**LACK OF A QUORUM**

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council**

**Livingston, Louisiana**

**March 23, 2023**

The Livingston Parish Council met in a regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, at the Governmental Building in the Parish Council Chambers, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the hour of six o’clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Erin Sandefur

Randy Delatte

Shane Mack

John Wascom

Absent: Jeff Ard

Garry Talbert

Maurice “Scooter” Keen

Gerald McMorris

Tracy Girlinghouse

Parish President Layton Ricks

Also present: DeeDee Delatte on behalf of the Parish President in his absence

Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel

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The chair called the meeting to order.

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The chair advised that if he had known earlier that there was not going to be a quorum of the members of the Livingston Parish Council, our office could have tried to get this information out to everyone.

He wished to thank every one of the audience members for coming and taking time out of their lives, their daily schedules and workplaces, to care enough about the Parish, to show up and be ready at this meeting. He wanted to thank everyone again and stated that he meant that from the bottom of his heart. He acknowledged his appreciation of the presence of the audience members who were in attendance for the meeting.

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The chair advised that they would not be able to take action, but there were some things on the agenda, being proclamations and announcements, and indicated that before the roll was called to find out that there is not a quorum, he would like to address the proclamation.

The chair addressed agenda item 7a, “Presentations: Proclamation to announce Love the Boot Parishwide Cleanup event on April 22, 2023”. The chair wished to state that this evening’s meeting was televised and encouraged the members of the audience that were present in the Council chambers who were there to promote this proclamation, to come to podium and explain for everyone what this event is about.

The chair advised that after “Presentations,” they could address “Councilmen’s comments”. He further advised that if anyone from the audience wished to speak and make comments, he would call upon them to speak before they closed the meeting.

Public input: Lynda Gardiner, representative for the Love the Boot event

Steve Bernard, representative for the Love the Boot event

Ms. Gardiner conveyed what the Love the Boot event was about, and reported that there would be volunteers all over the Parish of Livingston on April 22nd addressing the litter problem that produces negative consequences in our state and Parish.

Councilman Randy Delatte wished to echo what Ms. Gardiner stated about the Love the Boot event. He advised that this organization was the only one that Livingston Parish has concerning litter control. He stated that it takes volunteers along with funding and encouraged everyone that had free time to come and help with this event. He further stated that if the Council had a quorum at that evening’s Council meeting, he would have advocated adopting a resolution that would give funding to their organization. Councilman Delatte asserted that he himself, wished to pledge one hundred dollars ($100.00) to help this organization.

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The chair thanked Councilman Delatte and advised that he had received a text message from Councilman Gerald McMorris who requested that the chair read the following statement:

*Councilman Gerald McMorris with District 6 will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at the Parish Council chambers at six o’clock (6:00) p.m. to review the daily activities of the Seismograph activities in Lake Maurepas. This will be for informational data only.*

The chair invited the public to attend if they wished to find out more information on the Lake Maurepas carbon capture and sequestration.

The chair asked if Councilwoman Erin Sandefur would like to comment under agenda item number 8, “Councilmembers’ comments”. She advised that she did not.

The chair called upon Councilman Shane Mack who advised that he would be facilitating a zoning meeting on April the 6th  in regard to Council District 9 that will be located in the Council chambers. He will be reviewing the proposed zoning map, as well as the zoning ordinances that affect Council District 9.

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The chair stated with that being said, he called upon the Council clerk to call for the roll to be taken with the results as follows:

PRESENT: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. DELATTE, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

ABSENT: MR. ARD, MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

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The chair reminded everyone that there was an upcoming election in a couple of days and encouraged everyone to make their way to the polls if they haven’t already voted. He also recognized Councilwoman Erin Sandefur’s daughter that was in the audience who was home from college for the upcoming election.

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Without a quorum of the Council to vote to adjourn, the chair closed the meeting and wished everyone a good night.

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The next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council is scheduled on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the hour of six o’clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

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\s\ Sandy C. Teal \s\ John Wascom

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk John Wascom, Council chairman

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