

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 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 Bordelon, Secretary-Treasurer; Derrick Whittington, City Attorney

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

No. 2016-131 On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Frank Havard and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda is hereby amended to add "Discuss 3-way stop at the intersection of Ferdinand and St. John Streets."

No. 2016-132 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

No. 2016-133 On motion by Edward Conway, seconded by Mary Sampson and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2016 are hereby approved and accepted as written.

Mr. Van Kyzar announced his candidacy for Third Circuit Court of Appeal Judge.

Mrs. Kim Laborde, Store Manager of AT&T in Marksville, presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal for the Police Department's cell phones and air cards. Mayor Lemoine indicated that the Police Chief and Commissioner would look into the proposal and compare to the existing service plan.

Mr. Justin Giallonardo from the Place de Marche shopping center, stated that he needs the ditches cleaned out near and around the shopping center due to drainage not flowing properly. Mr. Giallonardo indicated that site work for Community Coffee will begin soon and would like for the ditches to be looked at soon. Mayor Lemoine instructed the City Engineer and Street Superintendent to look into the drainage situation.

Mr. Redhawk Perkins with the Black Wolf Society indicated that they were getting ready to negotiate about taking over the sacred grounds at the Marksville Prehistoric Indian Site. Mr. Perkins stated that they would like to create a place, build a sweat lodge, for veterans with post-traumatic stress. He asked that if the Mayor and Council knew of any veterans to please contact him.

Mr. Alfred Channel, representing the Class of 1969, inquired of the status of the Mary Bethune gymnasium. Mayor Lemoine indicated that the construction was near completion and a walk through will be done soon. There is a meeting of the Mary Bethune Complex Committee next week to discuss everything. Mr. Channel mentioned that he would like to attend the meeting and also added that the Class is willing to volunteer if needed.

Ms. Connie Gonzales representing Too New for You, indicated that since the Arts Council is not doing the Halloween on the Square event, she would like to have a fun evening for the children

at the DA Jordan Center. Ms. Gonzales asked if the City would like to sponsor this event. Mayor Lemoine stated that the discussion of Halloween will be addressed later on the agenda; the discussion will continue then.

The City Engineer's Report was presented.

No. 2016-134 On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Mary Sampson and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby reject all bids placed on the 500,000 gallon ground storage tank, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given to re-advertise to bid.

No. 2016-135 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Marksville do hereby support, approve and authorize the 2017-2018 LGAP grant application in the amount of \$25,000.00 to replace the sanitary sewer force main on Ferdinand Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the grant.

No. 2016-136 On motion by Frank Havard, seconded by Michael Gremillion and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby recommend to DOTD that parallel parking be established on Main Street, between Ogden and Cappel Streets.

The discussion of utility vandalism took place between the Mayor, Council and Water Supervisor. It was concluded that the City Attorney will prepare an ordinance on this matter to present at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Sampson brought up the discussion of getting a new or used fire truck due to the ladder truck not passing inspection. Chief Bordelon stated that Ferrara Fire Apparatus sent over a technician to look at the ladder truck and the technician concluded that the truck can be fixed. Chief Bordelon is waiting on the estimate.

No. 2016-137 On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby approve to reimburse Ms. Tracy Belt for the gates placed on Sugar Point Road in the amount of \$829.14.

No. 2016-138 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby approve to place a master meter at Main Street for a private water line on Little California Road maintained by Donald Lemoine, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is contingent upon a signed agreement.

Mayor Lemoine asked the Council for some of them to meet with him, the Water Maintenance Supervisor and the City Manager to go over inactive water accounts and the billing.

Councilman Havard announced that open enrollment of insurances took place a few weeks ago. The medical insurance plan changed some, being cheaper for the employee with an increase in coverage.

Councilman Havard also brought up a discussion about insurances on city owned buildings. Mayor Lemoine asked for the Secretary/Treasurer to give a list of all insurances to the Mayor and Council to review.

No. 2016-139 On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marksville does hereby approve to only have one STOP sign at the intersection of Ferdinand and St. John Streets.

The Mayor and Council were notified that the Arts Council will not be hosting Halloween on the Square this year. Mayor Lemoine instructed for the Secretary/Treasurer and City Manager to see if any businesses would like to set up a table around the square to hand out candy for the children. Ms. Connie Gonzales inquired again about having an event at the DA Jordon Center. The Mayor and Council advised that it should all be done together at the Courthouse Square.

No. 2016-140 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 August 2016 be and are hereby approved and ordered paid.

Departmental Reports were presented.

No. 2016-141 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Frank Havard and unanimously adopted:

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

The council reconvened into open session.

No. 2016-142 On motion by Clyde Benson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Christine Aymond is hereby ratified as a part-time dispatcher in the Police Department.

No. 2016-143 On motion by Mary Sampson, seconded by Edward Conway and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Beau Juenau is hereby ratified as a part-time fireman in the Fire Department.

No. 2016-144 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Frank Havard and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that effective 9-28-16 Philip Marcotte will only work 24 hours a week.

No. 2016-145 On motion by Michael Gremillion, seconded by Frank Havard and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Todd Bordelon's employment with the City of Marksville is hereby terminated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

s/Heather Bordelon
Secretary-Treasurer

s/John H. Lemoine
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John H. Lemoine", written in a cursive style.

September 14, 2016