

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF MARKSVILLE, LA HELD AT THE FIRE STATION COMMUNITY
ROOM JANUARY 9, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable John H. Lemoine, Mayor; Frank R. Havard, Michael J. Gremillion,
Mary Sampson, Edward C. Conway, Clyde Benson, Aldermen;
Heather Brevelle, Secretary-Treasurer; Derrick Whittington, City Attorney

Mayor Lemoine asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the vehicle accident in Florida.

The meeting opened with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Havard.

No. 2019-001 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be hereby approved as sent to the Mayor and Council.

No. 2019-002 On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2018 are hereby amended to correct the name in item No. 2018-163 to Kaitlyn Guillot, in regards to the approval of a walk to be held on March 16th around the Courthouse with all proceeds going towards the expansion of the Texas Children's Rheumatology Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes are hereby approved as amended.

Ms. Connie Gonzales announced that the Martin Luther King Jr. program will be held on January 21, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Mary Bethune Gymnasium. Ms. Gonzales also announced that the 9th Annual African American Heritage Day will be held on February 23, 2019 at the Mary Bethune Gymnasium. In regards to the gymnasium, Ms. Gonzales indicated that \$3,000.00 would be needed to repair the basketball goals and replace basketballs. She would like to set up a fundraiser to assist in these repairs.

Mr. Jeremy Hudson approached the Mayor and Council about hosting a community fair where the proceeds would be donated to the City. He asked for the city's support in this endeavor. Mr. Hudson also indicated that supervision is needed around the basketball goals so they are not so torn up. Mayor Lemoine asked for Mr. Hudson to come up with a plan for his community fair. Once there is a plan, present the plan to the Mayor and Council so everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Marcus Johnson announced his candidacy for State Representative.

Mrs. Aloysia Ducote, with Ducote and Company, presented the audit report for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to the Mayor and Council.

The City Engineer's Report was presented.

No. 2019-003 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Occupational License applications of Christie's Place (539 South Preston Street) and SouthStar Urgent Care (863 Tunica Drive East) are hereby approved.

Councilwoman Sampson started an extensive discussion in regards to the use of the Mary Bethune Gymnasium. She indicated that if an organization or group is collaborating with the

City of Marksville for a fundraiser, proper paperwork needs to be filed and all money needs to be accounted for. All of this then needs to be turned into City Hall. Several individuals spoke of different events that were held at the gymnasium. These events were not fundraisers for the City, they were events where the building was rented out and all documentation was properly filed with City Hall and the Police Department. The discussion then proceeded to other uses, such as gambling, at city owned recreation buildings.

No. 2019-004 On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be no gambling at the DA Jordan Center or the Mary Bethune Gymnasium.

No. 2019-005 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Frank Havard:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville's holiday schedule is hereby amended by taking away Mardi Gras and have a full day off for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The above having been put to vote adopted as follows:

YAYS: Michael Gremillion, Frank Havard, Mary Sampson, Edward Conway, Mayor Lemoine

NAYS: Clyde Benson

No. 2019-006 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that hourly paid employees will be paid 4 hours on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; a one-time payment.

No. 2019-007 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the financial statements and bills for the month of December 2018 be and are hereby approved and ordered paid, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgetary to month comparison was presented and reviewed by the Mayor and Council.

Departmental Reports were presented.

No. 2019-008 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council meet in executive session to discuss a litigation matter.

The Mayor and Council reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

s/Heather Brevelle
Secretary-Treasurer

s/John H. Lemoine
Mayor