

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2021

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 25th day of October, 2021 in Regular Session at Tangipahoa Parish Government Burgess Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana. Mrs. Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Chair asked that all cell phones be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Jeff McKneely and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Vial.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Motion made by Mr. Wells, Seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 12, 2021.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

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

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Financial Report – was provided to Council

2. Review the Courthouse New Elevator Bids – The bids are for adding an elevator to go to the 3rd floor of the courthouse. Received 2 bids with the lowest bid being approximately 50% over budget or \$137,000 over budget at a \$403,500 cost. The architect, Holly & Smith, Mr. Ryan Folk was present, recommends to reject the bids and re-bid. There were 8 contractors that requested bid packages. The pre-bid contractors meeting was planned for the week of the hurricane being the Tuesday after Hurricane Ida passed. The pre-bid meeting was then pushed back a week or so and only 2 contractors attended with bids. Mr. Miller made known with only 2 bids and the price of steel being high, the recommendation is to re-bid. Mr. Miller asked the council to reject the bids and approve to go back out for bids.

Motion made by Mr. Joseph, Seconded by Mr. Vial to grant approval

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

Mr. Miller gave an update of the available jobs on the Geaux Jobs website for Tangipahoa Parish of 3,127 with an average annual pay of \$41,205.00, jobs ranging from entry level to professional. Anyone looking for a job can go to the GEAUX Jobs website and/or to the office in Hammond. Mr. Miller informed the council that the Amite Geaux jobs office was crushed by a tree during Hurricane Ida and is not re-established yet. The Hammond office on Market Street is the only location open right now.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-71 - an ordinance to abandon the dedication of Possum Hollow Road, in its entirety, from the beginning at Company Road, 620' in length, 15.5' in width, located in District 4, Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana – Motion made by Mr. Bruno, Seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-71 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

4. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-72 - an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. – The Chair made known this ordinance pertains to re-coding that was performed, this is an ordinance municode sent in order to adopt the updated recodification in the books.

Motion made by Mr. Wells, Seconded by Mrs. Coates to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-72 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr.

Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

5. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-73 - an ordinance to grant a variance to TP Ordinance 20-19 - Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 17-4.1 C (1) - setbacks for Beverly Costanza at 18070 Brandon Court East, Hammond, Louisiana 70403 in Tangipahoa Parish Council District No 8 – Mr. Vial made known this has to do with placing a shed rather than 10' of the setback it would be 5'.

Motion made by Mr. Vial, Seconded by Mrs. Coates to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-73 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr.

Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

6. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-74 - an ordinance to grant a variance to Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 - Section 5-38- "Location of Establishments Restricted" for HFE, LLC dba Hops, Fork & Eagle, 14256 W Club Deluxe Rd, Hammond, LA 70403 (Assessment Number 4528808) in Tangipahoa Parish Council District No. 10. – Mrs. Coates made known this is the Old Catfish Charlie's Restaurant, it will be a restaurant, asking to move forward with the Liquor License because there are a good number of residents and do not want to de-value the property therefore would like to move forward with the business.

Motion made by Mrs. Coates, Seconded by Mr. Ridgel to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-74 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr.

Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

7. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-75 - an ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 20, Article 1, Section 20-14 - Sight Clearance of the Tangipahoa Code of Ordinances – Mrs.

Coates made known this was a few of the clean ups that the committee had met with over the last few weeks. Mr. Forrest asked if this was just for Parish road intersections or state highways as well...response by multiple council members was Parish only.

Motion made by Mrs. Coates, Seconded by Mr. Wells to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-75 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr.

Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

8. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance T.P. Ordinance No. 21-76 -An ordinance amending and enacting Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances, T.P. Ordinance No. 21-49 - Article IX – Developments with Special Regulations – Section 17-9.6, Renewable energy regulations regarding solar power plants – The Chair made is known this was a clean-up of language of duplications where it was in the ordinance twice. Mr. Vial mentioned the minimal fee being added and the Chair responded it was discussed and voted in the meetings but was left out of the draft.

Motion made by Mr. Ingraffia, Seconded by Mr. Joseph to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-76 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr.

Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

9. INTRODUCTION to T.P. Ordinance No. 21-77 - an ordinance amending and enacting Section 17-4.3 (e) - Conservation Developments of the Tangipahoa Code of Ordinances – The Chair made it known this was put in the books in January this year but after looking more closely, felt it needed to be worked on more so pulling it for now.

Motion made by Mr. Vial, Seconded by Mrs. Coates to set for public hearing TP Ordinance No 21-77 on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the adoption thereof.

Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

10. Discussion of Drone flights over canals outside of the drainage districts – Mr. Bruno made known a lot of the parish is covered by the drainage districts. Hurricane Ida did a lot of damage to the areas that are not in the drainage districts. Mr. Bruno made known he had discussed with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Miller the possibility of doing drone flights over some of the major canals like Chappapeela Creek and Sweetwater Creek, some of the major laterals that drain the Northeast section of the parish. Mr. Bruno inspected a portion that was accessible of Sweetwater Creek starting at the Loranger Fire Station (that was destroyed during the Hurricane) over to School Road and back to Saragusa Rd which is a little over a mile noting there are 41 huge pine trees, 25” – 35” in diameter, all in the bottom of the creek just in that section. Mr. Miller made known the parish is in the procurement process to have the creeks flown but the next thing is the cost of cleaning them up.

Mrs. Coates made known in the South end of the parish not included in the drainage district are 2 huge navigable water ways below, Wadesboro Rd where the district stops but from there to Natalbany River is un-districted it’s navigable and also the long canal between Manchac and Tangipahoa River is blocked with trees and deems a safety issue also for the Sheriff and Fire Department boats.

11. Appoint/Re-Appoint Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging – A motion was made by Mr. Wells and Seconded by Mr. Vial to appoint Mr. Delmas Dunn, Sr. as a Commissioner for Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging expiring October 2024.
Voting Yea: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
Absent: Mr. Mayeaux

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS - None

LEGAL MATTERS - None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES – Mr. Bruno wanted to put on the record, Whispering Pines Campground has been sold to a private land owner. The trees being cut appear to be storm damaged timber. Mr. Bruno does not foresee the owner clear cutting the property but the property is now privately owned and the council does not have control over what the owner does with his property.

Mr. Joseph wanted to inform everyone the 11th of November is Veterans Day with 3 activities scheduled: Dana Bruno has an activity scheduled Oak Forest Academy, Cynthia Dyson has an activity scheduled in the Kentwood area, Mr. Joseph’s Veterans organization, VVA 1052, has scheduled in Amite the naming of Memorial Park in honor of the late Mayor Buddy Bell, who was a Vietnam Veteran. Mr. Joseph invited everyone to choose one to attend in honor of those who have served and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Mrs. Coates made known this past week was a Litter Board Meeting “Keep Tangipahoa Beautiful”. New Officers have been appointed. Litter update on the Litter Getters, the westside of Ponchatoula Creek and Yellow Water Creek has collected over 2500lbs of litter and Selsers Creek on the eastside has collected 1200lbs of litter in a little over a year. Still looking for sponsors and donations to keep it going and to help keep the waterways clean. The entire “Keep Tangipahoa Beautiful” Board are planning to attend the council meeting to be introduced. New website www.keeptangipahoabeautiful.org

ADJOURN – With no further business appearing, a motion was made by Mr. Wells and Seconded by Mr. Vial to adjourn.

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council