

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
May 24, 2018**

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, May 24, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

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

Tardy: Tracy Girlinghouse

Also present: Mark Harrell representing in the absence of Parish President Layton Ricks
Al Giraud representing in the absence of Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

The chair 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 10a, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness: "Resolution authorizing the parish president to sign the agreement and any and all documents regarding the FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program implemented by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit" and called upon Mark Harrell, Director of Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Harrell gave a brief description of why the resolution was needed.

LPR NO. 18-166

MOTION was made by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by John Wascom to authorize the Parish President to sign the agreement and any and all documents regarding the FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program implemented by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Mr. Harrell reported briefly on the cleanup of the waterways funded by federal grant money and answered questions from the Councilmen.

The chair addressed agenda item 7, "Presentations". The chair called upon Councilman Tab Lobell to join him in front of the audience to welcome and honor the team and coaches of the Doyle High School Softball Team who won the 2018 LHSAA Softball State Tournament Class 2A state championship. Councilman Jeff Ard presented the coaches with a plaque of recognition and Councilman Tab Lobell spoke of their accomplishments and congratulated them on their outstanding performance. Councilman Lobell presented each team member with a certificate of recognition and achievement.

Councilman Ard recognized Scarlett Blades Matherne who won the title of Mrs. Louisiana 2018 and presented her with a certificate of recognition on her achievements.

Time was allowed for another photo opportunity.

The chair called the meeting back into order and addressed agenda item, “Parish President’s Report” and advised that there was not a report at this time.

The chair addressed agenda item 8, “Adoption of the Minutes for the May 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Council”.

LPR NO. 18-167

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated May 10, 2018 of the regular meeting of the Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 11, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-17, to amend Section 13-46.1, establishing exemptions eliminating the need to request waivers”, and opened the Public Hearing.

Councilman Garry Talbert asked if the issue with part one (1) of the proposed ordinance had been resolved. The chair advised that it had not. He explained that his wishes were to leave that part out of the ordinance at this time and revisit the ordinance after more research could be completed.

The chair called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

The chair asked for Public Input from the audience. Having no comment from the audience, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 18-168

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on May 10, 2018, 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 May 24, 2018 on Motion of Garry “Frog” Talbert and seconded by Jeff Averett:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 18-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, “PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT,” SECTION 13-46.1, “PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF USE”, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, BY ADDING PROVISIONS IDENTIFYING SUBDIVISIONS.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of May 2018.

(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).

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse entered the Council chambers at six twenty-three (6:23) p.m.

The chair addressed agenda item 15, “Adopt Resolution to place a 3-way stop in Easterly Lakes Subdivision at Wyeth and Dialtha” and called on Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert.

LPR NO. 18-169

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to designate a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Wyeth Drive and Dialtha Drive located in Easterly Lakes Subdivision in Council District 2.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 13, “Introduction of Ordinance: Removal of abandoned and/or inoperative vehicles” and called upon Councilman Shane Mack. Councilman Mack explained the proposed ordinance to the Councilmembers in great detail. The chair allowed Councilman Mack to answer questions from the Councilmembers.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

L.P. ORDINANCE 18-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5.5, “ENVIRONMENT,” SECTION 5.5-31, “DEFINITIONS” BY DEFINING A “SECURE YARD”, AND BY ADDING SECTION 5.5-38, “REMOVAL OF ABANDONED AND INOPERATIVE VEHICLES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

LPR NO. 18-170

MOTION was offered by _____ and duly seconded by _____ to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

***Please note that a motion and a second was not made for the introduction of this ordinance. It will be placed on the next agenda for the June 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Council for re-introduction.*

The chair addressed agenda item 14, "Board resignation and appointments:" and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell who explained the reasons that Ms. Gwen Blanchard submitted her resignation letter from the Livingston Parish Communications District Board (911). He testified of the great job that she had done as a member of this board.

LPR NO. 18-171

MOTION was made by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to accept the resignation of Gwen Blanchard (Council District 8) from the Livingston Parish Communications District Board (911), letter of resignation received on May 8, 2018 advising the effective date of resignation to be March 5, 2018, remaining term of board appointment to expire on September 4, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 18-172

MOTION was made by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to appoint Kelly Carter Fagan Jennings (resident of Council District 8) to the Livingston Parish Communications District Board (911), replacing the vacancy left by Gwen Blanchard's resignation and to serve out the remaining term of the board appointment to expire on September 4, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 18-173

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to ratify the board reappointments of Fire Protection District No. 4 as stated below:

- Joseph Blanchard (Village of Port Vincent appointment), term of board reappointment to expire on January 1, 2020

- Darren Blevins (City of Walker’s appointment), term of board reappointment to expire on January 1, 2020

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 18-174

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to appoint Jamie Seal (resident of Council District 3) to the Mosquito Abatement Board District Two and Three, term of appointment to expire on April 26, 2019.

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

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

NAYS: MR. WASCOM

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert requested a legal opinion from Mr. Al Giraud, representing as Parish legal counsel in the absence of Christopher Moody.

Councilman Talbert questioned if the three (3) appointed board members of the Mosquito Abatement Board Two and Three could meet as a quorum of the board even if two (2) of the remaining seats were yet to be appointed. Mr. Giraud advised that the board could meet if they had a quorum.

The chair addressed agenda item 15, “District Attorney Report(s):” and called upon Mr. Al Giraud who advised that there was nothing to report at this time.

The chair addressed agenda items 16 a and b, Committee Report(s):

- Ordinance Committee – Shane Mack, Chair
Councilman Shane Mack explained that the committee was working on the houseboat ordinance and wished to schedule a committee meeting before it would be brought for consideration to the Council. The chair allowed an open discussion questioning the results of the proposed state law concerning houseboats.
- Finance Committee – Tracy Girlinghouse, chair
Councilman Girlinghouse advised that the committee had met on May 10th and discussed the year-to-date projections of the Parish and that they were above what they had expected with consideration made that these numbers were based on the 2016 and 2017 flood numbers. He advised that the committee would meet again on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Councilmen’s Comments:

- Councilman R.C. “Bubba” Harris requested to speak and gave historical background on the Veteran’s War Memorial that had been recently re-located from the old courthouse site on Iowa Street to the front of the new courthouse site on Government Boulevard. Everyone was invited to attend the re-dedication of the monument scheduled on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at nine o’clock (9:00) a.m.

- Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse reported on his attendance earlier that evening at the new baseball field, “Challenger’s Field”. He described how touching the event was and described how beautifully the field had been constructed. He encouraged everyone to come and experience the excitement and watch the games. He asserted what a wonderful and good thing it was and promised that no one would be disappointed if they attended. He advised of its location and that it was a huge addition to Sidney Hutchinson Park.
- Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and what the holiday meant to us and our future.

 Having no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o’clock p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 18-175

MOTION was offered by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to adjourn the May 24, 2018 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

 Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

 Jeff Ard, Council Chairman