

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 8, 2021**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Notice Is Hereby Given That the Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet in **Regular Session** on Monday, March 8, 2021 Immediately Following the Public Hearing Held At 5:30 PM At Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985) 748-3211

**PUBLIC HEARING** - Notice Is Hereby Given That a Public Hearing Will Be Held by The Tangipahoa Parish Council on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM At Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985) 748-3211, on the following:

- T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12- An ordinance to grant a variance to ordinance no. 97-25- adoption of state sanitary code for Randy Legaux at 14201 Highway 22 West, Ponchatoula, Louisiana in District No. 10
- T.P. Ordinance No. 21-13- An ordinance to place a moratorium on the consideration and/or approval of all solar panel farms or commercial solar power plants within Tangipahoa Parish until such time as the pending studies and ordinances are complete

No one from the public wished to address any of the forgoing items.

**Tangipahoa Parish Council**  
**Tangipahoa Parish Government Building**  
**206 E. Mulberry Street, Amite, LA 70422**  
**Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing**  
**March 8, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**- Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman

**INVOCATION**- Councilman Lionell Wells

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (*All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute*)- Councilman John Ingraffia

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Councilman Trent Forrest  
Councilman John Ingraffia  
Councilman Louis Joseph  
Councilman Carlo Bruno  
Councilman Buddy Ridgel  
Councilman Joey Mayeaux  
Councilman Lionell Wells  
Councilman David Vial  
Councilwoman Brigitte Hyde  
Councilwoman Kim Coates

**CELL PHONES** - *Please Mute or Turn Off*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**- Motion made by Councilman Wells, seconded by Councilwoman Coates to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 22, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT** - *Anyone Wishing to Address Agenda Items Which Were Not on Public Hearing*- None

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Approval to Seek Bids for Five (5) Weather Stations- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Ridgel to grant approval to seek bids for five weather stations. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

2. Approval of Bid- Overlay Program Phase 22- FY 2021- Bids were presented as follows:

RJ Daigle	\$3,887,048.90
Madden Contracting	\$3,909,359.00
Barriere	\$3,998,388.55

Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Mayeaux to approve the low bid of \$3,887,048.90 by RJ Daigle. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

3. Approval of Bid- Tangipahoa Parish Jail Lift Station and Force Main Improvements- Bids were presented as follows:

Clearwater Utilities, LLC	\$197,880.00
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Gottfried Contracting, LLC	\$264,670.00
L. King Company LLC	\$204,928.32
Lawson- Bonet Construction, Inc.	\$204,302.00
Mitchell Contracting, Inc.	\$229,500.00

Motion made by Councilman Mayeaux, seconded by Councilman Vial to accept the low bid of \$197,880.00 by Clearwater Utilities, LLC. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

4. Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12- An ordinance to grant a variance to ordinance no. 97-25- adoption of state sanitary code for Randy Legaux at 14201 Highway 22 West, Ponchatoula, Louisiana in District No. 10- Motion made by Councilwoman Coates, seconded by Councilman Vial to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO ORDINANCE 97-25-ADOPTION OF STATE SANITARY CODE FOR RANDY LEGAUX AT 14201 HIGHWAY 22 WEST, IN PONCHATOULA, LOUISIANA 70454 IN DISTRICT NO. 10

WHEREAS, Mr. Randy Legaux has an existing structure on this .93 acre of property; and

WHEREAS, ordinance 97-25 requires one acre for two residences; and

WHEREAS, the Legaux property is .07 acres short of requirement and will not be in violation of the State Sanitary Code.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, that a variance to the Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances, Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, be granted to Randy Legaux to obtain approval to place a second residence on this property; and the current residence to be demolished and removed in its entirety within 90 days of occupancy of the new residence. Mr. Legaux shall file an affidavit with Tangipahoa Parish Government agreeing to the following prior to issuance of permits:

1. He is the legal owner of the 0.93 acres located at 14201 Highway 22 West, Ponchatoula, La 70454.
2. He has requested a variance to construct a second dwelling on this property.
3. He has read proposed T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12 granting the variance and agrees with all the terms set forth therein.
4. He agrees that if he violates the T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12 by not demolishing and removing the original residence within 90 of occupying the newly constructed residence, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government can take legal action to require said removal.
5. He further agrees he shall be responsible for any legal fees, court costs, or other expenses associated with the enforcement of this action.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President. 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 TPC.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President  
Tangipahoa Parish

5. Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-13- An ordinance to place a moratorium on the consideration and/or approval of all solar panel farms or commercial solar power plants within Tangipahoa Parish until such time as the pending studies and ordinances are complete- Motion made by Councilwoman Coates, seconded by Councilman Wells to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 21-13. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

T. P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-13

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ALL SOLAR PANEL FARMS OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER PLANTS WITHIN TANGIPAHOA PARISH UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PENDING STUDIES AND ORDINANCES ARE COMPLETE

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council seeks to protect the health and welfare of all citizens.

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council has the authority and responsibility to provide for the orderly and safe development of property in the Parish of Tangipahoa.

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council has the authority and responsibility to provide for safe and effective disposal of any potentially harmful or dangerous pollutants.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa is currently undertaking a study and considering new development rules, policies and ordinances concerning the innovative technology of commercial solar power and solar panel farms.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council, the governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, hereby adopts a resolution and contemporaneously introduces this ordinance ordering a moratorium, on the consideration, approval or permitting of solar panel farms or commercial solar power plants within Tangipahoa Parish until such time as the pending studies and ordinances are complete.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this moratorium shall expire in 90 days from the adoption of this ordinance unless extended by Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President. 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 TPC.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigette Hyde, Chairwoman  
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6. Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-14- An ordinance adjusting the salary of the clerk of the Tangipahoa Parish Council- Motion made by Councilwoman Wells to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 21-14 and set public hearing for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof, with no second the motion dies. Councilman Ridgel stated that he is the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and did not know that this item was on the agenda.
7. Appoint/Re-appoint Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- Motion made by Councilman Forrest, seconded by Councilman Ingraffia to reappoint Mrs. Wanda McElveen for her second term as commissioner. This term will expire January 2026. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None
8. Appoint/re-appoint Tangipahoa Parish Voluntary Council on Aging- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Bruno to appoint Mr. Terry Tompkins to serve his first term as commissioner to fill Mr. Frank Fortenberry's seat on the Board. This term will expire October 2023. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None
9. Appoint/re-appoint Tangipahoa Water District- Motion made by Councilman Mayeaux, seconded by Councilman Ridgel to appoint Mr. Gary Bankston to fill the expired term of Mr. Bruce Bordelon. This term will expire March 2025. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None
10. Renaming of LA 1059 to Old 1059- District 1- Motion made by Councilman Forrest, seconded by Councilman Bruno to rename LA 1059 to Old 1059. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS-**

11. Fly By Daiquiri & Package Liquor LLC  
46608 Morris Road  
Hammond LA 70401- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Ridgel to approve the class b and class a/b permit application as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:  
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**LEGAL MATTERS-** None

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES** – Councilman Joseph thanked all for the well wishes after his cataract procedure.

Councilman Joseph also commended Ms. Carla Tate, Director of Tourism, on her efforts with the Marsh Madness event.

Councilman Mayeaux wished his mother a happy 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ADJOURN-** With no further business appearing, on motion by Councilman Wells, seconded by Councilman Vial, the Tangipahoa Parish Council adjourned.

S/Kristen Pecararo

S/Brigette Hyde

Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Chairwoman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council