

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
April 27, 2017

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, April 27, 2017, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard
Garry "Frog" Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen

John Wascom
R.C. "Bubba" Harris
Jeff Averett

Tracy Girlinghouse
Tab Lobell
Shane Mack

Also present: Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel (Tardy)
Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director-serving as the Parish President's designee in his absence

Absent: Layton Ricks, Parish President

The chair called the meeting to order and asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

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

The chair addressed agenda item 7, "Presentations". Councilman Tab Lobell advised that several softball teams from the parish were playing in tournaments and encouraged everyone to remember them and wished them the best of luck in their games.

The chair addressed agenda item 8a through c, "Adoption of the Minutes from the: April 13, 2017 regular meeting of the Council".

LPR NO. 17-144

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated April 13, 2017 of the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair called upon the Parish President Layton Ricks to address agenda item 9, "Parish President's Report:". In his absence, acting as his designee, Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director, advised that there was not any business to report on behalf of the Parish President's office.

The chair addressed agenda item 10, "Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness – Mark Harrell". This is a standing agenda item at this time. Mr. Harrell had nothing to report and was not in attendance at the meeting.

The chair addressed the following agenda items, numbers 11, 12 and 13, and declared that a public hearing was open allowing for public input:

- **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-14, Sale of Surplus Property (Supplies/Materials)**
- **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-15, Sale of Surplus Property (Computer Equipment)**

- **Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-16, 3-way stop at South Satsuma Road and Hood Road**

Having no comment from the audience or the Council members, the chair closed the public hearing.

The chair addressed agenda item 11, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-14, Sale of Surplus Property (Supplies/Materials)”, and requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

LPR NO. 17-145

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 13, 2017, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 27, 2017 on Motion of John Wascom and seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 17-14

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY (SUPPLIES/MATERIALS) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDE FOR ITS SALE BY INTERNET SALES AND/OR PUBLIC AUCTION, AND PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF SALE.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 27th day of April 2017.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 4).

The chair addressed agenda item 12, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-15, Sale of Surplus Property (Computer Equipment)”, and requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

LPR NO. 17-146

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 13, 2017, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 27, 2017 on Motion of Garry “Frog” Talbert and seconded by Jeff Ard:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 17-15

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDE FOR ITS SALE BY INTERNET SALES AND/OR PUBLIC AUCTION, AND PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF SALE.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 27th day of April 2017.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 4).

The chair addressed agenda item 13, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 17-16, “3-way stop at South Satsuma Road and Hood Road”, and requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

LPR NO. 17-147

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 13, 2017, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on April 27, 2017 on Motion of Jeff Averett and seconded by Jeff Ard:

LIVINGSTON PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 17-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 10-9(a), “STOP SIGNS, THREE-WAY STOP,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, TO ADD AN INTERSECTION AT HOOD ROAD AND SOUTH SATSUMA ROAD.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 27th day of April 2017.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 4).

The chair addressed agenda item 14a, “West Karen Street Servitude Revocation”, and informed the Council members that this item had been tabled by the Planning Department.

The chair addressed agenda item 15a, “Board (re) appointment(s): Fire Protection District No. 12 (re) appointment(s) - Jeff Ard” and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard. Mr. Ard stated his wishes to the Council members.

LPR NO. 17-148

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by John Wascom to reappoint the following members to Fire Protection District No. 12, both being residents of Council District 1:

- Doug Mincin – two (2) year term to expire on January 1, 2019
- Mike Jones - two (2) year term to expire on January 1, 2018

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 17-149

MOTION was offered by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Shane Mack to name an unnamed road, “Back Forty Lane”, located off of Louisiana Highway 16 in Council District 6, as approved in writing on April 27, 2017 by the Address Co-coordinator, Wendy Boule in the Livingston Parish Permit office.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair called upon Councilman Jeff Averett to discuss agenda item 17, “Discuss feasibility study for red light on Highway 63 in front of the Pepsi and Epic Company Entrance, located in Council District 6 – Jeff Averett”.

The chair allowed the Council members to question Mr. Averett regarding the need for a traffic mechanism to be possibly located on Louisiana State Highway 63 by the Epic Piping industrial plex.

LPR NO. 17-150

MOTION was offered by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to send a request to the Louisiana State Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic feasibility study to consider implementing a traffic mechanism located on Louisiana State Highway 63 by the Epic Piping industrial plex.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair called upon Councilman Tab Lobell to discuss agenda item, “Reduce speed limit(s) from 35 m.p.h. in Council District 8 (as recommended by the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office) for McCarroll Road, Pardue Road and Blahut Road”. Mr. Lobell explained that Pardue Road’s speed limit was currently set at 25 m.p.h. and he wished for it to remain at that speed. He indicated his wishes for a set speed limit on McCarroll Road would be 25 m.p.h. from Louisiana State Highway 22 on one (1) end, until Louisiana Highway 43. He further indicated that it would be ideal to set the speed limit on Blahut Road from intersection at McCarroll Road (north) until the address of 26459 in that area. He further explained that he has sought recommendation from the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s office on this matter and had personally driven the roads in question to help better understand what the speed should be set at.

LPR NO. 17-151

MOTION was offered by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by John Wascom to set the speed limit on Blahut Road from the intersection of Louisiana State Highway 22 until Louisiana State Highway 43 at 25 m.p.h. and furthermore set the limit of speed at 25 m.p.h. on Blahut Road from the intersection of McCarroll Road (north) continuing until the street address of 26459 in that area (as recommended by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's office).

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair called upon Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert to report on the Finance committee's meeting who met earlier that evening. Mr. Talbert gave a brief report.

The chair addressed the addendum item:

A-1: Adopt resolution to appoint an interim Constable - Ward 10, and call for a special election on October 14, 2017, for the purpose of electing a Constable – Ward 10, to serve in this position until December 31, 2020, the remaining term of this office.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

The following resolution was offered by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Tab Lobell:

LIVINGSTON PARISH RESOLUTION NO. 17- 152

WHEREAS, the office of Constable, Ward Ten (10), Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, is vacant due to the untimely death of Constable Barry Joseph White, Sr. on Thursday, April 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Abels, daughter of Barry Joseph White, Sr., who has a magnitude of experience and knowledge and is a qualified and capable nominee to be appointed to carry out the duties of this office until a special election may be called as mandated in Louisiana R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish Council, governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, does hereby appoint Kathleen Abels to the office of Constable, Ward Ten (10), to assume the duties of this office until a successor is elected and takes office due to the untimely death of Constable Barry Joseph White, Sr.;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish Council, governing authority of the Parish of Livingston does hereby issue a proclamation to order and call a special election, in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 18:402, to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, which will be a Primary election, and a General election to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017, that will provide for the unexpired term of office of Constable, Ward Ten (10), which will expire on December 31, 2020, whereupon qualifying for these election dates will be held on July 12-14, 2017.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

The chair called upon Mr. Christopher Moody, Parish legal Counsel, to address agenda item 20, “District Attorney Report(s):”. Mr. Moody advised that he did not have anything to report at this time.

The chair addressed agenda item 21, “Councilmen’s Comments” and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard. Mr. Ard wished to commend Walker’s baseball team in winning the first 5-A playoff game. He also wished to remind everyone of the Livingston Parish Chamber Commerce Business Expo to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Mr. Ard discussed the Councilmen’s cook-off competition that would take place at this event at three o’clock (3:00) p.m.

Councilman John Wascom explained that he would be introducing an ordinance to set prohibitions and criteria for mobile homes in subdivisions. He welcomed any input and suggestions in this matter.

Councilman Shane Mack advised that the Ordinance committee would be meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017, before the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council, at five o’clock (5:00) p.m.

Having no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the hour of six (6:00) o’clock p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 17-151

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to adjourn the April 27, 2017 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

Tracy Girlinghouse, Council Chairman