

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
April 11, 2019

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 11, 2019, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard
Garry “Frog” Talbert
Maurice “Scooter” Keen

R.C. “Bubba” Harris
Jeff Averett

Tracy Girlinghouse
Tab Lobell
Shane Mack

Absent: John Wascom

Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

Also present: Layton Ricks, Parish President

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 7, “Presentations:”. There were no presentations, however, the chair called upon Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert who questioned if he could speak during this time.

Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert requested the floor to speak and be allowed to wish his mother a happy seventy-ninth (79th) birthday. He apologized that he was not there that evening to celebrate with her because he was in attendance at the Council meeting.

The chair moved to agenda item number 8, “Adoption of the Minutes from the March 28, 2019 regular meeting of the Council”:

LPR NO. 19-103

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated March 28, 2019 for 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. ARD, MR KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK,
MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 9, “Adopt resolution approving the re-location of Voting Precinct 34 from its temporary location of French Settlement High School Gym, to its previous location established at the French Settlement Village Hall in Council District 6 – Vanessa Barnett/Clerk of Court Elections Department” and called for any discussion. Having no discussion, the chair called for a motion and the vote.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

A RESOLUTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL
LPR NO. 19-104

The following resolution was offered by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse:

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston was devastated by a catastrophic weather event known as the August 2016 Flood that destroyed homes, businesses, schools, churches, and countless properties leaving these places uninhabitable; and

WHEREAS, several of the Parish of Livingston’s voting precinct locations were affected by this devastation and were forced to temporarily relocate to other locations; and

WHEREAS, the polling location for Precinct 34 located at French Settlement Village Hall, addressed at 16015 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733 was destroyed by the August 2016 Flood event; and

WHEREAS, the polling location for Precinct 34 is currently located at French Settlement High School Gym in the foyer area, being addressed at 15876 Highway 16 in French Settlement, LA 70733, and has been a temporary location necessitated by the devastation of the August 2016 Flood; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court’s office has been notified by the mayor of French Settlement that renovations have been completed at the French Settlement Village Hall, 16015 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733 location, and has been deemed ready and available for use as the polling location for Precinct 34, allowing it to move back into its original location;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Livingston Parish Council under the authority granted by Louisiana R.S. 18:534, and pursuant to the request and recommendation by the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court’s office that voting Precinct 34 is hereby relocated to French Settlement Village Hall, 16015 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Livingston Parish Council that the Council Clerk is hereby directed to carry out the mandates of R.S. 18:535 et. seq. by giving such notice and taking such steps as required to adequately notify candidates and voters of said change. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. ARD, MR KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. WASCOM
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the Chair declared that the Resolution had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 10, “Parish President’s Report”, and advised that the Parish President had requested that the Councilmembers go into Executive Session.

LPR NO. 19-105

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to go into Executive Session at the request of the Parish President under his agenda item 10, “Parish President’s Report”.

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

- YEAS: MR. ARD, MR KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK, MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. WASCOM
- ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair advised that the Councilmembers, the Parish President and their Parish Legal Counsel would allow the audience members to stay in the Council chambers to make it easier on the public and they would conduct their Executive Session in their meeting room located in their office.

At that time (six forty (6:40) p.m.), the meeting was halted, and all recording devices were stopped.

The Councilmembers, the Parish President and Parish Legal Counsel returned to the Council chambers at the hour of six fifty-five (6:55) p.m.

LPR NO. 19-106

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to close the Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 19-107

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by to Jeff Averett go back to the order of business of the April 11, 2019 agenda of the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 19-108

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by to R.C. “Bubba” Harris to authorize the Parish President to negotiate and sign a contract for special legal counsel for arbitration in reference to inundated roads from Disaster 4277 (August of ’16).

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The Parish President addressed agenda item 11b, “Authorize the Parish President to sign CEA with Albany for residential and commercial building code enforcement.” He explained that his office has agreed to assist them, and obviously they will pay they costs. He requested that Councilman

Shane Mack elaborate on this agenda item as this was located in his Council District. Councilman Mack agreed and explained that the Town of Albany had a building inspector that resigned. He advised that the Town of Albany would like to have the Parish provide inspection services as they do for other small governmental municipalities such as the town of Springfield, French Settlement and the town of Livingston for a certain fee. He invited questions from the audience and the Councilmembers.

Public Input: DeeDra Sellers-resident of Council District 6: questioned the Parish President how exactly this would work? How much authority does the Parish have? Will it go through the Planning Commission? If so, will the Parish have authority to grant waivers?

Councilman Mack requested to answer these questions. He advised that the Town of Albany is their own governing authority, have their own Planning Commission and are responsible for their own development in their own district. The Parish of Livingston does not get involved in the Town of Albany's ordinances, or grant waivers of any kind of their ordinances. The Parish President also advised that the Parish would only be reviewing what is being done by them regarding their residential and their commercial building. The chair allowed some of the Councilmembers to also make comments answering the justification of her questions of why a building inspector was needed for the Town of Albany.

LPR NO. 19-109

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to authorize the Parish President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Albany to provide residential and commercial building code enforcement within the corporate limits of the Town of Albany as per the current addition of the State mandated Building Code, to serve the public for the purposes set out as set forth in such agreement.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The Parish President addressed agenda item 10c, "Resolution proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Livingston Parish", and called representatives from the Livingston Parish Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association that were in the audience to join him at the lectern as he read aloud a proclamation designating the month and year of April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention month in the Parish of Livingston.

LPR NO. 19-110

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to accept/support the Parish President in his proclamation declaring April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Parish of Livingston.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Whereas, the community cares deeply about the prevention of child abuse, and the majority reports that child abuse is a very important moral issue to them;

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout our community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Therefore, I, Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish President, do hereby proclaim:

***April
as Child Abuse Prevention Month
and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families; thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.***

SIGNED THIS 11th day of April 2019

***/s/ Layton Ricks
Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish President***

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Public input: Monica Starns and Letisha Hester – Supervisors at the Livingston Parish CASA:
Shared thanks for the proclamation and briefly explained their child advocacy program for children in foster care and forensic interviews for children who have experienced abuse or neglect or who have been witness to a crime

The chair allowed time for a photo opportunity.

The chair addressed agenda item 11a, “Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness: Resolution authorizing the parish president to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Forte and Tablada, Inc., to perform engineering services for the implementation of an Amite River Watershed and Coastal Wetlands Restoration Phase 1 Project(s) contingent upon approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration” and called upon Mark Harrell, Director of the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Harrell instructed that they had discussed two (2) projects in the past, one (1) being on the Amite River, and the other being at Blind River at the mouth of the lake. The agenda item presented, was a mixture of two (2) different fundings, the big funding being the GOMESA funding and the other being RESTORE funding. He advised that the RESTORE funding was “BP money” as well. He indicated that the Councilmembers should have the bid tabulation sheet for engineering services and that Forte and Tablada scored the highest on selection criteria of firms that submitted proposals for the project. He requested that the Councilmembers adopt a resolution that would authorize Mr. Ricks to sign a contract with Forte and Tablada. He continued to explain that once negotiations were completed and the contract was signed, it must go to two (2) federal entities for their blessings and approval. Once this has been received, then their office may move forward on the project.

Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert coincided, agreeing that the GOMESA funding had been put in the 2019 budget, to which Mr. Harrell agreed and stated that it was for this purpose. Councilman Talbert stated that he would like to make this motion on this resolution.

The chair requested if there was anyone in the audience who would like to comment on this agenda item. Having no comments from the audience or the Councilmembers, the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 19-111

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to authorize the Parish President to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Forte and Tablada, Inc., to perform engineering services for the implementation of an Amite River Watershed and Coastal Wetlands Restoration Phase 1 Project(s) contingent upon approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item(s)12a through 12e, “Planning Commission Recommendations” and called upon Natalie Allen, Planning Secretary, who was representing in the absence of Sam Digirolamo.

LPR NO. 19-112

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and approve the waiver on additional lots, for Pauline Frisbie being located on George White Road, Section 11, T7S R6E, in Council District 9.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 12b, “Robbie A. Schillings, Minor Re-sub, Saray Drive, Section 28, T5S R6E, Council District 2”. Ms. Natalie Allen advised that it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Minor Resub for Robbie A. Schillings located in Councilman Garry Talbert’s District.

Councilman Talbert spoke up and advised that there was an issue with the item. He indicated that the developer was trying to drain the sewer for the three (3) additional lots through a side public ditch and there was some concern over if that ditch was being maintained by Gravity Drainage District No. 2. He indicated that Gravity 2 had maintained this ditch in the past but was not currently maintaining it any longer because the Schillings “have put a lot of stuff in the servitude”. He recommended that this item be deferred until the Schillings can get the servitude cleared, so that Gravity 2 may then go in and clean the ditch. He explained that he wished for the Councilmembers to defer this item and made a motion to defer agenda item number 12b.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse questioned the maintenance done by Gravity 2 in the past. Councilman Talbert explained that Gravity 2 owned the servitude but could not gain access because of the stuff in the servitude.

LPR NO. 19-113

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to **NOT** accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and **defer this agenda item until the servitude has been cleared**, being located on Saray Drive, Section 28, T5S R3E, in Council District 2.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 12c, “Arbor Walk, 7th Filing, Preliminary Plat, Walker South Road, Section 28, T7S R3E, Council District 6”, and called upon Councilman Jeff Averett and asked if Councilman Averett had any comment on this item. He advised that he did not. The chair then requested if Ms. Allen wished to speak. Ms. Allen advised that it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the preliminary plat for Arbor Walk, 7th filing. The chair then asked if there was any discussion from the audience.

Public Input: Muriel Laws, resident of Poplar Glen Drive – Council District 6: wished to ask questions about what the preliminary plat means as far as construction?

- The chair requested that Chad Bacas, Parish Review Engineer of Forte and Tablada, answer Ms. Laws’ questions.

LPR NO. 19-114

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and **approve the preliminary plat**, for Arbor Walk, 7th filing, located on Walker South Road, Section 25, T7S R3E, in Council District 6.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 19-115

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and **approve the preliminary plat**, for Hunters Ridge, located on Joe May Road, Section 25 & 26, T7S R3E, in Council District 6.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 19-116

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to accept the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Planning Commission and **approve the preliminary site plan**, for RKM Primary Care, located on Louisiana Highway 63, Section 7, T7S R3E, in Council District 6.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda items 13a and 13b, “Planning Department” and called upon Ms. Natalie Allen, Planning Secretary, representing on behalf of the absence of Planning Director Sam Digirolamo. Ms. Allen advised that the Planning Department was requesting the Councilmembers to accept the roads and improvements and release the bonds on these items.

The chair asked if there was any discussion from the audience members.

Public input: DeeDra Sellers - resident of Council District 6: questioned the acceptance of roads and improvements into the maintenance system and if inspections had been done already and are there reports on that and wanted to know how and where she could pick that up? Questioned future filings and damages?

The chair allowed Ms. Allen, Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert and Chad Bacas to answer her many questions.

LPR NO. 19-117

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to accept the roads and improvements into the maintenance system for Greenleaves Subdivision located on Louisiana Highway 1032, Section 44, T7S R3E in Council District 5 and also release the eighty-two thousand twenty-two dollars and forty cents (\$82,022.40) maintenance bond.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 13b, “The Sanctuary at Juban Crossing, 1st Filing” and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse.

Councilman Girlinghouse questioned if all requirements had been met and as it should be and that it was okay to give the bond back to the developer? Ms. Allen concurred and advised that he was correct.

LPR NO. 19-118

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to accept the roads and improvements into the maintenance system for The Sanctuary at Juban Crossing, 1st Filing located on Florida Boulevard, Section 33, T6S R3E in Council District 7 and also release the one hundred thirty-five thousand nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and twenty-three cents (\$135,977.23) maintenance bond.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 19-09, Amend L.P. No. 17-43, “Streets, Quitclaims, Servitude and Rights-of-Way Revocation Procedure”.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and called upon the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The chair requested if anyone had any public input. Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 19-119

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 28, 2019, 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 11, 2019 on Motion of Garry “Frog” Talbert and seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 19-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, “PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT,” ARTICLE I, “IN GENERAL,” SECTION 13-3, “STREETS, QUITCLAIMS, SERVITUDE AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY REVOCATION PROCEDURE,” THAT COMBINES THE PARISH PLANNING DEPARTMENT’S FILING FEE, OFFICIAL JOURNAL PUBLICATION FEES AND CLERK OF COURT FILING FEES AND ALSO ADDS PDF

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SURVEY MAP INDICATING THE AREA TO BE
REVOCATED, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH
OF LIVINGSTON.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 11th day of April 2019.

(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 15, “Amend Section 11-2, “Speed of Boats” by reducing idle zone to three hundred (300) feet from intersection of the Diversion Canal to Blind River” and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell.

Councilman Lobell explained why the ordinance was needed.

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The chair asked if there was anyone who had any public input or questions on this matter. Having none, he called for the vote to introduce this ordinance.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE 19-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, SECTION 11-2(a), SPEED OF BOATS, “BLIND RIVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE DIVERSION CANAL”, AS SET OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY HEREIN.

LPR NO. 19-120

MOTION was offered by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) 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 KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, MR. MACK,
MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, “Adopt resolution to name the extension of Linkwood Drive for 911 addressing purposes (approximately 3,400 feet/to the end at the turn around) located in Council District 3, said addition will not to be maintained by the parish” and called upon Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen.

Councilman Keen explained that a gentleman had purchased a hundred and twenty (120) acres of land off of Linkwood Drive next to Beaver Creek in Council District 3 and is planning to put three (3) homes on a private servitude in the back that will be thirty-four hundred feet (3400’) long. He further indicated that he is in need of obtaining addresses for the newly developed homes and is requesting that the road be named “Linkwood Extension”.

There was an open discussion as to naming the extension of Linkwood, “Extension” or “Road”. It was determined that the name of the thirty-four hundred feet (3400’) expansion should be known as “Linkwood Drive” and it will never be taken into the parish maintenance system, unless it is brought up to parish standards.

LPR NO. 19-121

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to name the additional thirty-four hundred feet (3400’) of the extension of Linkwood Drive to also be known as “Linkwood Drive” for 911 purposes located in Council District 3.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 17, “Adopt resolution to add two (2) “No Parking” signs to Blossom Street located in Magnolia Estates in Council District 3 as per Section 10-43 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Livingston” and called upon Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen.

Councilman Keen explained that he had been contacted by constituents who were frustrated because they were being blocked in on a dead-end street that is approximately fifteen feet (15’) wide by cars that are parking on both sides of the street making it impassible for residents to leave to go to work. The signs are needed so that the Sheriff’s office can issue citations.

LPR NO. 19-122

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to authorize and seek the addition and placement of two (2) “No Parking” signs on Blossom Street located in Magnolia Estates in Council District 3 as per Section 10-43 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Livingston.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 18, “Discuss alcohol permit renewal process/fees for Amvets Post #28 due to lapse in annual procurement from 2015 to 2018” and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell.

Councilman Tab Lobell advised he would like to defer this item until the next Council meeting and answered multiple questions received from Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert.

Councilman Lobell also wished to clarify that the Amvets Post is designated as Post number 68 and not 28.

The chair addressed agenda item(s) 19a through c, “Board (re)appointment(s):” and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell to address 19a, “Fire Protection District No. 9”.

LPR NO. 19-123

MOTION was made by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to reappoint Bryan Soulie (resident of Council District 8), Patrick Lacy Loupe, Jr. (resident of Council District 8) and Shawn Bercegeay (resident of Council District 8) as board members of Fire Protection District No. 9, their two (2) year term(s) will expire on January 1, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 19-124

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to reappoint Shawn Revel (resident of Council District 3), as a board member of Mosquito Abatement District Two and Three, whose three (3) year term will expire on April 26, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item 19c, “Board (re)appointment: Recreation District No. 2” and called upon Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert.

Councilman Talbert advised that he wished to appoint someone that evening but had received three (3) resumes for the position and had not had an opportunity to interview them. He continued to explain that board member, Dean Erwin, whose term expires on February 13, 2022, had only attended two (2) meetings in the last two (2) years, so he requested the removal of Mr. Erwin from the board at that time, so as to when he had the opportunity to interview the other applicants, they would be ready to be appointed.

The chair requested if anyone had any further discussion on this matter. Having no response from the audience members or the Councilmembers, the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 19-125

MOTION was made by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to remove Dean Erwin (resident of Council District 2) from Recreation District No. 2 for non-attendance of the board meetings, the remainder of this five (5) year term will expire on February 13, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Councilman Talbert requested that Chris Prescott’s address be updated on the board list. He explained that the address listed was Mr. Prescott’s business address, which is located in Council District 4, and Mr. Prescott resides in Council District 2. He advised that he would obtain the correct home/residential address for Mr. Prescott and forward it to Council office.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, “District Attorney Report(s):” and asked if Al Giraud, representing in the absence of Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel, had anything to report? Mr. Giraud advised that he had nothing to report at this time.

The chair moved on and addressed agenda item 21, “Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee and called upon Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert, Committee chairman.

Councilman Talbert advised that the committee was supposed to meet earlier that evening but did not have a quorum. However, the committee did have an ordinance that they wished to recommend for introduction that had been deferred from the previous meeting to allow additional wording modification by Ms. Morgan Sanchez at Forte and Tablada. He explained what the new, additional wording was, and why the changes were needed.

Councilman Talbert requested that the Council clerk read the ordinance by title for introduction. The chair asked if the audience members had any discussion on this agenda item.

Public input: Larry O’Neill, resident of Maurepas and Council District 8 – questioned if the fill dirt from a pond would make the pond a “retention pond”, with the same guidelines that retention ponds have in subdivisions?

The chair allowed Councilman Talbert and Councilman Tab Lobell to answer his questions and have a lengthy open discussion.

The chair asked if anyone in the audience had any further discussion.

Public input: Kristen ?inaudible? – resident of Highway 1032: questioning agenda item 19c, “Board (re)appointment(s): Recreation District No. 2”, questioned and quizzed the Councilmembers on why they voted to remove Dean Erwin from Recreation District No. 2 and what information or research they had done, other than Councilman Talbert’s statements before removing this man from an appointment? She asked what they had done to verify his statements?

Several of the Councilmembers testified that removing a board member for non-attendance is not an uncommon occurrence, as they have had the same experience of appointed board members not showing up for their board meetings and business could not be conducted.

The chair requested if there was any other discussion on the agenda item at hand, agenda item 21a, “Ordinance Committee: **Introduction of Ordinance**, Amend Section 13-76, “Methods of Reducing Flood Losses,” Part (4), by establishing criteria for adding fill dirt to individual lots, tracts, and parcels of land”?

Public input: Vanessa Thompson, resides on North Doyle Road: had questions on low land and the restrictions on fill dirt, suggesting piers for flood water to flow through?

The chair allowed Councilman Talbert, Chad Bacas and Councilman Keen to answer Ms. Thompson's questions.

Having no more discussion from the audience, the chair wished to speak on the proposed ordinance and wanted more time to review the ordinance before introduction. He gave a lengthy explanation why he wanted a couple of more weeks to study what the changes were that had been recently made. Councilman Talbert requested that Chad Bacas address the chair's concerns. Mr. Bacas addressed the issues brought up.

The chair allowed a lengthy open discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Public Input: Vanessa Thompson – requested a copy of the proposed ordinance

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

L.P. ORDINANCE 19-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE V, "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION", SECTION 13-76, "METHODS OF REDUCING FLOOD LOSSES," PART (4), BY ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR ADDING FILL DIRT TO INDIVIDUAL LOTS, TRACTS, PARCELS OF LAND, IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

LPR NO. 19-126

MOTION was offered by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) 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 KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: MR. MACK, MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT** adopted.

The chair allowed the Councilmembers to have a very ardent, lengthy open discussion on the proposed ordinance that had failed its introduction.

The chair called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse to report on the Finance Committee: Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse advised that there was nothing to report at that time.

The chair asked if there were any comments from the Councilmen:

Councilman Tab Lobell stated that every high school softball team in the Parish had made it to the playoffs and wanted to wish all of them good luck.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse wanted to address the Master Plan Review committee meeting that had occurred on the previous Monday. He explained that the purpose of that meeting was to conduct a "meet and greet" and get to know one another. He discussed how the committee is starting from scratch and needed to know one another to prepare for the election of their officers.

He advised that their first meeting would be held on May 7, 2019 in the Livingston Parish Council chambers.

Public input: DeeDra Sellers: took issue with Councilman Girlinghouse on the Finance committee agenda items “Old Business”, “New Business” and thanked him for his explanation on the Master Plan Review committee meeting, but questioned why the meeting was held in Governmental building?

Councilman Talbert and Councilman Jeff Ard both answered her questions.

Councilman Talbert advised that there would be a community informational meeting on April 18th at seven o’clock (7:00) p.m. at Live Oak High School in the cafeteria to provide information on Mosquito Abatement District in Districts Two and Three.

Councilman Jeff Ard wanted to remind everyone of Clo Fontenot’s benefit at Crazy Dave’s and a couple of Carter’s locations that would be taking place Saturday.

He also wished to commend Walker High School for making history, being the first school to have a young lady and a young man to be named Mr. Basketball in the state of Louisiana in the same year. He wished to acknowledge Tyra Young, being a senior and who will be attending LSU as well as recognizing Jaylen Cook who is a junior and has a lot of upcoming options.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 19-127

MOTION was offered by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to adjourn the April 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WASCOM

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

/s/ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

/s/ Shane Mack

Shane Mack, Council Chairman