

August 10, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

DRU ELLENDER, Council Representative of District 1  
MIKE KOONCE, Council Representative of District 2  
MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3  
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4  
MANDY THOMAS, Council Representative of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mrs. Ellender, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Abshire.

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

The Chairman then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that item #9A be added to the agenda:

Resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for Mimosa Heights Drainage Improvements – Phase 1.

Mr. Koonce stated that this item was being added to the agenda since the agenda was already published at the time this information was received. There weren't any comments from the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Abshire that item #1 be amended to read as follows:

Introduction of ordinance setting the millage rates for tax year 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance setting the millage rates for tax year 2020. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY, STREET  
MAINTENANCE, AND FIRE MAINTENANCE AUTHORIZED MILLAGE RATES IN THE  
CITY OF SULPHUR FOR THE 2020 TAX YEAR.

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

**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 WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY, STREET MAINTENANCE,  
AND FIRE MAINTENANCE AUTHORIZED MILLAGE RATES IN THE CITY OF SULPHUR FOR  
THE 2020 TAX YEAR.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, in the City of Sulphur Council Chambers in Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is a Proclamation to AJ Powell, Benton Barnett, Justin Duplechin and Richard Wingard for saving the life of Preston Manuel. Mayor Danahay and City Councilmen presented the following Proclamation to the First Responders:

***Proclamation***

WHEREAS, AJ Powell, Richard Wingard, Benton Barnett, and Justin Duplechin are first responders for the City of Sulphur and serve our city on and off duty on a daily basis.

WHEREAS, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, these men worked together to save the life of a driver in a vehicle accident due to a medical event.

WHEREAS, due to the efforts made by Mr. Powell, Mr. Wingard, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Duplechin, the driver was able to be transported for further medical attention, and credits these men with saving his life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sulphur offers our appreciation to these first responders for the service they provide to our community.

I, Michael E. Danahay, Mayor of the City of Sulphur, do hereby recognize Mr. Powell, Mr. Wingard, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Duplechin as hometown heroes for their heroic efforts in this event and in the City of Sulphur and encourage all citizens to acknowledge this in our community.

The next item on the agenda is a Proclamation to Coach Shannon Suarez family. Mayor Danahay and City Councilmen presented the following Proclamation to the Suarez family:

***Proclamation***

WHEREAS, Coach Shannon Suarez served the community in many capacities but one of the most important was as Head Football Coach for Sulphur High School. He was hired as the offensive and defensive line coach in 1963 but was promoted to Head Coach in 1966, where is remained until 1982; and

WHEREAS, Coach Suarez lead the Sulphur Tornados for 17 seasons, 10 District Championships, 3 undefeated season, and 11 playoff appearances. His record while at SHS was 144-46-4, during which time he received the SWLA Coach of the Year in 1968, 1970 and 1971. In 1996, he was inducted into the Louisiana High School Hall of Fame, honoring his incredible career as a Head Football Coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Suarez was a coach, teacher and friend to a multitude of students and athletes and provided guidance and determination to reach their highest aspirations. He was known for many motivational quotes, such as, “You never see a bluebird sitting next to a buzzard” Through his coaching techniques he inspired many to accomplish their dreams through hard work and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sulphur offers our appreciation to Coach Shannon Suarez for the many dedicated years of service to Sulphur High School Students and Faculty and also our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Michael E. Danahay and Sulphur City Council members, hereby proclaim this Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “**Coach Shannon Suarez Day**” in the City of Sulphur and encourage all citizens to acknowledge this in our community.

The next item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to sign Emergency Shelter and Staging Agreement with Beauregard Parish School Board for temporary shelter and emergency equipment staging area at Singer High School for Hurricane 2020 Season for the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1681, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAY TO SIGN  
EMERGENCY SHELTER AND STAGING AGREEMENT WITH BEAUREGARD  
PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER AND EMERGENCY  
EQUIPMENT STAGING AREA AT SINGER HIGH SCHOOL FOR HURRICANE  
2020 SEASON FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR.

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 sign Emergency Shelter and Staging Agreement with Beauregard Parish School Board for temporary shelter and emergency equipment staging area at Singer High School for Hurricane 2020 Season for the City of Sulphur.

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

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, 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 (vehicles). Motion was made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1682, M-C SERIES

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

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:

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>
2007 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin# 2FAFP71WX7X130869	\$750.00
2009 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin# 2FAHP71V09X12187	\$750.00
2009 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin# 2FAFP71W67X130867	\$750.00
2012 Chevrolet Caprice, Vin# 6GMK5U23CL605388	\$750.00
2014 Chevrolet Caprice, Vin# 6G3NS5U25EL946824	\$750.00
2010 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin# 2FABP7BV6AX112557	\$750.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Mayor Mike Danahay is authorized to donate the afore-mentioned surplus movable property to the City of Melville Police Department and is also authorized to sign all documents 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. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution appointing a member to the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3323, M-C SERIES

Resolution appointing a member to the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby appoint Tommy Little to the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board with term to expire June, 2022.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Baymont Inn & Suites located at 325 Arena Road. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3324, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Baymont Inn & Suites, located at 325 Arena Road.

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 Baymont Inn & Suites, located at 325 Arena Road.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Cast and Cleaver, LLC, located at 303 South Cities Service Hwy. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3325, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Cast & Cleaver LLC, located at 303 South Cities Service Hwy.

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 Cast & Cleaver LLC, located at 303 South Cities Service Hwy.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving liquor license for Grab N Geaux 10, located at 1501 Ruth Street. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3326, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Grab N Geaux 10, located at 1501 Ruth 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 Grab N Geaux 10 located at 1501 Ruth Street.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for Mimosa Heights Drainage Improvements – Phase 1. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTOIN NO. 3327, M-C SERIES**

Resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for Mimosa Heights Drainage Improvements – Phase 1.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize advertisement of bids for Mimosa Heights Drainage Improvements-Phase 1, said bids to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with Meyer and Associates, 600 North Cities Service Hwy., Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 or online at BidXpress.

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

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Separate and sealed bids for the advertisement of bids for Mimosa Heights Drainage Improvements – Phase 1 will be received by the Clerk of the Council until 10:00 a.m. on the 10th day of September, 2020, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in an open and public bid opening session to be conducted by the Director of Public Works in the Conference Room at the City Hall, and the City Council shall at a regular meeting on the 14th day of September, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. proceed to award the bid to the lowest bidder, to waive irregularities, or to reject any and all bids, or otherwise proceed thereto as provided by law. Bids are also available electronically at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com); free membership is required to access. Said bids to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with Meyer and Associates, 600 North Cities Service Hwy., Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 or online at BidXpress.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman



The next item on the agenda is Public Comment. Ronnie Banks, 933 Elm Street, addressed the Council and asked that they change the name of Willow and Sycamore Streets to Coach Shannon Suarez Street and change Maple Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Street.

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

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

8/10/20