

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
July 13, 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, July 13, 2023, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard	Gerald McMorris
Garry Talbert	Tracy Girlinghouse
Maurice "Scooter" Keen	
Erin Sandefur	Shane Mack
John Wascom	

Absent: Randy Delatte
Parish President Layton Ricks

Also Present: Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel
Jennifer Brady, Finance Director - representing on behalf
of the Parish President in his absence

The chair called the meeting to order.

The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Presentations" and advised that there were none.

The chair stated that he wished to skip down the agenda to agenda item 8, "Notice of Consideration of Action regarding the Livingston Parish Library Ad Valorem Tax Renewal for the November 18, 2023 election – Jim Ryan".

There was no objection to this action.

The chair invited Mr. Jim Ryan, Parish Financial Advisor, IRMA, Government Consultants, Inc. to address the members of the Council.

Mr. Ryan wished to point out that this agenda item was a public notice. There would not be a motion, a second and there would be no vote. He stated that most importantly, there would be no discussion. He further advised that the point of this notice was to inform the public that at the August 10, 20232 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council, there will be discussion and action taken on the renewal of the Library tax. This notice has been published in the paper, has been sent to the members of the Council by email and it has been sent to the Legislative delegation. If it is spoken about at this meeting, it will be a violation of the Open Meetings Law, because this is a notice to tell the public that the Livingston Parish Council will be speaking on this at the August 10, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Ryan read the notice as follows:

PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana will meet on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be consideration of action regarding calling an election for the renewal of the levy and collection of an existing ad valorem tax dedicated to acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the Livingston Parish Library.

The chair thanked Mr. Ryan for his attendance at this meeting.

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 the Public Hearing as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S) OF
THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL ON
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE
LIVINGSTON PARISH GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
20355 GOVERNMENT BOULEVARD, LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA 70754**

The Livingston Parish Council will conduct a public hearing on July 13, 2023 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, for the purpose of advising the public as to the progress of zoning in the Parish of Livingston and to provide opportunity for public comment on all zoning ordinances and resolutions adopted in Livingston Parish including, but not limited to, LPO 21-21, LPO 22-28, LPO 22-31, LPO 22-32, LPO 22-47, LPO 22-48, LPO 22-54, LPO NO. 22-59, LPO 22-65, LPO 23-05, LPO 23-06, LPR NO. 22-442, LPR NO. 23-231, LPR NO. 23-214, LPR NO. 23-215, LPR NO. 23-192, LPR NO. 23-195, LPR NO. 23-161, LPR NO. 23-093, LPR NO. 23-044, LPR NO. 23-010. All interested persons are hereby notified to be present and to attend this hearing where the public is invited to comment or bring any issue to the attention of the Parish Council. All matters presented will be taken under advisement by the Parish Council.

The chair advised that he wished for Councilwoman Erin Sandefur to address this item and declared that the Public Hearing was open.

Councilwoman Sandefur requested for the Council clerk to read this item aloud.

Councilman Garry Talbert questioned what agenda item this was in reference to. The chair advised that he had moved some agenda items around.

The Council clerk read aloud as follows:

The Livingston Parish Council will conduct a public hearing on July 13, 2023 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, for the purpose of advising the public as to the progress of zoning in the Parish of Livingston and to provide opportunity for public comment on all zoning ordinances and resolutions adopted in Livingston Parish including, but not limited to, LPO 21-21, LPO 22-28, LPO 22-31, LPO 22-32, LPO 22-47, LPO 22-48, LPO 22-54, LPO NO. 22-59, LPO 22-65, LPO 23-05, LPO 23-06, LPR NO. 22-442, LPR NO. 23-231, LPR NO. 23-214, LPR NO. 23-215, LPR NO. 23-192, LPR NO. 23-195, LPR NO. 23-161, LPR NO. 23-093, LPR NO. 23-044, LPR NO. 23-010. All interested persons are hereby notified to be present and to attend this hearing where the public is invited to comment or bring any issue to the attention of the Parish Council. All matters presented will be taken under advisement by the Parish Council.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur advised that this was published in the paper three (3) times in a row as required by state law as advised by the Council's hired land use and zoning attorney, Mr. Steve Irving. She stated that the purpose of this public meeting is to hear any complaint, concerns or any discussion that the public would like to provide to the Council members in regard to zoning.

Councilman Talbert objected and called upon the attorney and stated that Councilwoman Sandefur was out of order. He stated that the public meeting was supposed to be held before the Council meeting and called point of order. The chairman advised that his comments were noted.

The chair called upon Councilwoman Sandefur and stated that she had the floor.

Councilwoman Sandefur invited the public to please come to the podium. She stated that 00the Council members wished to hear from them and what they had to say about zoning in our Parish.

Parish Legal Counsel, Mr. Brad Cascio, stated that technically the public hearing was supposed to start before the actual Parish Council meeting started.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked by what suggestion does the Parish Legal Counselor have? Should they close the meeting and open the public hearing separately?

The Councilmembers had an open discussion.

The chair called upon Mr. Brian Clemmons for public input.

Public input: Brian Clemmons
 John Mangus
 Clint Harris
 Sarah Phares

The chair closed the public hearing and called upon the Council members who wished to comment.

Councilmembers' input: Councilman Gerald McMorris
 Councilman Garry Talbert
 Councilman Shane Mack
 Councilwoman Erin Sandefur

The chair advised that the public hearing was closed and wished to move on to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-3: "Discussion and possible introduction of ordinance adopting a twelve (12) month moratorium on any residential development of more than fifty (50) lots or more than one hundred (100) acres.", and called upon Councilman Shane Mack who explained what the moratorium was about and why he placed this on the agenda.

The Council clerk read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 23-26

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A TWELVE (12) MONTHS MORATORIUM, PROHIBITING THE SUBMITTAL, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF ANY AND ALL SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY SITE PLANS, THE SUBMITTAL, REVIEW FOR SUBDIVISIONS WITH IMPROVEMENTS AND SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS WHERE THE PROPERTY IS BEING SUBDIVIDED OR RESUBDIVIDED INTO MORE THAN FIFTY (50) LOTS OR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED (100) ACRES.

The chair asked if there was a motion for the introduction of this proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Shane Mack and was duly seconded by Councilwoman Erin Sandefur to introduce this proposed ordinance.

Councilman Garry Talbert stated that he wished to make a substitute motion to send this ordinance without introduction that evening to the Ordinance committee meeting on Monday and request that the two (2) legal experts come and talk to them as a group.

Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen wished to second Councilman Talbert's substitute motion.

Councilmembers' input: Councilman Shane Mack
 Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse
 Councilwoman Erin Sandefur
 Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen
 Councilman Gerald McMorris

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

MOTION was offered by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Maurice "Scooter" Keen to not introduce this proposed ordinance and send it to the Ordinance committee meeting to be held on Monday and request that the two (2) legal experts come and talk to them as a group.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT** adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-281

MOTION was offered by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

- The chair addressed agenda item number 12: “Finance Department:
- a. **Introduction of ordinance:** Setting the millage rates as adjusted for the tax year 2023 – Set Public Hearing

b. Accept the completed 2022 Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Entities for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022”

The chair called upon Jennifer Brady, Finance Director to address these items.

Ms. Brady addressed the introduction of ordinance to set the millage rates. She advised that it was the same thing that they do every year and it was not a roll forward year. The millages were exactly the same with the exception of Library Debt Bond, which she adjusts each year for the amount needed to pay the next year’s debt service. She further advised that next year in March is the last payment. The millage went down to .16.

The following proposed ordinance was read by title by the Council clerk:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 23-27

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES AS ADJUSTED FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023.

TAX	MILLAGE
Parish/Local	1.16
Parish	2.32
Road Equipment & Maintenance	5.00
Health Unit	2.50
Library Bond	0.16

LPR NO. 23-282

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the hour of six o’clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

Ms. Brady advised that she was requesting that the Council members adopt the 2022 Compliance Questionnaire for the 2022 Audit year. It is the same standard compliance questionnaire required by the state and it states that the Livingston Parish Government has complied with all revised statutes applicable to our government.

LPR NO. 23-283

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to accept the completed 2022 Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Entities for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

Ms. Brady advised that the audit was completed and may be presented at the next Council meeting. The audit was clean, there were no findings. She stated that the only thing was the requirement by the Legislative Auditor, which requires a few additional agreed upon procedures and this was the first year since COVID that they re-implemented the requirements. There was one thing that was suggested that dealt with IT.

The chair wished to go back to agenda item number 9, "Livingston Parish Council staff appointment(s):

- a. Deputy clerk – Randy Delatte
- b. Temporary Employee – Jeff Ard"

The chair advised that Councilman Randy Delatte was not in attendance that evening and Councilman Jeff Ard would be handling this item on his behalf.

LPR NO. 23-284

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to hire Raven Watts to fill the vacated position as Deputy clerk as per Section 2-10(B), "Council Employees" of the Home Rule Charter.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair advised that Deputy clerk, Caroline Lockhart, would be taking some time off and called upon Councilman Jeff Ard.

Councilman Jeff Ard advised that she would be leaving them for a little while for maternity leave and they wished to bring in Ms. Angie Cornett, who has previously been employed by the Council, to take her place and wished to make that motion.

LPR NO. 23-285

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to hire Angie Cornett as a temporary employee in the position of Deputy clerk as per Section 2-10(B), "Council Employees" of the Home Rule Charter.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda number 10, “Adopt the Minutes:

- a. June 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
- b. June 22, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council”

LPR NO. 23-286

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and the June 22, 2023 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. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. MCMORRIS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ARD,
MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, “Livingston Parish Planning Department:

- a. Hidden Lakes, 1st Filing
 - i. Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system
 - ii. Release \$326,874.41 maintenance bond
Brown Road Section 26, T7S R3E Council District 5”

The chair called upon Mr. Sam Digirolamo to address these agenda items.

LPR NO. 23-287

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system for Hidden Lakes, 1st Filing and release the \$326,874.41 maintenance bond located on Brown Road , Section 26, T7S R3E Council District 5.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-4: “Approve the additional concrete construction for Road Run Tire located at 30865 LA Highway 16, Denham Springs, LA – Sam Digirolamo and John Wascom”.

LPR NO. 23-288

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to approve the additional concrete construction for Road Run Tire located at 30865 LA Highway 16, Denham Springs, LA in Council District 4.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14a, “Grants Department:

- a. Resolution authorizing the parish president to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Sea-level Construction, Inc. the responsible low bidder for the ARPA funded

Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Mitigation Project.”, and called upon Councilman Shane Mack who gave a brief history of this project.

LPR NO. 23-289

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to authorize the Parish President to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Sea-level Construction, Inc. the responsible low bidder for the ARPA funded Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Mitigation Project.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance 23-25: Amend Section 125-37(4), “Requirements for Minor Subdivisions”, amending the width required for servitudes when there is a re-sub of property”.

Councilman Shane Mack gave a brief history of why this proposed ordinance was needed.

Councilmembers’ input: Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen
Councilman Jeff Ard
Councilman Shane Mack

LPR NO. 23-290

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on June 22, 2023, 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 July 13, 2023, on Motion of Jeff Ard and seconded by Shane Mack:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 22-60

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, “SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE I – “IN GENERAL”, BY AMENDING SECTION 125-1, “DEFINITIONS” THAT DEFINES THE TERM “SUBDIVISION”, PART FOUR (4), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

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

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. MCMORRIS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ARD,
MR. TALBERT, MR. KEEN, MR. MACK

NAYS: MR. WASCOM

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 13th day of July 2023.

(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. 5)

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, “Introduction of ordinance/Adopt resolution to add two (2) additional members to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control as per Act 359 of the 2023 Legislative Session – Gerald McMorris”.

Councilman McMorris advised that he wished to bring this to the Ordinance committee.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, “Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver for a mobile home located on 19230 McLin Road, for Wyatt Pearson located in Council District 1 – Jeff Ard”.

LPR NO. 23-291

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to authorize a waiver for a mobile home that is zoned R-2 located on 19230 McLin Road, for Wyatt Pearson located in Council District 1.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: MS. SANDEFUR

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Adopt a resolution to authorize a waiver for the number of lots on a servitude, allow a forty (40’) servitude and to waive the requirement letters of No Objection on the servitude revocation for Rhonda Properties located at 18460 Ocman Lane, Livingston, LA in Council District 8 – Randy Delatte”.

Public input: Seth Mosby

Mr. Mosby advised that they had originally requested that a waiver be approved for the letters of no objection, but they now wished to strike this request. The letters of no objection will be obtained.

Councilmembers’ input: Councilman Garry Talbert
Councilman Jeff Ard
Councilman Shane Mack

LPR NO. 23-292

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to authorize a waiver for the number of lots on a servitude, to allow a forty (40’) servitude for Rhonda Properties located at 18460 Ocman Lane, Livingston, LA in Council District 8.

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

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. MCMORRIS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: MR. TALBERT

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-293

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to lift the agenda for the purposes of addressing an additional waiver request to authorize a waiver for the number of lots on a servitude, allow a forty (40’) servitude for Michael Meades located at 15575 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733 in Council District 8.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-294

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Garry Talbert to authorize a waiver for the number of lots on a servitude, to allow a forty (40’) servitude for Michael Meades located at 15575 LA Highway 16, French Settlement, LA 70733 in Council District 8.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-295

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to go back to the regular order of business of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-296

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to authorize a waiver the drainage impact study for 12 Boat Storage located on LA Highway 16 for Beau Bergeron in Council District 3.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

LPR NO. 23-297

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to appoint Wes Juneau to Recreation District 5 South to fill the vacancy left by Jeremy Collins whose five (5) year term will expire on May 1, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

Councilman Gerald McMorris requested to remove from the agenda item number 21, “Adopt resolution to add the following roads for consideration to the Priority Road/Capital Outlay List: Livingston Parish District 6 – Gerald McMorris

Taylor Road	Colyell LA 42	Mitchell Road	French Settlement LA 16
Cecil Edwards Road	Colyell LA 42	Coteau Road	French Settlement LA 16
Eathern Martin Road	Colyell LA 42	Brignac Lane	French Settlement LA 16
Cuba Wheat Road	Colyell LA 42	Pumpkin Lane	French Settlement LA 16
Larry Watts Road	Colyell LA 42	Loftin Lane	French Settlement LA 16
Harold Averett Lane	Colyell LA 42	Matherne Lane	French Settlement LA 16
Bill Wise Road	Colyell LA 42	Aydell Lane	French Settlement LA 16
Adam Averett Road	Colyell LA 42	Legion Road	French Settlement LA 16
Adam Taylor Road	Perrilloux Road	Scivicque Lane	Port Vincent LA 16

Ray Blount Lane	Perrilloux Road	Waterson Street	Port Vincent LA 16
Tabony Lane	Perrilloux Road	Davidson Street	Port Vincent LA 16
Drakeford McMorris Road	Satsuma Road	Cambre Road	Port Vincent LA 16
Henry McMorris Road	Satsuma Road	Potters Lane	Port Vincent LA 16
Bud McMorris Road	Satsuma Road	Cooper Lane	Port Vincent LA 16
Hood Road	Satsuma Road	Gordon Lane	Port Vincent LA 16
Dallas Drive	Walker South 447	Lucien Street	Port Vincent LA 16
Vincent Place Avenue	Walker South 447	Andrews Lane	Walker South 447
Cullen Drive	Walker South 447	Arrian Drive	Walker South 447”.

The chair addressed agenda item number 22, “Adopt a resolution to name an unnamed road, “Back Field Lane”, located off of Carolyn Road in Council District 6 for 911 addressing purposes – Gerald McMorris”.

Councilman McMorris wished to table this item as there is an address already existing.

Councilman Jeff Ard requested that the chair address agenda item number 26, “Councilmembers’ comments”.

He wished to announce that the Parish signed a Purchase Order to get a temporary bridge for Lod Stafford that will be in place within four (4) weeks and there will be a temporary crossing until this is worked out with FEMA. He advised that there can only be one (1) vehicle at a time to cross the temporary bridge, but at least the local residents will be able to start using this bridge again.

The chair addressed agenda item number 27a, “Committee Report(s): Finance committee”.

Councilman Jeff Ard stated that he was the presiding officer at the Finance committee that was held earlier that evening.

He reported that Ms. Jennifer Brady, Parish Finance Director, was present for the meeting and the committee asked her if the money was there to hire the additional staff for the Council office and she advised that the Council was fine with everything.

Councilman Shane Mack addressed agenda item number 27a, “Committee Report(s): Ordinance committee” and asked if everyone was alright with scheduling the next Ordinance committee meeting on Monday, at six o’clock (6:00) p.m. Everyone responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Gerald McMorris requested to speak. The chair called upon Councilman McMorris who advised that they were staged and starting to do dredging this week at Blind River and will continue to the mouth of the Amite River, making it safe to the public. He wished to thank Mr. Mark Harrell, Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Councilman McMorris reported that there would be a Gar Fishing Tournament coming up that Saturday. He stated that it will begin that evening at midnight and continue until Sunday and invited everyone to attend. He advised of upcoming Gar Fish rodeos that would be holding benefits for St. Jude and the children of Louisiana.

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen questioned if the special meeting could be held before the Ordinance committee meeting scheduled for the following Monday? Councilman Mack advised that if anyone wished to attend the Ordinance committee, they could speak at that time. Councilman Keen disputed that and asked Parish Legal Counsel, Brad Cascio, if they needed to vote on something, shouldn’t they have a special meeting? Mr. Cascio concurred.

Councilman Garry Talbert questioned if they could have a special meeting on the following Wednesday or Thursday? It was questioned whether Mr. Villavaso and Mr. Irving would be able to attend.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse was called upon. He thanked everyone for their support upon the loss of his father and mother.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur advised that Mr. Stephen Irving was in route to their Council meeting. He was coming from a meeting at the City of Central and would be there in approximately ten (10) minutes and asked if they could please hang around and speak with him.

The chair addressed the next item 26, “District Attorney’s Report” and asked Mr. Brad Cascio if he had anything to report that evening. Mr. Cascio advised that he did not at that time.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number “A-1: Adopt a resolution to remove agenda item numbers 23, 24, and 25 from the agenda - John Wascom” and advised that he had placed this

on the agenda. Mr. Talbert had placed agenda items number 23, 24, and 25 on the agenda. He advised that he felt that they did not need to discuss those matters in the Council meeting and that the Councilmembers may feel that way also.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur requested to speak to that matter. She advised that as far as an EEOC complaint, she felt that with all due respect, that should be placed on the agenda by the Parish attorney. She indicated that she did not know what it was about, but if it was what she thought that it was about, that matter did not have anything to do with the Council, and if it did, it needed to come from the Parish attorney. She stated that the other two (2) matters were out of line and out of order and she thought that they should be removed. She wished to make a motion that agenda items numbers 23, 24, and 25 be removed. There was none who seconded her motion.

Councilman Shane Mack advised that he wished to make a substitute motion to strike agenda items 24 and 25 and stated that he was okay with going into executive session. Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse wished to second his motion.

LPR NO. 23-298

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to remove agenda items numbered 24 and 25.

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

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. MCMORRIS, MS. SANDEFUR MR. ARD,
MR. KEEN, MR. MACK, MR. WASCOM

NAYS: MR. TALBERT

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23, “**Executive Session:** Update on EEOC Complaint – Garry Talbert”.

LPR NO. 23-299

MOTION was made by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to go in to Executive Session for agenda item number 23, “**Executive Session:** Update on EEOC Complaint – Garry Talbert”.

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

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

NAYS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

All recording devices and any action were halted as the Councilmembers entered into Executive Session.

The Councilmembers returned from Executive Session and the chair called the meeting back to order.

LPR NO. 23-300

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to go back to the regular order of business for the July 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and stated that no action was taken.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on the 13th day of July, 2023.

Councilman Jeff Ard acknowledged that the Parish's Zoning attorney had arrived at the meeting. He wished to request that before the Council adjourned, Mr. Steve Irving would be allowed to address the Councilmembers.

Mr. Steve Irving came to the podium and addressed the Councilmembers and introduced himself. The Councilmembers discussed when they would be available to meet with him.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 23-301

MOTION was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Garry Talbert to adjourn the July 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. DELATTE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

\s\ John Wascom

John Wascom, Council chairman

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