

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
December 23, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE - Notice Is Hereby Given That the Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet in **Regular Session** on Monday, December 23, 2019 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, December 23, 2019 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. 19-62- An ordinance approving the contract with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all documents in regards thereto- Mr. Don Marshall of 28463 Grasshopper Trail, Ponchatoula spoke in opposition of signing a sole source contract with Acadian Ambulance. No one else from the public wished to speak on the foregoing item.

Tangipahoa Parish Council
Tangipahoa Parish Government Building
206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, LA 70422
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing
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CALL TO ORDER- Meeting was called to order by Mr. Lionell Wells, Chairman

INVOCATION- Mr. James Bailey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute*)- Mr. Buddy Ridgel

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilman Trent Forrest
Councilman James Bailey
Councilman Louis Joseph
Councilman Carlo Bruno
Councilman Buddy Ridgel
Councilman Joey Mayeaux
Councilman Lionell Wells
Councilman David Vial
Councilman Bobby Cortez

ABSENT

Councilman Harry Lavine
Councilman Bobby Cortez

CELL PHONES - *Please Mute or Turn Off*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- Motion made by Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Vial to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 9, 2019. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

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

Mr. Scott Perrilloux, District Attorney, addressed the Council stating that Mr. Clifton Speed, Parish Legal Counsel will be retiring effective immediately. Mr. Perrilloux will keep the Council posted as to who from his office will be representing the Council in Mr. Speeds place. The Council sincerely thanks Mr. Speed for his over 30 years of service to the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Approval of Phase 21 Overlay Project- Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Vial to approve the phase 21 overlay project as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

Mr. Miller presented the Geaux Jobs report stating that Tangipahoa Parish is at record employment levels.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. US Census Bureau, Mr. John Stewart- Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Forrest to table the foregoing matter. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

3. Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 19-62- An ordinance approving the contract with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all documents in regards thereto- After a lengthy discussion with remarks from Councilman Bailey on behalf of Chief Ira Brown of 8th Ward Fire and Mr. Dwain Meche of Acadian Ambulance, Motion was made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Bruno to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 19-62. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: Councilman Bailey
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

T. P. ORDINANCE NO. 19-62

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT TO EXECUTE SAID RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH ACADIAN AMBULANCE, INC.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana that the Tangipahoa Parish President is hereby authorized on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to execute attached Renewal Contract with Acadian Ambulance, Inc.

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.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Tangipahoa Parish Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council; discussed at the said public hearing; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

4. Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 19-63- A variance to TP Ordinance No. 19-13 to allow for the placement of a manufactured home on an existing lot of record at 46146 Bridget Road, Hammond LA where a 0.5 acre of land is required- Motion made by Councilman Mayeaux, seconded by Councilman Bailey to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 19-63 and set public hearing for Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

5. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R19-28- Resolution of Endorsement of Parish President Robby Miller as Candidate for Executive Board Member for Region 6 of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana- Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Forrest to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R19-28. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

T.P. Resolution No. R19-28

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH PRESIDENT ROBBY MILLER FOR REGION VI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana has one (1) Region VI position on its State Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, at its annual convention there will be a Region VI Executive Board member

vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish is a member in good standing of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Miller is currently President of Tangipahoa Parish and serves as Chairman of the Parish Presidents of Louisiana and Secretary of the Regional Planning Commission; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Miller is active and serves in civic, community, and non-profit programs in Tangipahoa Parish which include the Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrises Rotary Club and the Lion Athletic Association; and
WHEREAS, if elected, Mr. Miller would serve the Police Jury Association of Louisiana as an excellent and effective member on its Executive Board.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that by the Tangipahoa Parish Council in due, regular session convened that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby endorse Mr. Robby Miller for election to the Police Jury Association Executive Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Police Jury Association and all Louisiana Parishes humbly requesting that they support and endorse, Mr. Robby Miller as a candidate for Region VI Member on the Executive Board of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

6. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R19-29- Resolution for Region 7 Watershed Initiative- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Mayeaux to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R19-29. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

T.P. Resolution No. R19-29

A resolution to select Capital Region Planning Commission as the fiscal agent for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 7 for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of water management activities, in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative and related matters.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floodplain management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and
WHEREAS, coordination among Tangipahoa Parish and its regional partners within Watershed Region No. 7 is critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Tangipahoa Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to Tangipahoa Parish and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION I. To select Capital Region Planning Commission as the fiscal agent for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 7 for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of Watershed Region No. 7 water management activities, in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative and related matters.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

7. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R19-30- A resolution temporarily relocating precincts no. 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73 and 74 due to the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Bailey to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R19-30. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

T.P. Resolution No. R19-30

WHEREAS, the Presidential Preference Primary election is set to be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court, Gary Stanga, has informed the Tangipahoa Parish Council that this date is also the date of, and in conflict with, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival.

The Tangipahoa Parish Council agrees with the Clerk of Court that the safety and efficiency of conducting the election in the city precincts, among other things, would create problems for voting purposes, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of these conflicts, the only conceivable solution is the relocation of all city voting precincts to the following locations:

Precinct 70 & 70A, will move to Ponchatoula Park Events Building, 19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula, LA

Precinct 72, 72A, 73 & 74 will move to Ponchatoula Park Gymnasium, 19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula, LA

Precinct 71, will move to the Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 15475 Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond, and;

WHEREAS, the relocation of said precincts would be revoked and go back to their normal locations after the Saturday, April 4, 2012 election, and;

WHEREAS, the Election Code of the State of Louisiana R.S. 18:536 Sections 534,535, and 536 outline the procedures necessary to make these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government that it supports the efforts of the Clerk of Court to relocate these election precincts and calls upon the Office of the Secretary of State to approve and assist the Clerk of Court in this request so that the election can be held in an orderly manner.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

8. Appoint/Re-Appoint Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- Motion made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Joseph to table the foregoing item. Roll call vote was as follows: Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

Motion was made by Councilman Bruno, seconded by Councilman Bailey to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of Continuity of Business Operations/ Disaster Recovery Plan. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

Adoption of Continuity of Business Operations/Disaster Recovery Plan- Motion made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Forrest to adopt the Continuity of Business Operations/Disaster Recovery Plan as presented by Mr. John Dunnington, CIO. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Lavine, Councilman Cortez

Mr. Joseph presented Mr. Bailey with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Council and Drainage District over the past four years as a public servant.

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS- None

LEGAL MATTERS- None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES - Mr. Mayeaux discussed an issue with a garbage clean up crew from St. Tammany Parish that is leaving their trailer full of trash in Tangipahoa Parish. He asked that Administration to send this business a certified letter regarding this nuisance.

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

S/Kristen Pecararo
Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells
Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council