
November 13, 2023

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its temporary location located at 1551 East Napoleon Street in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on November 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

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

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mrs. Hardy, 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. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is a public hearing on ordinance granting an Exception to 3 A Holding, LLC, 201 North Claiborne Street, to allow for an expansion of a Neighborhood Commercial Use in a Mixed Residential District. Kenneth Belanger, West Verdine Street, stated that he had heard the addition was for video poker and not just for storage. Neighbors don't want video poker. Can Council add a stipulation that the expansion can only be used for storage and kitchen. Fayaz Khan, owner, stated that he purchased the store about 3 months ago and he cleaned the store and redid the front of the store. He's extended the store with a full-size kitchen and storage only. Mrs. Thomas stated that if in the future he wanted to put video poker, he'd have to come back to the city to rezone. Mr. Khan stated that at this moment he's not interested in video poker. Mrs. Abshire stated that some of the local people like to congregate at this store and asked that Mr. Khan keep an eye on this. Austin Abrahams, Land Use Administrator, stated that Council don't need to put any stipulations

because if he does put video poker, he would have to get it rezoned. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1881, M-C SERIES

ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO 3 A HOLDING, LLC, 201 CLAIBORNE STREET, TO ALLOW FOR AN EXPANSION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL USE IN A MIXED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS in accordance with Appendix B, Article IV, Part 3, Section 2 of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur, applicant is requesting an Exception to allow for an expansion of a neighborhood commercial use in a Mixed Residential District for the following described property:

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF CALCASIEU, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK "A" OF THE WEST END SUBDIVISION OF THE TOWN OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 263.

This Exception is granted by the City of Sulphur and may be withdrawn by the City of Sulphur should said Exception 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 Exception, 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.

If City Council does hereby approve this Exception the owner of this Exception 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 Exception.

No work shall commence until all applicable permits are obtained. In the event work is commenced prior to obtaining all applicable permits, this Exception shall be withdrawn and considered null and void.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur Louisiana, that they do hereby grant an Exception to 3 A Holding, LLC, 201 Claiborne Street, to allow for an expansion of a neighborhood commercial use in a mixed residential district.

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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

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

a. To extend temporary housing in a recreational vehicle located at 945 Beulah Street, in accordance with Ordinance No. 1693, M-C Series.

Mrs. Hardy stated that she would abstain since the owner of this property is related to her children. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be granted a 6-month extension.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Hardy

And the said 6-month extension was declared duly adopted on this 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

b. To extend temporary housing in a recreational vehicle located at 906 Taylor Street, in accordance with Ordinance No. 1693, M-C Series.

Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be granted a 6-month extension.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

a. To condemn building or structure located at 1115 Brandi Street, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Mrs. Vanderhey stated that letters went out, but she hasn't heard anything from the property owners.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. To condemn building or structure located at 107 Morgan Road, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Mrs. Vanderhey stated that letters went out, but she hasn't heard anything from the property owners.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. To condemn building or structure located at 2916 Weil Drive, in accordance with Article IX, Section 5-286 through 5-296.

Mrs. Thomas asked that this item be postponed for 60 days (i.e. January 8, 2024). The property is in foreclosure and they need a little more time. Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mr. Nezat that the above address be postponed until January 8, 2024, City Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance creating the position of Deputy Chief of Police on a competitive basis. Mayor Danahay stated that this is done across the state, and it gives the Chief more say so in this position. Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire 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 CREATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance granting a variance to Reina Mannque, 1231 Franklin Street, to allow a chicken and goat enclosure to be located 17 feet from west and south property lines rather than the required 50 feet. Mrs. Mannque had an interpreter and stated that she'd like 2 goats and 5 chickens. James LeDoux, North Claiborne Street, addressed the Council and stated that the pen could be 200 feet away and you're still going to have flies. Will there be drainage and where will it drain? The owner stated that they are taking care of all that now and it does have drainage in the floor. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be introduced:

ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO REINA MANNQUE, 1231 FRANKLIN STREET, TO ALLOW A CHICKEN AND GOAT ENCLOSURE TO BE LOCATED 17 FEET FROM WEST AND SOUTH PROPERTY LINES RATHER THAN THE REQUIRED 50 FEET.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: None

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

ABSENT: None

And the said ordinance failed and was not introduced on this 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is an introduction of ordinance authorizing Mayor Mike Danahay to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1521 Ruby Lane. Mayor Danahay stated that the next 7 items are in the Calcasieu Parish Flood Mitigation Program. Since these properties have flooded nothing can be built on these properties and the federal government demolished all structures on them. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel

of property located at 4112 Tracy Circle. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire 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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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 2309 Timberlane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1533 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire 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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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1537 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1009 Melanie Drive. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 1605 Ruby Lane. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

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A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA
BY: _____
DRU ELLENDER, 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 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to accept ownership of a parcel of property located at 508 South Kent Drive. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following ordinance be introduced:

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

A public hearing on said ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2023, in the Council Chambers at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, Sulphur, Louisiana.

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY: _____

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is a resolution promulgating the results of an election held in the City of Sulphur, on October 14, 2023, for revisions to the Home Rule Charter. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3552, M-C SERIES

PROCES VERBAL

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on this 13th day of November, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., in accordance with a resolution of the City Council, governing authority of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, adopted on April 10, 2023, and recorded in the records of said City Council, notice of which meeting was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the City Council, being a quorum thereof, met at

the regular meeting place of the City Council, and according to law examined the tabulation blanks, certificates and statements which were received from the Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge of the election held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana on October 14, 2023, in accordance with said resolution, together with the transcription of the totals made by the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Calcasieu Parish to determine the following proposition:

REVISED HOME RULE CHARTER

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

The results of said election proved to be as follows:

PRECINCT	NUMBER OF VOTES IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION	NUMBER OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION
400	32	88
401	39	126
402	23	121
403	54	187
404	120	247
405	152	363
406	38	161
407	58	178
408	66	193
461	0	6
465	0	2
466E	0	0
467	41	68
Group Subtotal	623	1740
Absentees	<u>454</u>	<u>848</u>
TOTALS	1077	2588

We therefore ascertained that the majority of qualified electors of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voting in said election in the City voted against the revisions to the Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur.

At the same time and place, we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by said tabulation blanks, certificates, and statements received from the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge,

the correctness of which were sworn to by the election Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners according to law, and our finding was that the returns indicated a majority voted against said proposition.

Therefore, we declare that the result of said election is against the revisions to the Home Rule Charter Proposition as stated above.

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

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in the presence of Arlene Blanchard and Gina Quibodeaux, competent witnesses and qualified voters of Calcasieu Parish on this 13th day of October, 2023, at a regular meeting of the City Council in Sulphur, Louisiana, by the undersigned members of said City Council present and participating in the canvass of said election.

WITNESSES:

Arlene Blanchard
Gina Quibodeaux

Dru Ellender, Chairman
Melinda Hardy, V. Chairman
Nick Nezat, Councilman
Joy Abshire, Councilman
Mandy Thomas, Councilman

The following resolution was thereupon introduced, and pursuant to a motion made by Joy Abshire and seconded by Nick Nezat, was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION NO. 3552, M-C SERIES

A RESOLUTION PROMULGATING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD IN THE
CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA ON OCTOBER 14, 2023.

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2023, an election was held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, to determine the proposition hereinafter set out;

WHEREAS, the returns of said election were canvassed by the Board according to law and notice duly given as provided by law, and the result of said election was declared to be against the proposition;

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

SECTION 1. An election was held in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana on October 14, 2023, to determine the proposition hereinafter set out; that said election was duly and properly called by the City Council by a resolution adopted on April 10, 2023 and recorded in the records of said Board, that notice of said election embracing all matters required by law to be contained therein was given by publication in the American Press, a newspaper published in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and of general circulation in the City on July 26, August 2, August 9 and August 16, 2023, the first publication being not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date set for said election; that this Board did in said resolution designate the polling places for said election and did provide for the use of voting machines in the conduct of said election; that election officials were duly selected; that each election official received the certificate of instruction of the use of the voting machines and his duties in connection therewith as required by law; that the State Custodian of Voting Machines and the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Calcasieu Parish made available on the day of the election at the polling places designated for the conduct of said election the necessary voting machines and all necessary equipment and paraphernalia required by law in connection with the use of voting machines at elections; that the Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court of Calcasieu Parish furnished to the election Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge copies of the precinct registers for each precinct or ward entitled to vote at such polling places; that the Louisiana Secretary of State prepared and certified the ballot used in the voting machines as required by law; that the proposition voted on in said election and as it appeared

in said voting machines was in due form provided by law and the resolution adopted by this Board on April 10, 2023, calling said election; that the results of said election were written on a large sheet of paper at said polling places, which sheet of paper was signed by each of the election officials designated to conduct such election at said polling places and which sheet was thereupon posted in public view at the polling places in accordance with law; that only qualified electors under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana voted at said election; that the officials who served at said election were duly and properly appointed; that the places of all absent election officials were properly filled in accordance with law; that before opening the polls all election officials were properly sworn in accordance with law; that the polls at the voting places were opened at 6:00 a.m. and remained open and until not later than 8:00 p.m.; that after the closing of the polls the votes for and against the proposition were properly counted and tallied and the necessary tabulation blanks, certificates and statements were made by the election officials in accordance with law and the voting machines delivered to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a copy of the results of said election delivered to the Clerk of Court of Calcasieu Parish as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:1190 E; that on October 17, 2023, that being more than three days after said election the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines, after breaking the seals and opening the voting machines used in said election did transcript the totals for the proposition voted upon at said election; and that all things whatsoever required by law to be done in connection with the holding of said election were properly and duly performed in manner and form as required by Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the general election laws of the State of Louisiana.

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

REVISED HOME RULE CHARTER

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

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

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
ABSTAIN: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution awarding low bid for the annual supply of pipe and fittings, limestone and asphalt mix for the City of Sulphur. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3553, M-C SERIES

Resolution awarding low bid received for annual supply of pipe and fittings, limestone and asphalt for the City of Sulphur.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that bids for annual supply of pipe and fittings, limestone and asphalt for the City of Sulphur were opened and read aloud in a public session on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and the bids are as follows:

Tabulation for Limestone & Asphalt 2024

Approximately 20 tons 3/4" - 1" limestone (GRAY ONLY)	
VENDOR	COST PER TON
Dunham Price	N/A
DP Aggregates	N/A
Port Aggregates	N/A
Prairie Contractors	N/A
RE Heidt	N/A
5M Services	N/A

Approximately 1,000 Tons Road Base Limestone (GRAY ONLY)

VENDOR	COST PER TON
Dunham Price	N/A
DP Aggregates	N/A
Port Aggregates	N/A
Prairie Contractors	N/A
RE Heidt	N/A
5M Services	N/A

Approximately 600 Tons Hot Asphalt Mix		
VENDOR	COST PER TON	SMALL LOAD FEE
Dunham Price	N/A	N/A
DP Aggregates	N/A	N/A
Port Aggregates	N/A	N/A
Prairie Contractors	N/A	N/A
RE Heidt	\$97.50	N/A
5M Services	N/A	N/A

<i>Awarded Vendor</i>	HOT ASPHALT MIX - R.E. HEIDT
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Tabulation for Annual Supply of Pipes and Fittings

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

AWARDED VENDOR	FERGUSON & COBURNS
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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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3554, M-C SERIES

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

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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Separate and sealed bids for the advertisement of bids for the annual supply of chemicals for the City will be received by the Clerk of the Council until 10:00 a.m. on the 4th day of December 2023, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in an open and public bid opening session to be conducted by the Director of Finance in the Conference Room at City Hall, and the City Council shall at a regular meeting on the 11th day of December, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. proceed to award the bid to the lowest bidder, to waive irregularities, or to reject any and all bids, or otherwise proceed thereto as provided by law. Bids are also available electronically at www.centralbidding.com; free membership is required to access. Said bids to be in accordance with the quantities and specifications on file with the City of Sulphur Finance Department located at 101 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana

CITY OF SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

BY _____
DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana will meet in open and public session at their temporary location, 1551 East Napoleon Street, in the Council Chambers on the 11th day of December, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and shall then and there proceed to award the bids to the lowest bidder or to reject any and all bids, otherwise proceed thereto as provided by law.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving a liquor license to Southern Seas Distributing Company, LLC, located at 333 North Beglis Parkway. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3555, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving liquor license for Southern Seas Distributing Company, LLC, located at 333 North Beglis Parkway.

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 Southern Seas Distributing Company, LLC, located at 333 North Beglis Parkway.

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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution approving the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay for the appointment of John Naquin as Fire Chief. Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3556, M-C SERIES

Resolution approving the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay for the appointment of John Naquin as Fire Chief.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby approve the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay for the appointment of John Naquin as Fire Chief.

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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution appointing a member to the Sulphur Housing Authority Board of Directors. Motion was made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3557, M-C SERIES

Resolution re-appointing Mary Kay Stoma to the Sulphur Housing Authority Board of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby appoint Mary Kay Stoma to the Sulphur Housing Authority Board of Directors which term will expire November, 2028.

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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution accepting Substantial Completion for Tillman, Brandi and Ashley Rehabilitation. Mayor Danahay stated that when he came into office, he was visited by a group of citizens that live in this area concerned about the conditions of these streets. He committed to these citizens that he would repair these streets. There was once a drainage issue in this neighborhood, now it's much better. Motion was then made by Mrs. Abshire seconded by Mr. Nezat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3558, M-C SERIES

Resolution accepting Substantial Completion for Tillman, Brandi and Ashley Rehabilitation.

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 Tillman, Brandi and Ashley Rehabilitation.

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 13th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is public comment. The following people spoke:

Danny Dipetta, Bonin Drive – spoke against the rezone by the Police Jury for property south of Glen Taylor Estates and north of I-10. Cynthia Robertson, West Verdine Street conquered.

Sheila Broussard, Pecan Street – The Home Rule Charter was voted down and 4 different times Mayor Danahay stated that the Charter was in conflict with state law. Council needs to bring this vote back to the people.

James LeDoux, North Claiborne Street – commended city on paving streets and putting stripes on Claiborne Street. He also thanked Sulphur Police for patrolling more often north of the tracks.

Buckie LeBouef, Houston River Road – on behalf of LaSalette Catholic Church, he expressed thanks for Sulphur Police and Sheriff Department being more visible in this area.

Mayor Danahay stated that the city has some very hard working, dedicated employees. Himself and City Council are susceptible to public scrutiny. They have been on the end of countless social and mainstream media comments. He has personally chosen not to respond to such malicious and despicable comments. He finds it completely uncalled for and unfair for social media administrators and participants who initiate character assassination on city employees. These people come to work each day to make our city a safe community to

thrive in. We should be thankful for these employees, instead they are criticized by those who have no knowledge of what these employees are tasked to do. If someone wants to relocate to our great city, what will they think of us if they look on social media. They may choose to live somewhere else. These administrators and participants are trying to bring harm to our great city. Let's all move forward in a positive direction.

Mr. Nezat reminded everyone of Christmas Under the Oaks December 1st and 2nd.

Mrs. Thomas thanked Mr. DiPetta for his hard work against the rezone north of Glen Taylor Estates.

Mrs. Abshire stated that north of the tracks (Pouche' Town) is a beautiful area and we need to keep it this way.

Mrs. Ellender thanked Mayor Danahay for bringing back the pageant that she was able to be a part of this past weekend.

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

11/13/23
6:30 P.M.