

August 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on August 24, 2020 at 5:00 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

ABSENT: 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. Hardy.

The first item on the agenda is an ordinance declaring a Public Emergency; authorizing the use of funds for the restoration of Police and Fire protection, water quality and production, wastewater collection and treatment and any other service or product which have been limited as a result of Hurricane Laura; and providing for effective date of ordinance.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following be declared a public emergency:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY AND PRODUCTION, WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND ANY OTHER SERVICE OR PRODUCT WHICH HAVE BEEN LIMITED AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE LAURA; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

A vote was then called with the following results:

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

And the said ordinance was declared a public emergency on this 24th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

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

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY AND PRODUCTION, WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND ANY OTHER SERVICE OR PRODUCT WHICH HAVE BEEN LIMITED AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE LAURA; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

A vote was then called with the following results:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was introduced on this 24th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

The Chairman asked if there were any comments. With no comments from the public, motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1683, M-C SERIES

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY AND PRODUCTION, WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND ANY OTHER SERVICE OR PRODUCT WHICH HAVE BEEN LIMITED AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE LAURA; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that based on the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay, a Public Emergency is hereby declared in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, due to the need to provide police and fire protection, water quality and production, wastewater collection and treatment and any other service or product which have been limited as a result of Hurricane Laura.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Mayor Mike Danahay is hereby authorize to use funds for the afore-mentioned service in an effort to restore basic City services, which were interrupted by Hurricane Laura, although not known at this time, but is not expected to exceed \$500,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Mayor Mike Danahay is hereby authorized to secure reimbursement from FEMA for any and all funds expended.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY

In order to provide all citizens of Sulphur with required police and fire protection, safe ingress and egress on City streets, water quality and production, and wastewater collection and treatment, the City will need to take appropriate actions to provide these services, which have been limited, as a result of Hurricane Laura. To do this, will require the declaration of a public emergency.

Louisiana Public Bid Law provides in R.S. 38:2212, that all public work including labor, materials and all purchases of materials or supplies exceeding the sum of \$30,000 must be advertised and bid with an exception as stated in R.S. 38:2212 P (1)(a). This section of the law, shall not apply in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to by the public entity and notice shall, within ten days thereof, be published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such public emergency.

In the current fiscal year, appropriations were allocated for emergency situations. The cost for restoring basic City services, which were interrupted by Hurricane Laura, is not known at this time, but is not expected to exceed \$500,000. The City will make every effort to secure reimbursement from FEMA for any and all funds expended.

The Sulphur Home Rule Charter, in Section 2-14 (A) Emergency Ordinances, provides that to meet the public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the Council, by a favorable vote of a majority of the authorized membership may adopt an emergency ordinance at the meeting at which it is introduced. Such emergency ordinance shall contain a specific statement of the emergency claimed.

Therefore, a public emergency is hereby declared by Mayor Mike Danahay as of August 24, 2020, necessitating required purchases and services for the restoration of basic City services, without the normal formalities.

Signed this 24th day of August, 2020.

Mayor Mike Danahay

A vote was then called with the following results:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was declared a public emergency and adopted on this 24th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

MIKE KOONCE, Chairman

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