

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON APRIL 25, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GORDON A BURGESS GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA Mrs. Hyde made it known a public hearing was made on the following:

T.P. Ordinance No. 22-14 - no one from the public asked to address the matter

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2022 MEETING

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 25th day of April 2022 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mrs. Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman immediately following the public hearing at 5:30pm. The Chair asked that all cell phones be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Dawson Primes and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Joseph.

The following members were **PRESENT**: Trent Forrest, John Ingraffia, Louis Joseph, Carlo Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Brigitte Hyde, Kim Coates

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Motion made by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 11, 2022. Roll call as follows:

YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

PUBLIC INPUT - No one from the public asked to address any agenda item.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. LITTER UPDATE - Roxy's Toolbox Poster Winners – Ginger Tastet presented the poster winners of the Litter Program. Loranger: Taylor Prescia, Kollin Rivero, Cecilia Akers, Parker Clements, Hunter Voight, Jessie Foster, Madion Parada, Jamirian Little Trafton Academy: Isabella Giannobile, Nolan Labreque, Dorothy Hickman Oak Forest Academy: Laci Beetz, Aubrey Flynn, Levi Voivedich, Seth Hendry, Lila McMillan, Andree Rolfsen, McKenzie Prescott
Billy Nungesser’s Love the Boot award: Trafton Academy’s Hayden Wilks
2. RECOGNITION of S.T.A.R. Employee Brandon Watkins was presented the award for taking action to help a co-worker that suffered a medical issue while at work.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Miller made it known copies were given to each council member as well as emailed.
4. APPROVAL OF BID for Construction of Landfill Cell 15 – Mr. Miller made it known this is the third cell with the bid being the base of the new hill being built. Three bids were received:
Coastal Dredging Company, Inc \$5,171,320.00
Creel Brothers, Inc \$5,631,910.00
Turner Specialty Services, LLC \$7,124,909.00
Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the low bid of \$5,171,320.00 by Coastal Dredging Company, Inc. Roll call as follows:
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO 1 - Tangipahoa Parish Jail Lift Station & Force Main Improvements – Mr. Miller made it known this is the final change order to add 2 steel plates for the lid on the lift station. Motion made by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve change order no 1 in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the Tangipahoa Parish Jail Lift Station & Force Main Improvements. Roll call as follows:
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

**Mr. Miller gave an update on the lighting repairs in the lighting districts by Entergy stating of the 681 lights out, 439 have been repaired (64.46%).

**Mr. Vial asked the clerk to get another update from Entergy in a couple weeks.

**Mr. Miller made it known there is still wire debris on the ground even after numerous calls by the parish to the utility companies.

**Mr. Mayeaux asked if DEMCO had been contacted. Mr. Miller could not confirm at the time but would check on the status.

**Mrs. Coates asked if stumps were still being picked up...Mr. Miller confirmed debris contractors were in fact still working on stump removal.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. UPDATE ON ESTABLISHING A VETERAN'S COURT – Mr. Joseph introduced Judge Ricks to come forward to expound on the establishment of a Veteran’s Court.

**Judge Ricks addressed the council, the 21st Judicial District Court now has a Veteran’s Court. Judge Ricks discussed working since 2014 to get a Mental Health and Veteran’s Court in the district. Judge Rick’s made it known Bo Coxen was responsible for finding the grant, only 10 were awarded in the entire country, Mr. Coxen wrote the grant that was awarded to the 21st Judicial Court for a Veteran’s Court. Anyone wanting to apply to be a Case Manager or a Mentor can go to 21stjdc.org to download the forms. Judge Ricks made it known they now have a component for Mental Health with the Veteran’s Court from a second grant that was also awarded to the district.

**Judge Abels spoke on the Veteran’s Court being long over due to help Veteran’s that have lost their way to help get them back on track.

**Judge Dykes commended Bo Coxen on his hard work of writing the grant. Judge Dykes discussed needing Mentors to move forward with the requirements of the Mentors being, served before and having an Honorable discharge.

**Judge Ricks thanked Ryan Jenkins and Angel Major for going through over 20 hours of federal training that helped with getting the grant.

**Bo Coxen discussed the Veteran’s treatment page on the website, 21stjdc.org. An email address has also been setup, veterans@21stjdc.org, that goes directly to the Veteran’s team. The mental health is a separate component that will have a case manager working in all 3 jails with mental patients to get early intervention and treatment.

**Ryan Jenkins discussed the Veteran’s Court modeling after the Drug Court which has been very effective. Go to the 21stjdc.org, Veteran’s Treatment Court, at the bottom of the page is a printable or fillable form for anyone wishing to apply for case managers or mentors.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

7. ADOPTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 22-14 - The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on April 11, 2022 a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 25, 2022 on a Motion made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 22-14:

T.P. Ordinance No. 22-14

AN ORDINANCE PLACING 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON DRAKE ROAD AND DRAKE LANE IN DISTRICT NO. 6 IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 42, STREETS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS AND DRAINAGE - ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL - SECTION 42-19

BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, as follows:

- 1) 25 MPH speed limit signs on Drake Road in District No. 6
- 2) 25 MPH speed limit signs on Drake Lane in District No. 6

in Accordance with Chapter 42, Streets, Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage - Article I, in General - Section 42-19.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President and all previous ordinances in conflict with said ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been introduced at a public meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council, discussed at a public hearing of said council and was submitted to an official vote of the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

On motion by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Wells, the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on this 25th day of April, 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

8. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R22-07 - A resolution of Tangipahoa Parish Council authorizing the Parish President as the designated authority to execute any and all documents in regard to Project H.013938 LA 3234 University Avenue Sidewalks - Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R22-07.

T.P. Resolution No. R22-07

A RESOLUTION OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT AS THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN REGARD TO PROJECT H.013938 LA 3234 UNIVERSITY AVE SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, the state and federal Project H.013938 is to construct ADA compliant sidewalks on both sides of LA3234 (University Avenue) from Puma Drive to N. Morrison Boulevard (LA 51) in Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, such agreement requires that the Tangipahoa Parish Government provide a certified copy of a resolution which authorizes submission of such documents and authorizes a signatory party; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tangipahoa Parish President Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, that Honorable Charles R. Miller, Tangipahoa Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Government between Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Tangipahoa Parish Government concerning Project H.013938 LA 3234 University Ave Sidewalks.

On motion by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Vial, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 25th day of April, 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

9. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R22-08 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Government Supporting an Application for Funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) - Motion by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R22-08

T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R22-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF)

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa would like to purchase and install approximately 300 linear feet of water lines and fire hydrants for future Parish Government Complex building adjacent to the Parish Arena location to be utilized by the parish government and general public; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa has estimated the costs of providing the purchase of, and or improvements thereof;

WHEREAS, The Parish of Tangipahoa has the opportunity to apply for approximately \$56,000 in State CWEF funds that would be used to purchase water lines and fire hydrants and make improvements to future parish government complex buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby resolves and agrees that the Parish apply for CWEF funds for these projects and that the Parish President be given the authority to sign the appropriate application forms and contract documents related to this 2022-2023 CWEF grant project.

On motion by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux, the foregoing resolution is approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

10. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R22-09 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Government Supporting and Application for Funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) – Motion made by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R22-09

T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R22-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP)

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa would like to purchase a new Box Truck with liftgate to be utilized by the parish government; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa has estimated the costs of providing the purchase of, and or improvements thereof;

WHEREAS, The Parish of Tangipahoa has the opportunity to apply for approximately \$56,000 in State LGAP funds that would be used to purchase a new Box Truck with liftgate for emergency operations use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby resolves and agrees that the Parish apply for LGAP funds for these projects and that the Parish President be given the authority to sign the appropriate application forms and contract documents related to this 2022-2023 LGAP grant project.

On motion by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mrs. Coates, the foregoing resolution is approved and adopted this 25th day of April by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS

Mr. Forrest made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Class A Beer (On Premise) Low Alcohol Permit– Motion by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Vial to amend to agenda to add a Class A Beer (On Premise) Low Alcohol Permit for Backroads Sports Bar & Grill in District 1. Roll call as follows:

YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Motion made by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve the foregoing Beer, Wine & Liquor permit application as approved by the TPSO for Backroads Sports Bar & Grill (District 1), 64200 Friendship Church Road, Amite, LA 70442, Owner: Connie Harrison, Class A Beer (On Premise) Low Content Permit (6% and lower by volume). Roll call as follows:

YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Forrest

LEGAL MATTERS – None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES

**Mr. Joseph thanked President Miller, Administration, and the Council for the support of the Velma Sewer Project stating it is almost completed and a huge improvement for the community of Velma.

**Mr. Bruno reminded everyone, Saturday, April 30th is the renewal for the Garbage Millage, this is not a increase just a renewal that is important for the operation of the landfill. Go Vote!

**Mrs. Hyde noted on Saturday, April 30th a fundraiser at Pompeii Park in Tickfaw to benefit Fire Administrator Dennis Crocker who is dealing with health issues. Softball game and Jambalaya dinners will be sold

**Mrs. Hyde discussed the statewide clean up initiative called Love the Boot backed by Billy Nungesser. There were five locations in Tangipahoa parish on the previous Saturday which were successful with volunteer participation and cleaning up the litter.

**Mr. Joseph wanted to invite everyone to Amite City Hall at 11:45 on May 5th for National Day of Prayer

**Mr. Joseph reminded everyone, Saturday, April 30th the 10 mil tax is on the ballot for the Fire Departments

**Mrs. Coates thanked the Mission Church in District 10 for bringing over 50 volunteers to help with the Love the Boot litter clean up and organizing the entire day.

**Mr. Miller noted Love the Boot is an initiative by Governor Edwards who asked Lt Governor Nungesser to head it up and Carla Tate, Tangi Tourism, being the representative for the parish sitting on the commission.

**Mrs. Hyde stated Lt Governor visited Hammond at 8am that morning to start his day noting it was cool to have him in the parish for the cleanup.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wells to adjourn.

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigette Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council