

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
March 25, 2021**

The Livingston Parish Council met in a 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, March 25, 2021, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard	Gerald McMorris
Maurice "Scooter" Keen	Tracy Girlinghouse
John Wascom	
R.C. "Bubba" Harris	Shane Mack

Garry Talbert

Absent: Randy Delatte
Parish President Layton Ricks

Also, present: Steve Kistler, representing in the absence of the Parish President
Sam Digirolamo, Planning and Department of Public Works Director
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 and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Presentations:" and advised that there were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

The chair addressed agenda item 8, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. 21-04: Amend Section 58-419, "Utilities Installation in Rights-of-Way", "Notification" (deferred from the February 25, 2021 regular meeting of the Council)" and asked if this item could be deferred for two (2) more weeks to be rescheduled on April 8, 2021.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked for Public input, Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing and moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, "Adoption of the Minutes from the March 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Council".

LPR NO. 21-096

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 11, 2021 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. HARRIS, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. KEEN, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE,
MR. MACK, MR. TALBERT, MR. WASCOM, MR. ARD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 10a, "Parish President's Report: Adopt Resolution proclaiming April 2021 as Fair Housing Month for Livingston Parish" and stated that upon the absence of Parish President Layton Ricks, he would read the proclamation aloud.

The chair read aloud the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

**PARISH OF LIVINGSTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, the 53rd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Layton Ricks, President of the Livingston Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law and ask the citizens of Livingston Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of Livingston Parish, Louisiana on this the 25th day of March 2021.

Layton Ricks

Layton Ricks,
Livingston Parish President

The chair asked if anyone wished to object to this resolution. No one objected, the chair stated so ordered, and moved to the next agenda item.

Livingston Parish Council members were present as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

***There was not a motion or a second to this agenda item, therefore the resolution was not adopted.*

The chair addressed agenda item number 10b, “Parish President’s Report: Adopt Resolution proclaiming April 5-9, 2021, as National Community Development Week for Livingston Parish”.

The chair read aloud the proclamation declaring April 5-9, 2021, as National Community Development Week for Livingston Parish as stated below.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents of small cities by

funding sewer, water and street improvement projects, economic development projects and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS,

Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS,

the week of April 5-9, 2021, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Layton Ricks, President of the Livingston Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 5-9, 2021, as:

National Community Development Week

in Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of Livingston Parish, Louisiana on this the 25th day of March 2021.

1/2 Layton Ricks
Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish President

LPR NO. 21-097

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to adopt following proclamation presented by the Office of the Parish President as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS,

the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS,

the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water and street improvement projects, economic development projects and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS,

Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS,

the week of April 5-9, 2021, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Layton Ricks, President of the Livingston Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 5-9, 2021, as:

National Community Development Week

in Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 11a through c, “Office of the Parish President – Grants Office:”

The chair called upon Steve Kistler, Grant Administrator, who explained the projects in detail and answered questions from the Council members.

LPR NO. 21-098

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to authorize the Parish President to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Forte & Tablada, Inc. to perform engineering services for the Denham Springs Wind Retrofit Critical Facilities Project – a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project – FEMA-4277-DR-LA, Project #0092.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 21-099

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to authorize the Parish President to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Forte & Tablada, Inc. to perform engineering services for the South Woodcrest Subsurface Drainage Project – a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project – FEMA-4277-DR-LA, Project #0106.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

LPR NO. 21-100

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Shane Mack to authorize the Parish President to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Forte & Tablada, Inc. to perform engineering services for the Jason Drive Subsurface Drainage Project – a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project – FEMA-4277-DR-LA, Project #0114.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, “Readdress the complaints from the March 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council set forth by the property owners of LA Trace Road in regard to their neighbors’ placement of a gate over the road blocking access to their property – Garry Talbert/Randy Delatte”.

The chair called upon audience members for Public input.

Public input: Donald Wayne Holden, owns the property in question: 20388 LA Trace Road
Lionel Guerin, resides at 20638 LA Trace Road (primary residence)
Angie Bourgeois, resident of Highway 16
Gus Holden, property owner on LA Trace Road:
distributed a handout to the Council members

**A copy was not given to the Council clerk, therefore it cannot be included in the record
**The Council chairman submitted a copy to the Council clerk after the end of the Council meeting if a copy should be requested.*

Public input: Nicole Holden, resident of 9160 Harris Road: very aggressively addressed the Council members and was combatant with interrogatories concerning voting regulations
Stephanie Fontaine, resident of 14063 Deep Creek, Gonzales

The chair asked if there were any others who wished to be heard under Public input. Having none, he moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, "**Introduction of ordinance:** An ordinance to declare that LA Trace Road is a Parish maintained road being 23,760 feet long in length – Garry Talbert".

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

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-06

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT LA TRACE ROAD IS A PARISH MAINTAINED ROAD BEING TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FEET (23,760') LONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Adopt a resolution to send a request to DOTD for the placement of street lighting and/or caution lighting at the intersection of LA Highway 43 and George White Road, as it has become a serious safety hazard and concern for motorists traveling through this intersection", and advised that Councilman Randy Delatte was unable to attend the meeting that night.

The chair briefly explained the need for the resolution in behalf of Councilman Delatte's request.

LPR NO. 21-101

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Shane Mack to send a request to DOTD for the placement of street lighting and/or caution lighting at the intersection of LA Highway 43 and George White Road, as it has become a serious safety hazard and concern for motorists traveling through this intersection located in Council District 8.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Requested waiver of Section 125-9, "Submittals", to subdivide property within a subdivision for Johnathon and Candice Hughes: Netterville Subdivision, 31841 Netterville Road, Denham Springs, LA 70726 located in Council District 3", and called upon Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen.

Councilman Keen advised that he had received by the Council office that this item had been submitted for his sponsorship to put on the agenda.

After several attempts to find out more information on the property that were unsuccessful, Councilman Keen requested that this item be deferred for two (2) weeks and brought back up again at the next Council meeting.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, "Waiver request of Section 125-3, "Prohibitions and Restrictions of Use" to place a mobile home in a named subdivision located in Satsuma Ridge

Subdivision for Janet Grimmer, 18677 McLin Road, Livingston, LA 70754”, and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard.

Councilman Ard advised that upon examining other homes located in Satsuma Ridge subdivision located on McLin Road, it was determined that there were other mobile homes on both sides of this same road. He indicated that he found no reason to object to this request.

LPR NO. 21-102

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the waiver request of Section 125-3, “Prohibitions and Restrictions of Use” to place a mobile home in a named subdivision located in Satsuma Ridge Subdivision for Janet Grimmer, 18677 McLin Road, Livingston, LA 70754 located in Council District 1.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, “Requested waiver of Section 125-9, “Submittals”, to subdivide property within a subdivision for Reese Dugas: Marlboro Place Subdivision, Lots 18-A, 19-A and 20 located off of North Corbin Road (LA Highway 449) in Council District 1”, and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard.

Councilman Ard advised that this agenda item was very much like the previous agenda item. He stated that upon investigation of this request, he had seen many other mobile homes present on both sides of the road and felt that there were no reasons to be found that the waiver should not be granted.

Motion was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to grant the waiver request.

Public input: Shane Marler, questioned if the footage requirements for sewer had been met

After a brief open discussion, it was determined that this item would be deferred for two (2) weeks and brought back up again on the April 8, 2021 meeting agenda to allow time for Alvin Fairburn and Associates to ascertain that the lot size meets the Parish ordinance.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Waiver request for Charles Madget to allow him to place a mobile home on two (2) adjacent properties for the allowance to obtain occupancy permitting located on South Satsuma Road, Tract C-1 and Tract C-2 in Council District 6”, and called upon Councilman Gerald McMorris.

Councilman McMorris directed the Council members to view the map in their meeting packets. He explained that Mr. Charles Madget was in the process of buying this property from Mr. Wheat, who passed away. Councilman McMorris stated that there was also copies of notarized documentation in their packets indicating that he was buying said property once Mr. Wheat’s succession is over. Councilman McMorris moved for the Council to grant a waiver to grant access that will allow Mr. Madget to move his mobile home on this property lot. Councilman John Wascom wished to second his motion.

The chair wished to clarify the motion. Mr. Madget is purchasing lot C-1 and already owns the lot labeled as C-2. There was an open discussion regarding the lot acquisition. The chair stated that the motion would be to grant the waiver to allow the owner to cross the line on Lot C-1 and D-1 pending acquisition because there is a commitment in place.

LPR NO. 21-103

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by John Wascom to grant a waiver allowing Mr. Charles Madget to place a mobile home on two (2) adjacent properties, known as Lot C-1 and Lot D-1, for the allowance to obtain occupancy permitting located on South Satsuma Road, allowing the owner, Mr. Charles Madget to cross these lot lines pending the acquisition as there is a commitment in place.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 19, "Adopt resolution to dissolve Gravity Drainage District No. 6 and Gravity Drainage District No. 7 – Shane Mack/Chris Moody".

The chair called upon Councilman Shane Mack who explained the need for proposed resolution.

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the resolution aloud as follows.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

LPR NO. 21-104

The following resolution was offered by Shane Mack and seconded by Jeff Ard:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL TO REMOVE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6 AND GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISSOLVING SAID DISTRICTS BY ORDINANCE, AND INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8 USING THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Council adopted L.P. No. 09-11 creating Gravity Drainage District No. 6 on August 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Council adopted L.P. No. 09-12 creating Gravity Drainage District No. 7 on August 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, upon the creation of both districts establishing a board of five (5) members being property owners and registered voters of their Gravity Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, both Gravity Drainage Districts are inactive due to a lack of funding to operate for the purpose that they were created; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Council now desires to remove the members of both Gravity Drainage Districts for the allocation to dissolve both districts by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, these actions will allow the Livingston Parish Council to create and establish a new Gravity Drainage District using the legal boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 6 and Gravity Drainage District No. 7 to be known as Gravity Drainage District No. 8.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingston Parish Council is hereby removing the board members appointed to Gravity Drainage District No. 6 and Gravity Drainage District No. 7, to support the introduction of ordinances that will dissolve said districts and create, using the boundaries of both said districts, Gravity Drainage District No. 8; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish Council now wishes to introduce an ordinance creating Gravity Drainage District No. 8, combining the legal boundaries of Gravity Drainage District No. 6 and Gravity Drainage District No. 7.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, Introduction of ordinance: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances Creating Gravity Drainage District No. 6 – Shane Mack”, and called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

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

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-07

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES CREATING GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. SIX OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND ABOLISHING SAID GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. SIX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY AND PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED BY LOUISIANA R.S. 38:1798.1.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, “Introduction of ordinance: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances Creating Gravity Drainage District No. 7 – Shane Mack”, and called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

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

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-08

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES CREATING GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. SEVEN OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND ABOLISHING SAID GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. SEVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY AND PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED BY LOUISIANA R.S. 38:1798.1.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair addressed agenda item number 22, “Introduction of ordinance: Creation of Livingston Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District – Shane Mack”, and called upon the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 21-09

AN ORDINANCE CREATING GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8 IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN LOUISIANA R.S. 38:1751, ET. SEQ.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the Governmental Building, in the Parish Council chambers, located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

The chair gave a brief summary defining the cause and need for the introduction of the proposed ordinances.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23a, “Board resignation/(re)appointments: Recreation District No. 5 South”, and called upon Councilman Gerald McMorris who wished to make a motion to reappoint Mr. Matt Fussell.

LPR NO. 21-105

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reappoint Matthew Fussell (resident of Council District 6) to Recreation District No. 5 South; whose five (5) year term of reappointment will expire on May 1, 2026.

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

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

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 23b, "Citizens Drainage Committee – Resignation/Appointment", and called upon Councilman John Wascom.

Councilman Wascom explained that he had received a request from Mr. Doug Palmer who served on the Citizens Drainage committee, to withdraw his appointment due to health reasons. Councilman Wascom did not have an appointment at that time to fill this position, but asked to make a motion to accept Mr. Palmer’s resignation and he would bring this appointment back at a later date. He did not have a resignation letter at that time, but wished to make his motion contingent upon receiving said letter.

LPR NO. 21-106

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to accept Mr. Doug Palmer’s verbal resignation from the Citizens Drainage committee, contingent upon receipt of a letter of resignation from Mr. Palmer, to be obtained by Councilman John Wascom and submitted to the office of the Livingston Parish Council for record keeping purposes.

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

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

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

The chair addressed agenda item number 24a, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance committee:", and called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Girlinghouse reported that the Ordinance committee met and discussed the Obscenity law, where they determined that the law is so antiquated and old, that it is unenforceable in the state that it is in. He explained that this would be an ongoing matter to revise this ordinance. The committee also discussed the merging of the Gravity Drainage Districts. The chair asked if the committee would be meeting again in two (2) weeks on Tuesday night, to which Councilman Girlinghouse concurred.

Public input: Michael Roy, questioned why the Obscenity ordinance is obsolete.

Mr. Christopher Moody, Parish legal advisor, explained to Mr. Roy of past court cases where this was in question. The chair and Mr. Moody answered Mr. Roy’s questions.

Public input: Jeanie Achord

The chair answered Ms. Achord’s questions in great detail.

Having no further comment, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24b, "Finance committee", and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard, committee chairman.

Councilman Ard advised that the Finance committee had met earlier that evening with the Finance Director. The chair allowed an open discussion.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24c, "Citizens Drainage committee", and called upon the Citizens Drainage committee chairman, Mr. Shane Marler.

Mr. Marler addressed the Councilmembers and reported that the committee had met two (2) times so far, and were still trying to get their feet underneath them and see what direction that they needed to go. He discussed one of their guest speakers who attended their last meeting and gave a Watershed presentation that greatly educated the committee members. He also discussed seeking grant money for drainage in the Parish.

Councilman Jeff Ard wished to report on a meeting hosted by Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr. that was held to bring all parties in the Parish together to discuss drainage. He said that it was very informative.

Mr. Marler advised of Watershed Initiative funds that the Governor has released. The chair elaborated and allowed a lengthy discussion.

The chair addressed agenda item 25, "District Attorney's Report:", and called upon Mr. Christopher Moody. Mr. Moody advised that he did have something to report. He discussed the settlement negotiations of the lawsuit that the Council gave previous authority for from the last Council meeting. He discussed the positivity of the things being said of the cooperative measure that they have gone through with the state and federal government and their sister parishes. He felt that it was a "win-win situation" for everyone, mostly because of the money that has been awarded. Mr. Moody commended the hard work of the engineers that were involved, as well as, the Parish President, and also the Council's involvement to achieve this victory for the Parish and the region. The chair allowed an open discussion.

The chair addressed agenda item number 26, "Councilmen's comments:", and called upon Councilman Gerald McMorris.

Councilman McMorris wished to thank the Sheriff's Department for their efforts in locating a little girl who had been reported lost in his area. He discussed the many people who helped in the search. The Councilmen and the audience members applauded these endeavors.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 21-107

MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to adjourn the March 25, 2021 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

Garry Talbert
Garry Talbert, Council Chairman