

Livingston, Louisiana
January 14, 2016

The Livingston Parish Council met in regular session duly called, advertised and convened at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. with the following newly elected Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard	John Wascom	Tracy Girlinghouse
Garry "Frog" Talbert	R.C. "Bubba" Harris	Tab Lobell
Maurice "Scooter" Keen	Jeff Averett	Shane Mack

Also present: Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel
Parish President Layton Ricks

ELECTIONS

LPR NO. 16-001

MOTION was offered by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by Jeff Averett nominate John Wascom as the appointed Chairman of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2016.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-002

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tab Lobell nominate Tracy Girlinghouse as the appointed Co-Chairman of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2016.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair made a recommendation to the Council to appoint Ms. Sandy Teal as the clerk of the Council and called for a motion from the members of the Council.

LPR NO. 16-003

MOTION was offered by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to appoint Sandy Teal as the Council clerk of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair made a recommendation to the Council to appoint Ms. Evelyn Wheat to assume the position of Deputy Clerk vacated by Ms. Teal.

LPR NO. 16-004

MOTION was offered by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to appoint Evelyn Wheat as Deputy clerk of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

Councilman John Wascom asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

PUBLIC INPUT

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item.

The chair explained agenda item 9, “Presentations”, and how it will be a standing item on each agenda to recognize members in the community.

The chair recognized elected officials who were in attendance in the audience and welcomed Louisiana State Representative Sherman Mack and Denham Springs City Councilwoman Lori Lamm-Williams.

LPR NO. 16-005

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Council and adopt as written.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 11, “Charter Communications Service Update – Rustin Legendre, Manager of Government Regulations for Charter Communications” and questioned if any of the audience members in attendance wished to speak on this item.

Public input: Jill Shoemaker, District 1: 27300 Red Oak Road, Livingston, LA

Mr. Rustin Legendre, Charter Communications Manager of Government Relations, gave a detailed account to the newly elected Council members of the problems of serviceability for the residents of Red Oak Road. Mr. Legendre answered questions from the Councilmembers.

Parish legal advisor, Christopher Moody, explained the Councilmembers’ position regarding previous parish franchises and the Legislature’s state franchise that was put in place and allows competition.

The chair suggested that the Parish President may be able to help with the residents of Red Oak Road and their pleas for services in their area.

The chair called upon Parish President Layton Ricks to give his report under agenda items 12a and 12b.

Parish President Ricks requested that the Councilmembers reappoint his recommendation for Finance Director, Ms. Jennifer Meyers, and noted her qualifications.

LPR NO. 16-006

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to reappoint Jennifer Meyers as Finance Director of the Parish of Livingston.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The Parish President then moved to request that the Councilmembers reappoint his recommendation for the Director of the Department of Public Works, Mr. Sam Digirolamo.

LPR NO. 16-007

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reappoint Mr. Sam Digirolamo as Director of the Department of Public Works for the Parish of Livingston.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-008

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to support the salary increase of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) an hour for the Director of Public Works.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-009

MOTION was made by Gary “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to exercise the authority granted in Louisiana R.S. 33:3813 and remove Shevis Ball from the Board of Commissioners of Ward Two Water District to be replaced by the appointment of Jimmie McCoy to serve at the pleasure of the appointing governing authority of the Parish of Livingston.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-010

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to reappoint Mr. Fred Banks to the Livingston Parish Communications District Board (911) term to expire on September 4, 2019.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-011

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to appoint Jeff Averett to serve on the Quality Assurance Panel in accordance with Section C of Livingston Parish Ordinance No. 07-13, providing for designation and contracting with sole provider of ambulance services in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4791.1, which panel is responsible for reviewing issues related to the quality of the medical services and response times, the terms of the Panel members to coincide with the term of the contract.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-012

MOTION was made by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to remove the temporary status made by LPR No. 14-37 adopted on January 23, 2014 and appoint Joe Koczrowski to serve in the second duly appointed fire chief position of the specified membership of the Quality Assurance Panel as in accordance with Section C of Livingston Parish Ordinance No. 07-13, providing for designation and contracting with sole provider of ambulance services in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4791.1, which panel is responsible for reviewing issues related to the quality of the medical services and response times, the terms of the Panel members to coincide with the term of the contract.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-013

MOTION was offered by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to appoint Darla Steagall to the Livingston Parish Council Planning Commission to represent Council District Two (2) in accordance with Section 13-48 of the Code of Ordinances of Livingston Parish, term to coincide with the members of the Livingston Parish Council terms of office.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
 MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-014

MOTION was offered by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to appoint former Mayor of Denham Springs, Jimmy Durbin to the Livingston Parish Council Personnel Board to replace Jan Fairchild, term to expire on September 11, 2017 in accordance with the requirement of the Home Rule Charter, Section 4-05, “Personnel Policies and Procedures”.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
 MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-015

MOTION was offered by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Shane Mack to appoint Cary Carlin to the Livingston Parish Council Personnel Board to replace Wendell Pepper, term to expire on September 11, 2019 in accordance with the requirement of the Home Rule Charter, Section 4-05, “Personnel Policies and Procedures”.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
 MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 16-016

MOTION was offered by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reduce the speed limit on all roads located in Westminster Subdivision from 25 mph to 15 mph being set out and identified by the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works as listed below:

- Parliament Drive
- Stonehenge Drive
- Abbey Lane
- Coronation Drive
- Hampton Drive
- Windsor Avenue

Buckingham Avenue
Wimbledon Avenue
Big Ben Drive

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 17, "District Attorney Reports". Parish legal advisor, Christopher Moody, had nothing to report, but wished the newly elected members success and offered any needed help to them.

LPR NO. 16-017

MOTION was offered by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Averett dissolve all prior and former committees established by the former members of the Livingston Parish Council

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair established two (2) committees of the newly elected members of the Livingston Parish Council being:

Finance Committee:

Garry "Frog" Talbert – chair
Maurice "Scooter" Keen – co-chair
Jeff Ard
Tracy Girlinghouse

Ordinance Committee:

Shane Mack – chair
John Wascom – co-chair
Garry "Frog" Talbert
R.C. "Bubba" Harris

Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert set a Finance committee meeting for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

There being no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. at Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 16-018

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to adjourn the January 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. ARD, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. AVERETT, MR. LOBELL, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

John Wascom, Chairman