows:

Sec. 17-1. Overhanging trees and shrubs—Minimum heights and street clearance.

- (a) The owners of any property in the city, improved or unimproved, occupied or unoccupied, shall keep all trees and shrubbery growing on the property owned by them and overhanging any street, cut and trimmed to a height of not less than fifteen (15) feet above the street level for a distance of not less than one (1) foot back of the curb or edge of the street, and shall keep sidewalks clear of all trees and shrubbery growing on land owned or occupied by them to a height of not less than eight (8) feet above the sidewalk.
- (b) The owners of any property in the city, improved or unimproved, occupied or unoccupied, shall keep all trees and shrubbery growing on the property owned by them cut and trimmed for a distance of not less than seven and one-half (7.5) feet radius from any fire hydrant located on land owned or occupied by owner, owner's agents or assigns.
- (c) If the owner or occupant has not complied with paragraph (a) of this section within ten days after receipt of written notice from the director of public works so to do, the city may trim the trees or shrubs to comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section. The costs of the work performed, whether by the city or by contract, shall be assessed to the owner or occupant of the property, which charges shall be due

and payable within ten days from completion of said work. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the minimum charge shall be \$25.00 per hour for the actual time involved in performing such work or for the amount of the contract. This fee shall be in addition to any other fees or charges required by ordinance.

- (d) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1.11 of this Code.

BE IT 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 said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance setting forth water fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Cindy Robertson, West Verdine, showed concern about meeting LA health requirements and the safety of our drinking water. Mrs. Thorn, Director of Finance, stated that the city has to abide by the state regulations. Mrs. Robertson stated that the city has to abide by the state minimum requirements, but the city can go above and beyond requirements. Austin Abrahams, Director of Public Works, stated that the city does meet the primary contaminant limits where we have been lacking, the secondary limits aren't mandatory yet but as part of phase 3 at the Verdine Plant will be to install a clarifier that will remove the iron and manganese prior to getting to the filters. Once this project is complete, the water will be very, very good.

Donna Clark, Garth Drive, brought her shower head to show all the corrosion on it.

Lattie Polk, Garden Street, stated that the city has spent lots of money for upgrades and the water still isn't good.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1961, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1910, M-C SERIES TO SET FORTH WATER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that water fees for normal monthly service rendered by the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, shall be as follows:

WATER:

FLAT RATES

Commercial Inside	48.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Commercial Outside	96.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Church Inside	30.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Church Outside	60.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Multi Commercial Inside	48.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Multi Family Inside	30.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Multi Family Outside	60.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Residential Inside	30.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Residential Outside	60.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Trailer Park Inside	30.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Trailer Park Outside	60.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Utility Assistance Inside	18.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00
Utility Assistance Outside	50.00	DHH Testing Fee	1.00

METERED RATES

Commercial Water (WM) Minimum Charge \$48.00 (inside) & \$96.00 (outside):

	Inside	Outside
First 5,000 gallons used – Minimum charge (0 to 5,000)	Min Charge	Min Charge
Next 25,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (5,001 to 30,000)	.6611	1.3223
Next 70,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (30,001 to 100,000)	.5225	1.0449
Next over 100,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (100,001 & up)	.3514	.7028

Commercial Irrigation (IM) Minimum Charge \$48.00 (inside) & \$96.00 (outside):

First 5,000 gallons used – Minimum charge (0 to 5,000)	Min Charge	Min Charge
Next 25,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (5,001 to 30,000)	.6611	1.3223
Next 70,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (30,001 to 100,000)	.5225	1.0449
Next over 100,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (100,001 & up)	.3514	.7028

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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 declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance setting forth sewer fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Cindy Robertson, West Verdine, spoke about the quality of the sewer system and the old pipes. Her sewer connects in her back yard and the pipes are clay. She would like to have an easement on her and her neighbors property so the city can get to their lines. She was quoted \$1,900 to reroute her sewer under the road. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1962, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1911, M-C SERIES TO SET FORTH SEWER FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that sewer fees for normal monthly service rendered by the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, shall be as follows:

SEWER:

FLAT RATES

Commercial Inside	52.50
Commercial Outside	105.00
Church Inside	33.20
Church Outside	66.40
Multi Commercial Inside	52.50
Multi Family Inside	33.20
Multi Family Outside	66.40
Residential Inside	33.20
Residential Outside	66.40
Trailer Park Inside	33.20
Trailer Park Outside	66.40
Utility Assistance Inside	17.45
Utility Assistance Outside	56.15

METERED RATES

Commercial Sewer (SM) Minimum Charge \$52.50 (inside) & \$105.00 (outside)

	Inside	Outside
First 5,000 gallons used – Minimum charge (0 to 5,000)	Min Charge	Min Charge
Next 25,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (5,001 to 30,000)	.3800	.7600
Next 70,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (30,001 to 100,000)	.4628	.9256
Next over 100,000 gallons used per 100 gal. (100,001 & up)	.3114	.6229

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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 declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance setting forth garbage/trash collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur. Mrs. Thorn discussed the contract with Waste Management regarding them not wanting to pick up bulk waste any longer. There are several options for Administration and Council to look at in the next few months. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1963, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1912, M-C SERIES TO SET FORTH GARBAGE/TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that garbage-trash collection fees for normal services rendered by the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, shall be as follows:

GARBAGE-TRASH (SOLID WASTE)

\$23.50 Per Unit Per Month (A unit residential or service as defined in existing Contract)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective
July 1, 2025.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Nezat

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on 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 increase will go from \$24.00 to \$27.75 per month. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1964, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1913, M-C SERIES WHICH ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PAYMENT OF WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE-TRASH COLLECTION FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby amend Ordinance No. 1913, M-C Series to read as follows:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that a program to assist low-income households in the payment of water, sewer (wastewater), and garbage-trash (solid waste) collection fees charged by the City of Sulphur be and it is hereby established, the determination of eligibility for this assistance program to be in accordance with poverty guidelines established by the Federal Government and the State of Louisiana, and which assistance program will be subject to the following definitions and conditions, and also the following criteria for eligibility:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:

- (a) Household means parents, their minor children, grandparents and a grandchild who is a minor and whose legal custody has been granted to a grandparent, all of whom reside in a housing unit as a family unit and for whom utilities are customarily purchased in common, or who make payments for utilities included in the rent;
- (b) Income means all non-exempt gross income received by members of the household on a regular or predictable basis during three (3) calendar months or all annualized non-

exempt income received by members of a household on an irregular or fluctuating basis or moneys received into a home occupied by a household from any source whatsoever;

- (c) Housing Unit means a house, a stationary mobile home, an apartment or any unit used for billing purposes.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Determination of eligibility for this assistance program will be in accordance with Department of Social Services established by the Federal government and the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 3. The amount of assistance granted each qualified applicant will be determined by (1) the number of qualified applicants and (2) the amount of the funds appropriated for this program for the fiscal year, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$27.75 PER QUALIFIED APPLICANT.

SECTION 4. Annual recertification of eligibility shall be required. Applications for said annual recertification shall be submitted by the 1st day of March each year.

SECTION 5. All changes in status affecting eligibility must be reported promptly to the office of the Mayor.

SECTION 6. Administration of this program will be the responsibility of the Mayor, through the Director of Finance.

SECTION 7. Confidentiality of all information provided to determine the eligibility will be maintained by the Office of the Mayor.

SECTION 8. This program is open to all persons regardless of race, color, age, religion, sex or national origin. No distinction shall be made between property owners or renters.

SECTION 9. Continuation of this assistance program is contingent upon the appropriation by the City Council of the City of Sulphur in the operating budget of the City of Sulphur each year.

SECTION 10. This assistance program shall only be provided for residential water, sewer, garbage/trash households located within the city limits of Sulphur.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance setting forth a Capital Recovery Fee charged by the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1965, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1914, M-C SERIES WHICH SET FORTH A CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE CHARGED BY THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that a Capital Recovery Fee for normal monthly water and sewer service rendered by the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, shall be as follows:

CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE

FLAT RATES

Commercial Inside	1.55
Commercial Outside	3.10
Church Inside	1.55
Church Outside	3.10
Multi Commercial Inside	1.55
Multi Family Inside	1.55
Multi Family Outside	3.10
Residential Inside	1.55
Residential Outside	3.10
Trailer Park Inside	1.55
Trailer Park Outside	3.10
Utility Assistance Inside	1.55
Utility Assistance Outside	3.10

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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 declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on 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 stated that she had some amendments that needed to be made:

1. A reduction of \$1,700 in other revenue (calculating error)
2. Administration budget expense a reduction of \$453,053.00 that includes increasing \$10,000 for the STEM program
3. Adding \$33,000 in salaries for the Marshal's office (oversight when doing the budget)
4. A reduction in Finance in Professional Services for \$500,000 (overstated that by mistake)
5. Police Department decrease expenses by \$214,287.00 (the prior year Police units all came in)
6. Increasing Streets and Maintenance for BFI Refuge Collection (garbage service expense) - \$222,495.00
7. Change the beginning Fund Balance (FEMA reimbursement not reflected in the prior year report) beginning fund \$32,445.119.00 and ending fund \$25,649,958 as discussed in last month Council meeting.

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

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 carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted as amended:

ORDINANCE NO. 1966, M-C SERIES AS AMENDED

AN 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.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council, City of Sulphur, Louisiana, in general session convened, that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the summary and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D), Louisiana Local Government Act, be and the same, is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for

the City of Sulphur for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

SECTION II. The attached statement of anticipated expenditures as reflected in the summary and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D), Louisiana Local Government Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the City of Sulphur for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the line-item budget filed with the Clerk of the Council containing object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amount set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.

SECTION IV. The adoption of the Capital Improvement Budget as submitted for a period of five years with the first year being for the budget year 2025-2026 shall be for the expenditures as appropriated therein.

SECTION V. The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefor in the Budget of Expenditures unless all terms and conditions of the Sulphur Home Rule Charter are complied with. In accordance with Section 5-04 € of the Sulphur Home Rule Charter (Transfer of Appropriations): At any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation within programs or functions. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making an appropriation to and for a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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 declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on 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). Cindy Robertson, West Verdine, asked someone to explain the

longevity term. Does it apply to an employee's longevity, or does it apply to the position? Mrs. Thorn stated that there are two increases (1) annual longevity that's given on the employee's anniversary date beginning the first year. It's 2% city wide and for every position in the city. It does not move with the position; it stays with the person. If the person moves to another position the longevity moves with the person. The other increase that employees usually get goes into effect July 1 of every year and that's the across-the-board increase (i.e. cost of living increase). For non-Civil Service employees it does not stay with the position and it does not stay with the person. For Civil Service Fire and Police it does stay with the position due to Civil Service rules. Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, stated that in 2017 an HR salary survey was done, and it showed that the average pay for Mayor's was between \$60,000-\$95,000. Now that the boom is over, and more people have moved out of Sulphur, and it was stated that Sulphur doesn't project any growth in the next ten years, it doesn't make any sense to make any expenditures that isn't absolutely necessary.

Laddy Polk, Garden Street, stated that he sees language for increases in longevity. Just showing up to work doesn't merit a raise. Mrs. Thorn, Director of Finance, stated that annual evaluations are done and if someone performs poorly then it's addressed. HR does a great job encouraging the Department Heads on annual evaluations. We have lots of training to offer the employees. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1967, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR DURING THE NEXT TERM OF OFFICE.

WHEREAS the salary of the Mayor of Sulphur was last adjusted on April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur provides the following:

The council may, by ordinance, change the salary of the mayor provided that no ordinance changing such salary shall be passed during the last year of the term of the mayor and further provided that the salary change shall not become effective during the term of the mayor in office at the time the salary is changed.

WHEREAS the City Council deems it proper to make an adjustment to the salary of the Mayor at a rate commensurate with the raises provided to all general employees of the City over the preceding term;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, in regular session that:

The annual salary for the Mayor of the City of Sulphur shall be set at \$118,000 per year for the term beginning in 2026.

All other employee benefits and expense reimbursements previously provided for by any ordinance shall remain unchanged.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval or readoption, but the salary provided for herein shall be implemented only on the first day of the new term for the Mayor of Sulphur in 2026.

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 declared duly adopted on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on 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 made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1968, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY 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.

WHEREAS, the immovable property identified in the attached tax sale is subject to redemption under La. R.S. 47:2245 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Mike Danahay to sign any and all documentation necessary for the redemption of the property identified in the attached tax sale located on Cities Service Hwy. - Assessment No. 1175440 pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2245 et seq.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

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

- a. To condemn building or structure located at 405 Leora Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the above address be condemned.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. To condemn building or structure located at 310 Park Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. To condemn building or structure located at 1317 East Burton, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. To condemn building or structure located at 716 Landry Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Mr. Nezat seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the above address be granted a 30-day extension and permits must be pulled. Will revisit at June Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. To condemn building or structure located at 1507 Briarwood Drive, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Representative of owner addressed the Council and stated that the owner has passed away and they're working on a succession. Billy Loftin, City Attorney, stated that they can present Administration with an

affidavit of heirship to proceed. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be given a 30-day extension and permits must be pulled.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. To condemn building or structure located at 113 Arkansas Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be given a 30-day extension.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. To condemn building or structure located at 725 Pitre, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296 of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be given a 30-day extension.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is Rule to Show Cause For Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on private property for the following address:

- a. To remove dead or diseased tree located at 1507 Briarwood Drive, in accordance with Chapter 17, Article I of the Code of Ordinance.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be given a 30-day extension.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

To grant an extension on the previous condemnation for structure located at 229 Rio Hondo Street.

Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the above address be given a 30-day extension and permits must be pulled.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance approving proposed settlement and authorizing Mayor Danahay to settle or make an offer of judgement pursuant to La. CCP970, 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 made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1969, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE APPROVING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAAY TO SETTLE OR MAKE AN OFFER OF JUDGEMENT 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

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby approve proposed settlement and authorize Mayor Danahay to settle or make an offer of judgement pursuant to La. CCP 970, if not settled, on the above suit.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance ratifying Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for the Water Sector Program and authorizing Mayor Danahay to sign/date retroactively. Mr. Loftin stated that this is simply a ratification that should have been done

by ordinance. Technically it was ratified by the budget, however in order to be transparent we decided to put it on the agenda and ratify it. If this isn't adopted, we'll have to give the \$5 million back. Mr. Abrahams, Director of Public Works, stated that one of the projects with this money has already been completed and it was replacing the filters at the North Water Plant (1.8 million), the second project is at the Verdine Water Plant for the clarifier and the piping. Mrs. Thorn stated that all the projects were voted on by Council for their approval and noted that it was with water sector funding.

Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street, stated that it was a resident that caught that the CEA wasn't voted on and she appreciates Administration for doing this the right way to correct the oversight.

Mrs. Thorn stated that when the city does a project with the state a CEA is normally required by the state that is uploaded through a portal but the state did not request a CEA this time. It was an oversight by the city, state and water sector program. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE RATIFYING COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHA TO SIGN/DATE RETROACTIVELY.

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

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 RATIFYING COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHA TO SIGN/DATE RETROACTIVELY.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of June, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to sign the LA DOTD Maintenance Agreement for mowing and litter pickup for FY ending June 30, 2026. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR MIKE DANAHAAY TO SIGN THE LA DOTD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR MOWING AND LITTER PICKUP FOR FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

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:

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CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance amending Chapter 24, Section 56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sulphur – Grading Permit Fees (to reflect increase in Ordinance No. 1844 that was adopted April 10, 2023). Cindy Robertson, West Verline, asked what grading meant. Mr. Abrahams,

Director of Public Works, stated that any time you disturb the dirt on your property. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SECTION 56 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR – GRADING PERMIT FEES (TO REFLECT INCREASE IN ORDINANCE NO. 1844 THAT WAS ADOPTED APRIL 10, 2023).

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:

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of June, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
JOY ABSHIRE, 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 declared introduced on this 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Downtown Business Association for beautification on North

Huntington Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR BEAUTIFICATION ON NORTH HUNTINGTON STREET.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in the “American Press”, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, and that the said Notice of Introduction of the above ordinance is substantially in the following form:

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of June, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3644, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sulphur informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana:

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1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
 2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA 0067083.

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 12th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish School Board for funding for STEM project. Mrs. Hardy stated that this will be for STEM summer camp. Mrs. Abshire stated that the government cut their funding. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR FUNDING FOR STEM PROJECT.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the said ordinance be filed and remain on file with the Clerk of the Council, in final form, for public inspection and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to publish the Public Notice of Introduction of the above proposed ordinance in the “American Press”, the official journal of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, and that the said Notice of Introduction of the above ordinance is substantially in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAHAY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR FUNDING FOR STEM PROJECT.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 501 Willow Avenue, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

5/12/25
7:20 P.M.