

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 JULY 17, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

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

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

**No. 2019-088** On motion by Edward Conway, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda is hereby amended to add "Discuss the DA Jordan Center" and under item #7 multiple Occupational Licenses will be considered, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

**No. 2019-089** On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2019 are hereby approved as written.

**No. 2019-090** On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Frank Havard and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2019 are hereby approved as written.

Mayor Lemoine stated that it was the beginning of a new fiscal year and made the following appointments:

Heather Brevelle, Secretary/Treasurer  
Elster Smith, Jr., Police  
Jerry Bordelon, Fire  
Cloyd Clayton, Streets  
Donald Sampson, Maintenance  
Epifanio Greco, Beautification  
Rondell Jones, Sewer & Safety  
Beverly Augustine, Water Collection  
John Buckels, Water Maintenance  
Thomas Garrot, City Manager  
Derrick Whittington, City Attorney  
Jason Brouillette, Assistant Chief of Police for 90 days

Reverend Charles Guillory and Mr. Allen Holmes came before the Mayor and Council to receive a response to their letter that was presented last month. The Internal Affairs Investigator/Assistant Chief of Police positions were discussed. The gentlemen clearly stated that they were speaking on behalf of the community, that no employees approached them to speak or ask questions on their behalf, these were questions on behalf of the community. Mayor Lemoine once again stated that he used his authority to make sure the citizens of Marksville were protected and in helping the community, he chose Mr. Brouillette due to his federal training and extra training he's received.

Mr. Jerry Brouillette from the Marksville Baptist Church thanked the Marksville Fire Department for saving their building.

Rebecca Guillot, President of the Marksville Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Mayor and Council to introduce herself and indicated that the Chamber would like to establish an open line of communication with the City.

Mrs. Guillot indicated that she and her husband would be having a private event on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Baileys and asked if Ogden Street could be closed from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mayor Lemoine stated that the road closure would not be a problem, to contact Chief Smith when the time comes. Mrs. Guillot also asked if fireworks could be popped for 2-3 minutes. After having the current firework ordinance read aloud, it was concluded that the fireworks would not be permissible. Mayor Lemoine brought up a few July 4<sup>th</sup> festival concerns, one especially of where the bandstand was located. Rebecca stated that this could be questions for the Arts Council.

Patrolman Damon Didier and Sgt. Laken Rico indicated that they wanted to host a community outreach program on August 10<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Mary Bethune Gymnasium. The Mayor and Council approved the event and the free use of the gym and the grounds. The Police Department stated they would donate funds for the event.

The Cottonport Bank will be hosting October Fete Avoyelles on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marksville Branch. This event will have a walk, run and two bike rides. The goal of this event is to push for healthy living. Besides assisting with the races, the Bank also asked for a part of Main Street to be closed during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Mayor Lemoine stated that the road closure would not be a problem, to contact Chief Smith when the time comes.

Mr. Torrick Friels asked if the DA Jordan Center and field could be used for a Battle of the Badges tournament as a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. The Mayor and Council agreed to the tournament and use of the facilities at no cost.

The City Engineer's Report was present in the meeting packets.

**No. 2019-091** On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Occupational License applications of Angie's Massage Chair Wellness and Fresenius Kidney Care of Marksville are hereby approved.

**No. 2019-092** On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby approve to change pest control companies to Bayou Mosquito and Pest Management.

Councilman Havard announced that the LMA Convention would be held in Monroe this year, and to let Heather know how many nights you want to stay.

The fireworks discussion was tabled to next meeting.

**No. 2019-093** 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 June 2019 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.

Councilwoman Sampson indicated that the roof at the DA Jordan Center needs to be replaced. The City would need to bid out the replacement job and to also check with the insurance company. This information is to be presented at the next meeting.

Departmental Reports were presented.

**No. 2019-094** On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Mary Sampson and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Sheri Dausat is hereby promoted to a fulltime dispatcher position for the Marksville Police Department, effective 7-28-19.

**No. 2019-095** On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby allocate \$7,500.00 for the July 4, 2020 fireworks display.

**No. 2019-096** On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council meet in executive session to discuss multiple matters.

The Mayor and Council reconvened into open session.

**No. 2019-097** On motion by Edward Conway, seconded by Mary Sampson and unanimously adopted:

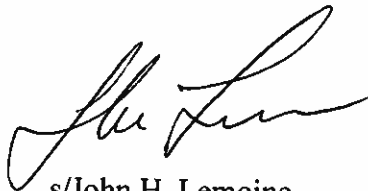
BE IT RESOLVED that a raise for Patrick Ford in the amount of \$2.15 per hour is hereby approved, effective 7-28-19.

**No. 2019-098** On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Rondell Jones, Jr., Sherman Aymond, Jerrell Joseph and Vantavas Joseph are hereby ratified as city employees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

s/Heather Brevelle  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
s/John H. Lemoine  
Mayor