

MINUTES

Livingston Parish
June 25, 2024

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on June 25, 2024, at the hour of five o’clock (5:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Dean Coates – Chairman
Erin Sandefur
Ryan Chavers
Joe Erdey

The Chairman, Dean Coates, called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, the Chair began by addressing item:

- 3. Old Business:**
 a. Discussion of waivers for subdivisions previously approved to subdivide in a named subdivision – Ricky Goff

Mr. Goff was not present at the meeting, so the Chair skipped this item for now.

The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

- 4. New Business:**
 a. Discussion of Ordinance - “Rules and Regulations of Parks and Recreation District No. 3” – John Wascom

Councilman John Wascom came to the podium and explained that he put together an ordinance on behalf of the Parks and Recreation members. He said they are having issues with people using their parks and not following park rules, and when the Sheriff’s office comes out, they cannot enforce the rules because they are not official “laws.” Mr. Wascom wanted to take a second to express how proud he is of the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s office and deputies not crossing the line and enforcing when they are not legally able to. Mr. Wascom then briefly read through the ordinance for the committee. His request is that the committee send this ordinance to the Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Chavers asks what the penalty of breaking the rules? Mr. Wascom explained that he thinks the maximum penalty should be a \$100 fine and/or seven (7) days of community service. Mr. Chavers suggested Mr. Wascom add the ordinance will cover the rules that are in place right now and any future rules.

Ms. Sandefur mentioned that the Mall of Louisiana put a policy in place that you must be 18 years old to enter the mall unless you have a chaperone. Mr. Wascom said he did not want to go that far to put an age limit on the park.

Mr. Erdey explained he thought this was a great idea.

Mr. Coates expressed his concern on the legality of this ordinance, but assuming that the legality is not an issue, he supports this ordinance.

A **MOTION** was made by Ryan Chavers and **SECONDED** by Joe Erdey to send this ordinance to the Council with a favorable recommendation.

*Mr. Goff was unable to attend the meeting

With no other business to discuss, a **MOTION** was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly **SECONDED** by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the June 25, 2024, meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

/s/ Caroline Lockhart
Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

/s/ Dean Coates
Dean Coates, Chairman