

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
April 25, 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 25, 2019, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. with the following 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

Absent: Layton Ricks, Parish President
Also present: 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:". Having no presentations, the chair moved to agenda item 8, "Adoption of the Minutes from the April 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Council":

LPR NO. 19-128

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated April 11, 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. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 9, "Parish President's Report", and advised that the Parish President had nothing to report at this time and was absent from the meeting due to a prior commitment.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, "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".

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

The chair requested if there was any discussion from the audience. Having none, the chair questioned if there was any input from the Councilmembers.

Councilman John Wascom asked who requested that this be placed on the agenda? The chair advised that Councilman Tab Lobell had put this on the agenda. Councilman Wascom asked would this be putting another idle zone on the Diversion Canal? Councilman Lobell advised that it was actually taking footage away from the existing idle zone due to a fire destroying the business that had been previously located at this section of the river. Other Councilmembers offered details on the need of the ordinance.

The chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 19-129

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on April 11, 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 25, 2019 on Motion of Tab Lobell and seconded by John Wascom:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 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.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 25th 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 11, “Discuss alcohol permit renewal process/fees for AMVETS Post #68 due to lapse in annual procurement from 2015 to 2018” and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell.

Councilman Lobell explained that this business had never lost its state alcohol permit but had a lapse in their Parish alcohol permit due to the mismanagement of secretarial staff who were no longer employed there. He explained that AMVETS Post #68 had contacted the Parish to notify our office of the lapse and wanted to get their book-keeping in order. Councilman Lobell requested that the Council allow them to pay their current fees and waive the past years’ permit fees. Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert also concurred that the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 fees should be waived and pay for the year 2019. He offered that the Ordinance committee might look in the future, at how to address businesses that are in business, but do not have a permit. He wished to second Councilman Lobell’s motion.

LPR NO. 19-130

MOTION was made by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to allow the past years’ alcohol permit renewal fees for the years of 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 for AMVETS Post No. 68 (located in Council District 8) to be waived and authorize the issuance of their 2019 alcohol permit renewal without penalties.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 12, “Adopt resolution to name an un-named road, off Woodside Drive, “Training Center Boulevard”, located in Council District 7” and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse.

Councilman Girlinghouse explained the location of the Training Center and advised that Woodside had recently wanted to move their facility a little closer and built a road specifically for the Training Center that comes out on Woodside Drive. Councilman Girlinghouse instructed that upon being contacted about this, it had been requested to name this unnamed road, “Training Center Boulevard”.

LPR NO. 19-131

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to name an un-named road, “Training Center Boulevard”, being located off of Woodside Drive in Council District 7, as approved in writing by Wendy Bouilly, Assistant Permit Director on April 25, 2019.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 13, “Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to install “No Outlet” road signs on Jennifer Street and Leighton Lane off Buddy Ellis Road” and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse.

Councilman Girlinghouse advised that he had been contacted by one of the residents who explained that their road is constantly mistaken for a cut through, and when large trucks get to the end they find out that there is no where to turn around to get back where they came realizing that the road ends. He suggested that the installation of a “No Outlet” sign would alert vehicles that there is no way out through that street. Councilman Girlinghouse rode out to the place in question to view what was happening and noticed that was another street without a street sign and it also met the same criteria and was in need of a “No Outlet” sign. He further explained that both of these streets are little roads and dead end at someone’s property.

LPR NO. 19-132

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to request that the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works install “No Outlet” road signs on Jennifer Street and Leighton Lane, both being located off of Buddy Ellis Lane in Council District 7.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 14, “Consider resolution to request, of the Governor’s Office, the appointment of Leesha Robert as interim Constable -Ward 8, until an election is held to fill the position through December 31, 2020, the remaining term of office” and advised that Mr. Jimmy Alford, from Holden, Louisiana, was the Constable of Ward 8 and also served on Fire Protection District No. 10 for many, many years. The chair emotionally emphasized how severely that he will be missed and spoke of the many great things that he had done. He explained that the parish governing authority had twenty (20) days to make an appointment, and those days had passed. He requested that the Council make a motion to request the Governor’s office to appoint Leesha as interim constable.

LPR NO. 19-133

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Tab Lobell to request that the Governor’s office of the state of Louisiana consider the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Council, as governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, to appoint Leesha Robert as an interim constable of Ward 8 to replace the vacancy left by the death of Constable James Alford until an election can be held to fill the position.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 15a and b, “Board (re)appointment(s):” and called upon Councilman Tab Lobell to address “Recreation District No. 5 South”. Councilman Lobell explained his wishes to reappoint board member Ronnie Lambert.

LPR NO. 19-134

MOTION was made by Tab Lobell and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to reappoint Ronald “Ronnie” Lambert (resident of Council District 8) to Recreation District No. 5 South, whose five (5) year term will expire on May 1, 2024.

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

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

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 address agenda item 15b, “Fire Protection District No.7”. Councilman Jeff Averett explained that longtime board member, Jerry Parker, had passed away and advised that he wished to appoint Gerald Crochet to fill the vacancy of that board member position.

LPR NO. 19-135

MOTION was made by Jeff Averett and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to appoint Gerald Crochet (resident of Council District 6), as a board member of Fire Protection District No. 7, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Jerry Parker and serve out the remaining (2) year term that will expire on January 1, 2020.

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 16, "Addition of Cheryl Drive (between Arlene Drive and Cheray Drive) for consideration to the Capital Outlay/Priority Road List" and called upon Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert.

Councilman Talbert advised that he had received a request to put Cheryl Drive on the list, and after contacting the Council office to put it on the agenda, he then received another request from the Home Owners Association of Richmond Place to add Melrose also. He questioned Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel, if it was acceptable to add Melrose Avenue on the list for consideration.

LPR NO. 19-136

MOTION was made by Garry "Frog" Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to add for consideration the following roads to the 2018 Livingston Parish Road Improvement Program Road Analysis and Assessment – 3 Year Priority Road List as follows:

- Cheryl Drive (between Arlene Drive and Cheray Drive) – Council District 2
- Melrose Avenue (Richmond Place Subdivision) – Council District 2

2018 LIVINGSTON PARISH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ROAD ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT - 3 YEAR PRIORITY LIST

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Council District</u>	<u>Priority Rank</u>	<u>Priority Score</u>	<u>LP Resolution Number</u>	<u>Date Adopted</u>
Spring Lake Drive (South Section)	1	1	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Chapel Hill Drive	2	2	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
D'Evereaux Drive	2	3	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Norfolk Drive	2	4	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
R. Dawes Drive	2	5	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Destrehan Avenue	2	6	Under contract	LPR NO. 16-065 LPR NO. 18-273	February 11, 2016 September 13, 2018
Creek Haven Lane	2	7	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Creek Valley Drive	3	8	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Clear Creek Drive	3	9	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Creek Bend Avenue	3	10	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Hollow Creek Court	3	11	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Creek Hollow Court	3	12	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Dixie Street	4	13	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Woodland Street	4	14	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017

(North Section)

North Woodcrest	4	15	Under contract	LPR NO. 18-273	September 13, 2018
Summers Street	4	16	Under contract	LPR No. 18-273	September 13, 2018
Springhill Drive	5	17	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Joe May Road (North Section)	6	18	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Briar Oak Drive	7	19	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Deerfield Drive	7	20	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Winter Ridge Drive	7	21	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Fawnwood Drive	7	22	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
River Highlands Drive	8	23	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
James Chapel Road (West Section)	9	24	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
James Chapel Road (East Section)	9	25	Under contract	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
South Satsuma Road (b/t Drakeford McMorris and I-12)	6	26	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Bonnie Bleu Drive	6	27	n/a (added twice)	LPR NO. 16-266 LPR NO. 18-216	July 24, 2016 July 12, 2018
Henry White Road	9	28	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Bull Run Road (South Section)	8	29	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Gum Swamp Road (North Section)	8	30	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
George White Road (East Section)	9	31	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Bull Run Road (North Section)	8	32	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Gum Swamp Road (South Section)	8	33	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
George White Road (West Section)	9	34	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
South Satsuma Road (b/t Perrilloux Road and Drakeford McMorris)	6	35	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Wagner Road (West Section)	9	36	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Caraway Road	2	37	n/a	LPR NO. 15-095	March 17, 2015
Perkins Road South	3	38	n/a	LPR NO. 15-095	March 17, 2015
South Satsuma Road	6	39	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015

(b/t LA 42 and Perrilloux Road)

Perkins Road North	2	40	n/a	LPR NO. 15-095	March 17, 2015
Henry Road (North Section)	8	41	n/a	LPR NO. 15-086	March 12, 2015
Pine Street	9	42	n/a	LPR NO. 16-199	May 26, 2016
Debbie Lane	5	43	n/a	LPR NO. 15-305	December 3, 2015
Pine Bluff Road	4	44	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Harris Road	5	45	n/a	LPR NO. 16-044	January 28, 2016
Ball Park Road	7	46	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Sidney Woods Road	9	47	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Jason Drive	4	48	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Wagner Road (East Section)	9	49	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Old CC Road (formerly known as Slaughter Pen Road)	9	50	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Peak Lane	7	51	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 23, 2015
Crain Road	9	52	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Desert Willow Avenue	4	53	n/a	LPR NO. 17-016	January 12, 2017
John Barber Road	9	54	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Hillon Hood Road	5	55	n/a	LPR NO. 16-044	January 28, 2016
Greystone Drive	5	56	n/a	LPR NO. 15-305	December 3, 2015
Timberwood Drive	7	57	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Springlake Drive (North Section)	1	58	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Woodland Street (South Section)	4	59	n/a	LPR NO. 17-396	December 14, 2017
Pete Smith Road	9	60	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Charles Holden Road	9	61	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Nature's Way	1	62	n/a	LPR NO. 16-086	February 25, 2016
Live Oak Village Road	2	63	n/a	LPR NO. 15-305	December 3, 2015
Christopher Drive	7	64	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Sunset Lane/Ballard Lane	7	65	n/a	LPR NO. 16-065	February 11, 2016
Leader Road	8	66	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Henry Road (South Section)	8	67	n/a	LPR NO. 15-086	March 12, 2015
West Anne Drive	7	68	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017

South Anne Drive	7	69	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
North Achord Road	1	70	n/a	LPR NO. 15-167	June 11, 2015
Canyon Road	5	71	n/a	LPR NO. 15-305	December 3, 2015
Luke Lane	7	72	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Sandra Drive	7	73	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Maxwell Drive	7	74	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Lynn Street	7	75	n/a	LPR NO. 15-095	March 17, 2015
Herman Ernest Road (Phase 2 – Off of Caraway)	2	76	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Kingfisher Street	2	77	n/a	LPR NO. 17-055	February 9, 2017
Karli Lane (Phase 2 – Off of Ross Trail/Wagner Road)	9	78	n/a	LPR NO. 15-215	August 13, 2015
Olah Lane	9	79	n/a	LPR NO. 17-052	January 26, 2017
Bush Lane	2	80	n/a	LPR NO. 16-044	January 28, 2016

<u>Roads that are nominated for consideration to amend the Priority List</u>	Council District	Priority Score	Resolution Number	Resolution Date of Adoption
North Doyle Road	1	tbs	LPR NO. 17-092	March 9, 2017
McLin Road	1	tbs	LPR NO. 17-092	March 9, 2017
Cedar Street	1	tbs	LPR No. 18-041	February 8, 2018
Sims Road	2	tbs	LPR NO. 17-266	August 10, 2017
Dunn Road	3	tbs	LPR NO. 17-275	August 24, 2017
Clinton Allen Road	3	tbs	LPR NO. 18-245	August 9, 2018
Cottonwood Drive	4	tbs	LPR NO. 17-092	March 9, 2017
Brookfield Drive	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-158	May 10, 2018
Carolyn Avenue	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-158	May 10, 2018
Summers Street	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-158	May 10, 2018
Sharon Street	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-158	May 10, 2018
North Woodcrest Avenue	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-158	May 10, 2018
Canterbury Avenue	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
New Port Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Balmoral Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Timberlake Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Shady Hollow Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Timber Ridge Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Alder Drive	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-015	January 11, 2018
Stonehenge Drive (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Abbey Lane (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Coronation Drive (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Buckingham Avenue (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Windsor Avenue (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018

Hampton Court (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Wimbledon Drive (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Big Ben Drive (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Parliament Drive (Westminster Subdivision)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Parkwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Greenwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Havenwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Hollyridge Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Glenbrooke Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Mulberry Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Hazelwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Willow Wood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Burlwood Avenue (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Poplar Glen Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Bonnie Bleu Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Robindale Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Millstone Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Cottonwood Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Avondale Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Silverwood Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Maplewood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Sprucewood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Pinebrook Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Mimosa Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Bell Wood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Palmwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Ribbonwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Buffwood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Sagewood Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Wynnewood Avenue (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Myrtle Wood Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Bronzewood Avenue (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Birchwood Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Mirkwood Court (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Jimmy Drive (Woodland Crossing)	6	tbs	LPR NO. 18-216	July 12, 2018
Duff Road	7	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Texas Street	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Fountain View Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Ruby Lake Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Diamond Lake Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Garnet Lake Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Lake Terrace Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Sapphire Drive (Spring Lake subdivision)	1	tbs	LPR NO. 18-345	November 8, 2018
Rosemont Avenue (South Point Subdivision)	5	tbs	LPR NO. 18-362	December 6, 2018
Meadow Wood Boulevard	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-380	December 20, 2018
Myrtle Street	4	tbs	LPR NO. 18-380	December 20, 2018

Phillip Richardson Road	8	tbs	LPR NO. 18-380	December 20, 2018
Richardson Lane	8	tbs	LPR NO. 18-380	December 20, 2018
Swamp Drive (Remainder of what did not get completed from previous overlay)	8	tbs	LPR NO. 18-380	December 20, 2018
Parkway Drive in South Haven Subdivision	6	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Dutch Lane	8	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Remainder of Swamp Drive	8	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Cedar Street	8	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Beregi Street	9	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Elsie Lane (formerly known as Lowe Lane)	9	tbs	LPR NO. 19-041	January 24, 2019
Cheryl Drive (between Arlene Drive and Cheray Drive)	2	tbs	LPR NO. 19-136	April 25, 2019
Melrose Avenue (Richmond Place Subdivision)	2	tbs	LPR NO. 19-136	April 25, 2019

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

YEAS: MR. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT, 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 number 17, "District Attorney Report(s):" and called upon Mr. Chris Moody. Mr. Moody advised that he had nothing to report at this time.

The chair moved on and addressed agenda item 18, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee and called upon Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert, Committee chairman.

Councilman Talbert advised that the committee had met earlier that day and discussed the "Fill Ordinance" for fifty-five (55) minutes and came up with a recommendation to refer this to the Master Plan committee for review. He advised that he would still like to bring the ordinance up for introduction that evening because he believed that it was something that the Council should move forward with. The chair asked if Councilman Talbert was making a motion to introduce the ordinance? He concurred that he was making a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Jeff Ard advised that he wished to second that motion.

The chair requested if anyone from the audience wished to make a comment.

Public input: Tim Kinchen, resident on Sutcliffe Avenue-Council District 7: against the ordinance and its introduction
Vanessa Thompson, resident on North Doyle Road: shared her suggestions and advice, strongly stressed over and over that common sense needed to be used
John Williams, resident of North Street-Council District 3: agreed with other speakers and their public input

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse shared his opinion that something must be done and advised that he was open to opinion on this matter.

Councilman Jeff Ard advised that the Council needed to do *something*. He gave examples in his district and other areas of why it was needed, and that they needed to help the people who have been established here in the parish having been longtime residents, against new construction that is bringing in loads of dirt, building up properties that create flooding for the neighboring residents who are established.

Councilman Scooter Keen shared his opinions why this ordinance is needed.

Councilman R.C. “Bubba” Harris shared his suggestion of a one (1) foot dirt requirement for a base and then use piers. He shared his concerns of what may happen when flooding occurs again.

The chair requested if Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert had anything to state on this matter? He responded and advised that he “was all talked out”.

Public input: Vanessa Thompson, requested the definition of the term “impact study” and stressed again how common sense was needed when making decisions on this issue.

Councilman Keen requested that Morgan Sanchez of Forte and Tablada answer this question:

Ms. Sanchez, representing as Parish Review Engineer, advised that a drainage impact study was when you look at what you originally have on the property and where all of the drainage is going, then you look at the plans of what is being proposed to do and how it will affect the drainage. A drainage impact study is only needed when you foresee a change in the area, if building you decide to build on piers, then a drainage impact study will not be required.

Councilman Talbert also answered Ms. Thompson’s questions and explained the exceptions that are included in the proposed ordinance.

The chair and Councilman Girlinghouse discussed the protection of the residents who already live here and the people who want to move here.

The chair allowed Councilman Harris and Councilman Talbert to participate in an open discussion. Councilmen Keen and Councilman Jeff Averett also participated in the short open discussion.

The chair wished to state that he was totally not against enacting some rules that everybody has to follow that will help eliminate the possibility of the wonderful people of Livingston Parish from flooding. He paused to explain that it was his opinion that there were a lot of issues with this particular ordinance and did not think that it was a good idea to enact something or adopt an ordinance until you have already worked out all of kinks and you feel like you have something in place for the people of Livingston Parish. He also wished to point out some of the problems that he had with the ordinance that he felt were legitimate concerns. He advised that by passing this ordinance, the Council would be limiting the beneficial effect that this has. He continued to state that it was his opinion that you would have much more effect by cleaning out canals, making sure that drainage projects were in place, conducting gravity drainage studies on the front end for the commercial developments and huge subdivision developments and wanted the Councilmembers to take a step back and study the ordinance some more to make sure the rights and restrictions that they were putting upon the people of Livingston Parish is a good idea.

The chair gave a very lengthy explanation using the construction of his own home and the mandates of current ordinances, versus if the proposed ordinance was in place to argue his point. He discussed extreme costs to the homeowner for mandated compaction tests and elevation certificates. He also noted that it does not address people piling up dirt on their property. He continued to explain that if homeowners wish to build above the flood elevation, they will not be allowed to do that. He also discussed the rise in home insurance costs and the non-availability to obtain LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment).

Councilmen Girlinghouse and Keen argued against some of the chair’s statements.

Councilman Talbert challenged the chair on his deferment of the ordinance at the last meeting and what actions he has taken to address his concerns about the proposed ordinance.

The chair defended his accusations and called Councilman Talbert’s allegations unfair. He advised that he had done his research and studied. In addition, he instructed how he contemplated and tried to figure out if this ordinance was a good thing for the people in Livingston Parish.

The chair requested the Councilmembers to think long and hard before they take away the rights of the citizens of Livingston Parish and enact the ordinance the way its currently worded. He advised that the ordinance was a long way from being what they need in Livingston Parish.

Councilman Jeff Averett questioned if a vote yes that evening would not mean a yes vote in two (2) weeks when it comes up for adoption? Councilman Girlinghouse responded that it doesn't.

The chair advised that may be true, but it does mean that if they wanted to make changes it would have to be amended in two (2) weeks.

Councilman Girlinghouse called for the question.

Councilman John Wascom advised that he had something he'd like to say. Councilman Talbert argued that the question had been called. Councilman Wascom debated that he wished to speak and should not be denied. Councilman Girlinghouse withdrew and rescinded his call for the question to allow Councilman Wascom the affordability to speak.

Councilman Wascom wished to address a couple of things and vowed to be brief. He advised his position on not introducing the ordinance until they had gotten the ordinance wording right. He described the segment of the ordinance that mandated only a two (2) feet allowance from the slab. He continued and spoke of the work that the Ordinance committee had put in and asked for the Council not to disrespect that work. He instructed the purpose of committees and advised that the first thing that should have stated before this long discussion should have been that the Ordinance committee had met and made a recommendation that the Council should take no action on the proposed ordinance and send it to the Master Plan Review Committee and let them decide as they evaluate the growth of the Parish, commercial/residential, and the Master Drainage things. He passionately declared that those things should be done first.

Lastly, Councilman Wascom wished to convey that "common sense approach" tells that if you clean the ditches, you can eliminate drainage problems. He asked for everyone to bear with him as he did a demonstration that would answer questions that Councilman Girlinghouse and Councilman Keen had posed to him. They advised that they needed to stop people from flooding. He spoke and reasoned why and the differences between back water flooding and flash flooding. He then began a visual demonstration of the effects of flash flooding giving variables of a home built on piers versus a home built on the ground with a ditch in the middle between them that needs to be cleaned. He ardently opined that just because you put dirt under a house, doesn't mean you are flooding your neighbor. He agreed that someone can direct the water from their home to another person's property but advised that this ordinance hasn't anything to do with that.

Councilman Girlinghouse challenged Councilman Wascom's statements. Councilman Wascom answered his challenge, but also indicated that if this ordinance was adopted, it would immediately affect development and growth in the Parish. He further stated that this ordinance would make tracts of property in the Parish undevelopable and puts the Parish into "Field Mitigation". He pleaded with the Councilmembers to not adopt this ordinance and send it to the Master Plan committee and let them move forward with it and bring it back to the Council.

Councilman Wascom offered a motion to send the proposed ordinance to the Master Plan committee, then hash it out, and from there the Councilmembers could decide what to do. Councilman Talbert challenged that motion because he had previously made a motion and had a second to that motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Councilman Talbert asked if Councilman Wascom was making a substitute motion? He responded in the affirmative and Councilman R.C. "Bubba" Harris offered a second to his motion.

The chair advised that he wished to say one more thing because of the seriousness of the proposed ordinance. He questioned how someone might be able to add more fill than the ordinance allowed by proving that they would not be adversely affecting their neighbor, after being advised that the purpose of the implementation of this ordinance was because it definitely without a shadow of a doubt affect and impact your neighbor when you do put the dirt on your property? He explained that he recommended to take a step back, set up some meetings, keep fighting it out in the Ordinance committee and get the ordinance right.

Councilman Talbert answered the chair's questions and advised that the proposed ordinance stated that because you must treat everyone the same. He understood the chair's question but argued that you cannot put an ordinance together that does not give everyone the same opportunity.

Councilman Girlinghouse advised that he had just received a text message advising that your home insurance premium is based on your top and bottom floor in relation to the Base Flood Elevation.

He continued to explain that if your home is put two (2) to three (3) feet above the Base Flood Elevation, then your premium goes down in costs significantly.

The costs of elevation certificates were briefly discussed. The chair called for the vote.

Councilman Jeff Ard requested to make a statement as a rebuttal to Councilman Wascom's statements because of Councilman Ard's position as a member on the Master Plan Review Committee. The chair allowed him to continue.

Councilman Ard explained that the committee had met only one (1) time, they had not even voted on a chair or co-chair, the members have yet to begin to discuss the Master Plan to see what amendments might be needed, and contended that the committee had a lot of work ahead of them to even be able to start using the Master Plan. He indicated that it may be a year to a year and half before the committee could even consider working on this proposed ordinance. He maintained that in that time dirt would be continued to be brought in to the Parish, continuing to build up and build up.

Councilman Tab Lobell addressed Councilman Ard and stated that waiting (2) more weeks on this would not hurt anything but waiting that long for the Master Plan Review committee to work on the proposed ordinance may take longer than anyone could know for sure.

The chair called for the substitute motion. The Council clerk requested that Councilman Wascom repeat what his motion entailed for the record.

Councilman Wascom replied that his substitute motion was to get rid of the proposed ordinance, being a terrible ordinance, full of holes, and hurt the future growth of this Parish. He repeated that his motion was to abolish the ordinance that Councilman Garry Talbert had pushed and encouraged the Councilmembers to clean the ditches in the Parish to get the water draining.

Councilman Talbert questioned Councilman Harris's second to Councilman Wascom's substitute motion to make sure that he still wished to have a second to this because it changed the original motion that was then stated to be: ... "to get rid of the ordinance that Councilman Talbert was proposing"?

Councilman Harris advised that his wishes were to amend the ordinance allow one (1) foot of fill as discussed in the Ordinance committee.

The chair allowed a brief open discussion then called for the vote on the substitute motion made by Councilman Wascom.

LPR NO. 19-137

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to abolish the proposed ordinance that was being offered earlier by Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert to set the criteria for fill dirt in the Parish of Livingston that would set a Public Hearing, introduced and then be considered for adoption on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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

YEAS: MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair then called for the original motion that had been made by Councilman Garry "Frog" Talbert and seconded by Councilman Jeff Ard.

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

Councilman Wascom wished to make an amendment to the proposed ordinance. The chair advised that would not be done at that time and he called for the vote.

Councilman Lobell was called first in the roll call for the vote and wished to state, in case anyone missed it, that this was an *introduction* of the ordinance.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE 19-12

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. 19-138

MOTION was offered by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 9, 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. LOBELL, MR. HARRIS, MR. AVERETT, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN,
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the

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 Jeff Ard wished to remind everyone that at the last Council meeting he had informed them of the news from Walker High School that two (2) of their students had earned the title of Mr. Basketball and have also been chosen to be All-Americans. He also stated that he didn’t know how many watched the television program “American Idol” but wished to relay that there was a young man representing our Parish right now who was doing extremely well on the program and he hoped that everyone would support him. He stated that his name was Laine Hardy.

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen wished to announce that the Springfest would be taking place that weekend in the Downtown District of Denham Springs. He advised that it would be a great weekend with no rain in the forecast.

Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert wanted to wish Live Oak baseball success for the following day as they travelled to Acadiana to compete in the best two (2) out of three (3) series. Councilman Tab Lobell advised that Springfield was also a part in that. Councilman Jeff Averett advised that French Settlement was headed to compete in DeQuincy and Councilman Talbert reported that the Walker girls would be traveling to Sulphur, and Holden would be traveling there too.

Councilman Jeff Averett stated that he would like to recognize and congratulate his daughter for achieving ACC Academic in gymnastics.

Councilman John Wascom wanted to remind everyone that there would be an election the following weekend on May 4th, in Districts Two and Three, and encouraged everyone to make it to the polls to vote.

Councilman Talbert informed everyone that you could actually go and vote this upcoming Saturday at the Denham Springs/Walker Library. Councilman Keen also encouraged the public to vote.

Audience member, Gueydan Smith, wished to address the Councilmembers. He stated that he had spoken to a man in the town of Clinton who had to take his scouts to a Council meeting, and he would not take them to his own local Council because of their uncouth behavior and bad language exhibited during the Council meetings. Mr. Smith advised that he was very proud to tell the gentleman that he could go the Livingston Parish website and attend a meeting that had already been done, and even though it's heated at times, they do not put themselves in the middle of the gutter using profane language at one another. He further stated that the Councilmembers "had done him proud" and he thanked them for their good behavior. The Councilmembers thanked Mr. Smith for his accolades.

Councilman Tab Lobell wanted to let everyone know that the Tickfaw 200 would be taking place the following weekend in Springfield. He described the annual event and encouraged everyone to attend.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 19-139

MOTION was offered by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Jeff Averett to adjourn the April 25, 2019 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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