

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
July 25, 2024

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, located on 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Lonnie Watts	John Mangus
Ryan Chavers	Ricky Goff
	Dean Coates
Erin Sandefur	Joseph "Joe" Erdey
John Wascom	

Absent: Billy Taylor

Also present: Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor
Parish President Randy Delatte
Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director

The chair called the meeting to order.

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

The chair wished to remind the Council members, clerks and anyone who comes up to speak, to please place your microphones facing toward your mouth when speaking so that there may be a good clear audio on the television.

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 none that evening.

The chair addressed agenda item numbers 8 a, c and d, "Adopt the Minutes:
a. June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
b. June 27, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
c. July 1, 2024 Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
d. July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council

The Council clerk requested that the minutes from the July 11, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council dated July 25, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-276

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 13, 2024 regular meeting, the June 27, 2024 regular meeting and the July 1, 2024 special meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, “Parish President’s Report:” and called upon Parish President Randy Delatte.

The Parish President addressed the Council members and stated that in the interest of saving time, Administration prepared a new handout that evening for their review. He stated that if they wished, and wanted him to present on the reports at the next meeting, they could do the same thing.

He stated that they had intended to put these handouts in the Council members’ packet, then if they had any questions, he could address them. He explained that the handout is a report of what has been done in the Parish in each specific Council district. It includes information about permits, public works, litter and other Parish activities. The Parish President advised that the Council members will be receiving a report at each Council meeting.

The chair addressed agenda addendum number A-1:

“Livingston Parish Grants Department:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter contract negotiations for a contract agreement with WSP USA, Inc. to perform planning services for the Master Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Code Update”

The chair called upon Mr. Jerome Fournier who explained the Requests for Qualification Statements from professional planning firms to perform planning services for the Master Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Code Update that were received and scored by a selection committee. Their recommendation was to hire WSP USA, Inc. to provide planning services.

LPR NO. 24-277

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to authorize the Parish President to enter a contract agreement with WSP USA, Inc. to perform planning services for the Master Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Code Update using approximately five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) ARPA funds.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, “Adopt a Resolution in support of Fire Protection District No. 4 for lowering millage rates – Ricky Goff”.

The chair called upon Councilman Ricky Goff who explained that he wished to recognize Fire Protection District No. 4 who have been in existence since 1975. This fire district has ten (10) stations and run approximately seven thousand (7,000) calls a year. He advised that they recently hired thirty-three (33) fireman funded through their millage that was approved. He further explained that these are not part-time firemen, they are full time, paid firemen, that were previously working in the Baton Rouge area and they are now working in their own parish they reside in.

Councilman Goff described how Fire Protection District No. 4 would be using the funding through the millages and would not need all of the funds that they are collecting. He advised that because of the situation that our constituents find themselves in, especially with this particular tax cycle,

they will be lowering their millage to 3.5 mills. This means that approximately a million and a half (\$1,500,000.00) dollars will go back to the constituents for this year. He discussed their future plans for the next year.

Councilman Goff wished to adopt a resolution to recognize Fire Protection District No. 4, showing the Livingston Parish Council’s support and gratitude for everything that they do in our Parish, but also more importantly, giving back to some of the constituents in the Parish.

Councilman Lonnie Watts wished to second his motion.

Public input: Jamey Sandefur, resident of Fire Protection District No. 4

Councilman Dean Coates questioned the wording on the agenda. Councilman Goff explained in detail why he placed this item on the agenda.

He clarified the resolution is in support of Fire Protection District No. 4 for minimizing their millage on the constituents in their territory. They have the ability to collect a higher millage and they are choosing not to collect the maximum.

Councilman Coates questioned Fire Protection District No. 4’s budget situation from 2022 to 2024.

Councilman Goff discussed the expenditures of the fire district and stated that he would be happy to set up a meeting with Mr. Wascom, Fire Protection District No. 4’s fire chief, and go over their budget with whom ever had questions or wished to review their budget. He advised that they are not wasting any money.

Public input: Melissa Jones, resident of Fire Protection District No. 4

LPR NO. 24-278

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to recognize Fire Protection District No. 4 in their diligence to lower their millages for the current year and their dedication to help their constituency.

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

- YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS
- NAYS: MR. ERDEY
- ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, “Introduction of Ordinance: Adopt adjusted millage rates for the Livingston Parish Library Board for the Tax Year 2024 – Ricky Goff”.

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-21

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES AS ADJUSTED FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024.

TAX	MILLAGE
Library (Parish)	7.53

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he has reached out to the Library Board and the other entities in the Parish trying to do his due diligence in helping their constituency with having lesser millage rates, but still having funding for the taxing entity to provide services and function. He felt that the responsibility of his position was to address this.

He stated that the Library Board has the opportunity on August the 13th to set their millage and be responsible for the people of this parish. He has had discussions with some of the members of the Library Board and their director and he was hopeful that they could come up with a number that the library would not have any reduction in services. He stated that no one likes it whenever he says that this particular entity is over funded, but they are over funded. He wished for the Council to be given the opportunity to set the millage if the library board does not do what they feel is sufficient. If the Library does what the Council feels is sufficient, then they will not take any action at all. He advised that because of the advertising and the notices, he needed to place this on the agenda.

Councilman Goff advised that he would be having two (2) meetings that will be held in the Council chambers and they will be televised to discuss the Library Board’s budget and their millages. He explained that the Parish needs to give every penny that they can back to the constituents of this Parish.

The chair wished to declare the introduction of this ordinance without a vote of the Council. The Council clerk will publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, “Introduction of Ordinance: Set forth adjusted millage rates for the Livingston Parish Library Board and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates – Ricky Goff”.

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-22

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES AFTER REASSESSMENT AND ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGE RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE PRIOR YEARS MAXIMUM RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024.

TAX	MILL KEY	ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES	2024 LEVY MILLS
Library (Parish)		7.53	7.75

Councilman Ricky Goff discussed the differences between the two (2) ordinances.

The chair wished to declare the introduction of this ordinance without a vote of the Council. The Council clerk will publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, “Introduction of Ordinance: DPW Surplus Equipment – Department of Public Works”.

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

L.P. ORDINACE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY (EQUIPMENT) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDE FOR ITS SALE BY INTERNET SALES AND/OR PUBLIC AUCTION; AND PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF SALE.

LPR NO. 24-279

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at 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. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Livingston Parish Council)

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-19: Amending Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances of Livingston Parish, “Subdivision Regulations,” “Article IV. – Subdivisions without Improvements,” Section 125-51(E), “Submittals,” and “Article V. – Subdivisions with Improvements,” Section 125-67(6)(F) “Submittals”, Amending regulations for subdividing in a named subdivision – Ricky Goff”.

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE 24-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, “SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS,” “ARTICLE IV. – SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS,” SECTION 125-51(E), “SUBMITTALS,” AND “ARTICLE V. – SUBDIVISIONS WITH IMPROVEMENTS,” SECTION 125-67(6)(F) “SUBMITTALS,” AS FOLLOWS.

The chair asked Councilman Ricky Goff to give a quick update on this proposed ordinance.

Councilman Goff advised that this ordinance had been much discussed by everyone and it had been through the Ordinance committee with a favorable recommendation. The ordinance is in regard to the prohibition of subdividing property in a named subdivision and the they were trying to prevent as many waivers that were just a formality from coming to the Council in or prior to the year 1980. Councilman Goff also wished to state that the property in question would be mandated to be a two (2) acre tract for it to fall into this category for the Planning Commission to be able to approve it to go on. If it is under two (2) acres, no matter what year that it is, it will need to come to the Council for the waiver to be approved.

The chair declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this specific ordinance. Having none, the Public Hearing was then closed.

LPR NO. 24-280

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on July 11, 2024, 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 25, 2024 on Motion of Ricky Goff and seconded by John Mangus:

L.P. ORDINANCE 24-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, “SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS,” “ARTICLE IV. – SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS,” SECTION 125-51(E), “SUBMITTALS,” AND “ARTICLE V. – SUBDIVISIONS WITH IMPROVEMENTS,” SECTION 125-67(6)(F) “SUBMITTALS,” AS FOLLOWS.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on July 25, 2024.
(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 16, “Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions” to allow a third address on a three-point three (3.3) acre tract for Dale Boudreaux Jr, located on Satsuma Road, Parcel #0243378 in Council District 6 – John Mangus”.

Councilman John Mangus advised that he knew how everyone on the Council felt about waivers. However, when he had spoken to Mr. Boudreaux, he had a very good and valid reason for his request.

Councilman Mangus invited Mr. Boudreaux from the audience to the front to speak.

Public input: Patricia Renninger, resident of South Satsuma Road
Dale Boudreaux, resident of Oliver Wheat Road

Councilman Mangus advised that he had first heard about them from the former councilman of district 6. Ms. Renninger had called him and explained their request. He encouraged her to explain the situation to everyone else.

Mr. Boudreaux explained that this was his grandmother and they had a mobile home that he was trying to place behind her property. He stated that his first cousin lived approximately six hundred feet (600’) in the back and he was trying place his mobile home two hundred feet (200’) behind hers. It was brought to their attention that there was an ordinance against this.

Ms. Renninger stated that the reason her grandson wished to place the mobile home there was because her husband had Stage 4 lung cancer and he would be located there to help her with his grandfather (her husband).

Councilman John Mangus called upon Ms. DeeDee Delatte, Planning and Permit Director. He asked if there was a waiver for extenuating circumstances, that once that circumstance is gone, then the waiver is gone. He asked if she could explain that.

Ms. DeeDee Delatte stated that if you do it for a hardship case, then yes it would be temporary. Mr. Boudreaux would meet the criteria if it did not need a third address, because it is a grandparent to a grandchild. She advised that the second address belongs to a nephew who moved there before the linear descendant ordinance was effective. It is technically within the Parish’s ordinance, but because he needs a third address, a waiver would be required.

Councilman Mangus reiterated that Mr. Boudreaux is requesting this because he will be helping take care of his grandfather. Mr. Boudreaux concurred. Ms. Delatte stated that she could confirm that was the truth because she knew this family, and could confirm that Mrs. Renninger’s husband was very sick.

Councilman Mangus stated that he wished to make a motion to allow the third address for this particular reason. Councilman Lonnie Watts wished to second that motion.

The chair asked if there were any further discussion, having none the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 24-281

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions” to allow a third address on a three-point three (3.3) acre tract for Dale Boudreaux Jr, located on Satsuma Road, Parcel #0243378 in Council District 6.

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

YEAS: MR. ERDEY, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MS. SANDEFUR

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT** adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, “Adopt a resolution to authorize a waiver to allow the required 60’ servitude to be divided into two separate servitudes consisting of a 40’ servitude on the north of lot D-1-C & D-1-D and a 20’ servitude on the South of lots D-1-C & D-1-D – John Mangus”.

Councilman John Mangus called upon Mr. Tanner in the audience.

Public input: John Tanner, resident of Joe May Road, Denham Springs

Mr. Tanner addressed the Council members and advised that when he purchased the property, he failed to realize how many times that his utilities would be run over. He explained what a tremendous help it would be to him that instead of the sixty foot (60’) servitude that is in place, he was requesting a forty foot (40’) servitude in the front and a twenty foot (20’) servitude in the back. He presented a drawing of how he would like for his utilities to be ran to prevent further damages.

Councilman Mangus advised that Mr. Tanner had a pad in place and it was installed when the ordinance stipulated a forty (40’) servitude. He explained that if he has to move the servitude to sixty feet (60’), it will necessitate cutting trees down, which Mr. Tanner is amicable to do, however, his neighbor has requested for the trees not to be cut down.

The chair asked if the motion was to authorize the waiver of the sixty (60’) foot? Councilman Mangus advised that the waiver would be to split it. Mr. Tanner stated that it will still be sixty (60), it will just be split forty (40) and sixty (60), forty (40) for the water lines and twenty (20) for the sewer lines that he would like on the side of the property. The chair asked if it will still be sixty foot (60’)? Mr. Tanner answered yes. The chair asked why does this still require the waiver? Mr. Tanner stated that he did not know.

The chair stated that just for clarification, if it be the Council’s wishes, they should vote on it.

Mr. Robert Dugas, Public Works Director, asked if it would be possible to leave the sixty (60’) foot and make the twenty (20’) foot the utility servitude. Mr. Tanner advised that would not work for him. He explained in detail why it would not be feasible.

The chair allowed an open discussion.

The chair stated that there was a motion by Councilman Mangus and asked if there was a second?

Having no second to the motion, the motion died.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, “Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions” to allow a third address on a two-point three (2.3) acre tract for Gina Young, located on Walker South Road, Parcel #0207779 in Council District 6 – John Mangus”.

Councilman John Mangus called upon Ms. Gina Young located in the audience to explain her request for a waiver.

Ms. Young came to the podium and advised that her son had a traumatic brain injury and she wished to put a tiny house behind her house for him. She stated that on the second piece of property, which is her mother’s property, and it is in a trust and will belong to her once her mother passes. She further stated that she has a sickly, sister-in-law that she needs to take care of and she wanted to put her on her mother’s piece of property. There are two (2) tracts of land. Her elder son lives on one (1) of those tracts. She is seeking to have two (2) homes on each tract. The waiver is needed for the sister-in-law who is a non-linear relative to have a second address.

The chair stated that this specific law needs to be changed. He asked the Council members to consider this variance.

Councilman Mangus advised that Ms. Young is willing to sign an affidavit that if anything changes, the house will be moved and the address will go away and it will never be rented out.

Ms. Delatte advised that currently this family member is living in a travel trailer in another location and they are trying to move her to a better situation, which will be the mother’s property where the second address is needed and she will be able to take care of her. Then in the event that something happens, that structure would be moved off and the address would become null and void.

Councilman Coates asked for Ms. Young to define what a tiny house is, and what was she speaking of?

She advised that the building was sized at sixteen feet (16’) by forty feet (40’). Ms. Delatte explained where it fell into the Building code and that one (1) of the Parish’s inspectors had already been out to inspect it. Councilman Coates asked if it met the wind rating and everything else?

She advised that it did meet those requirements.

LPR NO. 24-282

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions”, to allow a second address for a non-linear family member (sister-in-law) on a two-point three (2.3) acre tract for Gina Young, the daughter of the current landowner and whose name is on the trust of the property, located on Walker South Road, Parcel #0207779 in Council District 6; and whereby has stated and promised that once her sister-in-law is no longer living on the property, the address will then become null and void.

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

YEAS: MR. ERDEY, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MS. SANDEFUR

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Adopt a resolution to grant a waiver of Section 125-138, “Requirements and procedures for recreational vehicles (RV)” to allow a recreational vehicle (RV) for 3 months located at 24173 Joe May Road, in Council District 6 – John Mangus”.

Councilman John Mangus asked if the resident of 24173 Joe May Road was present. It was determined that they were not present. Councilman Mangus explained that one (1) of his constituents reported that there was a camper located on Joe May Road and it had sewer running to the ditch. He reported it to the Compliance Department who investigated and it was found that the person had been living there for two (2) years. The resident was unable to give a timetable as to how quickly they would have to move out so Councilman Mangus wished to do a waiver for three (3) months.

Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel, suggested that instead of granting them a waiver for three (3) months, Code Enforcement could tell them that they have ninety (90) days to get into compliance, if they don’t, then the Parish will move forward with the enforcement and haul the travel trailer off. He explained that by doing this, the Council would not be granting any waivers and were still fixing the problem.

The chair offered that a motion to made would authorize the Parish President to give the resident a ninety (90) day notice.

LPR NO. 24-283

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to authorize the Parish President’s office to notify the resident of 24173 Joe May Road, located in Council District 6, that they have ninety (90) days to come into compliance of Section 125-138, “Requirements and procedures for recreational vehicles (RV)”, if not brought into compliance, the Parish will move forward with enforcement and remove the recreational vehicle (RV).

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19a, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Accept Resignation of Ward 2 Water District member – John Wascom”.

The chair advised that Mr. David Strickland submitted a resignation letter to him resigning from his position on Ward 2 Water District as he is no longer able to serve on the board due to health reasons. He commended Mr. Strickland for the great job that he had done while serving on this board.

LPR NO. 24-284

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to accept the resignation letter of Mr. David Strickland (resident of Council District 4) from Ward 2 Water District, effective June 18, 2024.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19b, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appoint a member to the Ward 2 Water District – John Wascom”.

The chair advised that he would like to make a recommendation to appoint Mr. Wally Avara to the Ward 2 Water District.

LPR NO. 24-285

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to appoint Wally Avara (resident of Council District 4) to Ward 2 Water District to replace the vacancy left by the resignation of David Strickland (resident of Council District 4); this board appointment term does not expire and serve at the pleasure of the governing authority.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19c, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appoint a member to the Personell Board – John Wascom”, and advised that he wished to pull this from the agenda and add it to the next Council meeting.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-2, “Livingston Parish Grants Department: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Livingston Parish Airport District for mitigation of wetlands, drainage improvements, including a sewer system project”.

The chair called upon Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director to provide an update on this agenda item.

Mr. McMorris explained that this agenda item was a house cleaning issue because it was approved by the prior Council in November for the expenditure of ARPA funds. He advised that it has gone through the RFP process and they are ready to let the contract. He stated that it will be the government to let the contract for this sewer project. Upon researching for this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, it could not be found and it came to his attention that this had been submitted during the prior Administration and for some reason it was not signed. He further explained that for the Parish to enter into this agreement, Administration needed the authority from the Council to do so.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked Mr. McMorris to explain to him what the Parish’s involvement is with this drainage improvement and why is the Parish doing it?

Mr. McMorris advised that this had been approved by the prior board, and it was to his understanding that 2.4 million dollars was promised to them. They have a budget of 2.1 million dollars in ARPA funding. It was thought that it would take 2.4 million dollars to mitigate the property and it came back at 1.4 million and those funds have been expended.

Councilman Chavers asked who was doing the work? Mr. McMorris advised that will be placed on the next agenda for the Council to approve the results of the RFP.

Councilman Chavers wished to clarify that the Parish was hiring a contractor to do this work, Administration needs an Endeavor Agreement for the Parish to go into contract with them? Mr. McMorris stated yes.

The Parish President further clarified that the previous Administration appropriated the money for them to use. The Parish does not have the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement document, but there is a resolution adopted in November approving it. He explained that to move forward, Administration needed authority from the Council allowing him to sign the agreement, because the previous Parish President did not sign the agreement and he appropriated the funding.

Councilman Chavers asked if this was a vote by the previous Council for the Parish to hire the contractor to perform this work?

Mr. McMorris advised that it was a vote that they could utilize the ARPA money to proceed on issuing the RFP. He explained that process had been completed.

Councilman Chavers reiterated that the Parish has money allocated out of the ARPA funds to do this? He asked if that money could be moved anywhere else or is that what it is dedicated for?

Mr. McMorris stated that it probably could be moved, but it has been allocated and was approved to be expended by the prior Council.

Public input: Eddie Aydell, Alvin Fairburn and Associates

Mr. Aydell wished to reiterate what Mr. McMorris had said, the bulk of that was a check that was cut last year to pay for the mitigation to allow for clearing and grubbing parts of the property that were wetlands for the placement of large detention ponds. He explained that what is being requested at this time is the prior Council's approval of up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,00.00) for sewer improvements. The plans for this include laying a sewer line down Satsuma Road, which would serve the airport and also serve sixty (60) additional residences.

Mr. Aydell discussed the bidding of the sewer project. He wished to advise that they were aware that plans were prepared, the engineering has been done, the Parish has paid for this, the advertisement of bids was done because the Council had already appropriated those funds for the project and the contractor is expecting that contract be entered into because they were the low bidder, there were no irregularities with the bid, and it was under budget.

Councilman Chavers asked, if the Parish Council does not go into this agreement with this contractor, are they breaking an ordinance from what the previous Council did?

Mr. Cascio advised the money has already been allocated and that is where the money has to go.

Councilman Chavers asked Mr. McMorris if the money has been allocated to it? He advised yes.

Councilman Chavers asked if the funds could be moved because it is ARPA money?

Mr. Cascio advised that the funds were already allocated, a bid was put in and if they are a conforming bid and they are under budget, there is no reason to reject the bid.

Mr. McMorris wished to state that even though the agreement is with the airport, it will benefit sixty (60) additional families. He further advised that the city of Livingston has agreed and voted on taking this project into their system and it will not cost the Parish any funding.

Councilman Chavers stated that he was going to vote to do this, but he wished to make a statement. He advised that he has been against this airport from day one because of where the money has come from. He thought that the Parish, Layton Ricks or past administration has paid

toward the airport district thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) a month or a year, he couldn't remember, out of tax payers' money and from what he had been told, they took money out of Capital Outlay money from the state through the help of state representatives. He stated that if there was money that could be moved around in other areas to help the taxpayers, then he thought that they should do it. He further advised that if he was being told that it is allocated and this is where it has to go, then he would vote for it.

Councilman Chavers wished to state again that he has been against the airport since day one, since he was elected because it's at the expense of the taxpayers.

Mr. McMorris advised that he understood Councilman Chavers, but wished to state that this does extend beyond the airport. Mr. Cascio added that because it is federal funding, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement must be in place

Public input: Abby Crosby, resident of Council District 8

LPR NO. 24-286

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Livingston Parish Airport District for mitigation of wetlands, drainage improvements, including a sewer system project on the two hundred forty-two (242) acres designated as the site of the Livingston Parish Executive Airport to benefit the surrounding community and planned airport project.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-3, "Livingston Parish Grants Department: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Livingston for the Town of Livingston for the Livingston Executive Airport Sewer Improvements" and called upon Mr. Eddie Aydell.

Mr. Aydell explained that once the sewer improvements are in place, the Town of Livingston will accept operation and maintenance of that system and it will be treated by their municipal treatment plan.

LPR NO. 24-287

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Livingston for the Livingston Executive Airport Sewer Improvements to be tied into the Town of Livingston's sewer treatment plant and will be owned and operated by the Town of Livingston.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, “Special Legal Council:

- a. Discussion, including possible Executive Session, to discuss *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, which is presently set for trial on July 29, 2024 in Baton Rouge, LA before the Honorable Shelly D. Dick, United States District Judge, Middle District of Louisiana.
- b. Presentation of a settlement recommendation from the Parish’s counsel-of-record, Marty Maley, Sr., Julie Quinn, and Steve Irving, to resolve the claims pending against the Parish in the suit entitled *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, which may also render moot other litigation pending against the Parish.
- c. Consideration of a resolution authorizing Livingston Parish President Randy Delatte to serve as the “proper person” pursuant to La. R.S. 13:5109, or some other “proper person” pursuant to La. R.S. 13:5109, to enter into a settlement on behalf of Livingston Parish Government and to resolve the claims pending against the Parish in the suit entitled re: *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, including (i) authority at his discretion to settle the claims in the litigation upon terms consistent with the legal position the Parish asserted and presently maintains in that litigation, (ii) authority to agree to a settlement involving a payment in excess of \$10,000, including perhaps paying the sum of \$125,000 to Ascension Properties in satisfaction of its claim for attorney fees, provided the sum is not payable until the next budget year, and/or (iii) authority to grant fee waivers in place of and/or in addition to this payment in an amount necessary to effectuate a settlement.
- d. Notice is hereby provided of (i) LA R.S. 13:5109, which provides, in pertinent part, that “In any suit filed against the state of Louisiana, a state officer, a state agency, a local public official or a political subdivision, the defendant, or the proper representative thereof, upon the advice and with the concurrence of the attorney general, district attorney, parish attorney, city attorney, or other proper official, as the case may be, may compromise and settle the claims presented in any such suit.”; (ii) that certain Louisiana Attorney General Opinion stating, “A compromise or settlement in accordance with La. R.S. 13:5109(A) does not require the publication of the compromise or settlement of the claim.” Op.Atty.Gen., No. 05-0407 (May 26, 2006); (iii) that the proposed settlement of the in the suit entitled re: *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ will not be confidential; (iii) that settlement negotiations remain ongoing such that no final version of the proposed settlement documents are presently available for publication; and (iv) that the Parish’s counsel-of-record, Marty Maley, Sr., Julie Quinn, and Steve Irving, intend to publish and/or post copies of the proposed settlement documents on the Parish website at least 24 hours in advance of this meeting if such documents are available at that time.
- e. After final consideration of all matters recited hereinabove, and all matters concerning the case or litigation described herein, the Council will and/or shall vote pursuant to La. R.S. 13:5109 to authorize or not authorize Mr. Delatte, or any other proper person or person, to settle on behalf of the Parish the claims in the case, *i.e.* *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, to avoid further expense to the Parish and the inherent uncertainty of a trial on the merits, and to further authorize or not authorize Mr. Delatte, or any other proper person or person to formally enter into a settlement or compromise accordingly. Notice is hereby given that a settlement of this legal matter, *i.e.* *Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, will include a payment of money or other valuable consideration in excess of \$10,000.”

The chair called upon Mr. Steve Irving who explained that there was one lawsuit at issue that evening and there is another tangential lawsuit that may be affected by it. He stated that it would be helpful at some point, at the Council’s pleasure, if he could explain some of the history to be

able to understand what is and what is not at issue in the case. He offered to do this at that time or after executive session.

The chair stated that agenda item number 21a, “Executive Session: Joseph “Joe” Erdey: Executive Session under LRS 42:17(A)(2) in regard to the matter of Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. vs. Livingston Parish Government and Joseph Erdey, Case No. 182,770, Div. E, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana”, was also an executive session and asked Mr. Cascio if the Council could do both in one executive session. Mr. Cascio advised that it was permissible.

The chair advised Mr. Irving that if there was something to be said after executive session, he could do it at that time. He then asked if there was a motion to go into executive session.

LPR NO. 24-288

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to go into executive session to discuss “*Ascension Properties, Inc. v. Livingston Parish Government*, Case 3:24-cv-00171-SDD-SDJ, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana” and also the matter of “Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. vs. Livingston Parish Government and Joseph Erdey, Case No. 182,770, Div. E, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana”.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

All recording devices were turned off at this time during executive session.

The chair called the meeting back to order and asked if there was a motion to come out of executive session and return back to the regular meeting of the Council.

LPR NO. 24-289

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by John Mangus to go back to the regular order of business of the July 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair advised that the Council members went into executive session to discuss the litigation with the lawsuit regarding Ascension Properties versus Livingston Parish. He stated that there was no action taken during this executive session.

The chair called upon Mr. Steve Irving to give a quick synopsis of what recommendations that he may have for the Council members.

Mr. Irving stated that the item that is before the Council that evening was the settlement agreement and there is also a companion development agreement. He explained that after the executive session and discussion among the Council members, a proposed resolution has been prepared which addresses everything. He advised that he would like to present that proposed resolution and make a brief explanation for it.

Mr. Irving stated the following proposed resolution:

“Authorize Randy Delatte to execute the settlement agreement and negotiate and execute a development agreement the same or substantially similar to the development agreement signed by Ascension Properties as advertised and posted but with the provision that should any terms conflict between the development agreement and the settlement agreement, the development agreement shall prevail.”

Mr. Irving stated that the one that has already been signed by Ascension Properties already has that provision in it. He advised that the existing development agreement can be signed. He further advised that the Parish President will not be able to sign the development agreement until after the August 22nd hearing because of some delays that are built into state law for that process.

Public input: Abby Crosby

There was a long discussion in regard to Section 16 property

Public input: Henry “Hugh” Harris

LPR NO. 24-289

MOTION was made by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to authorize the Livingston Parish President Randy Delatte to execute the settlement agreement and negotiate and execute a development agreement the same or substantially similar to the development agreement signed by Ascension Properties as advertised and posted but with the provision that should any terms conflict between the development agreement and the settlement agreement, the development agreement shall prevail; said development agreement will not be executed until after the August 22, 2024 meeting.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MS. SANDEFUR

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on July 25, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21a, “Executive Session: Joseph “Joe” Erdey, Executive Session under LRS 42:17(A)(2) in regard to the matter of Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. vs. Livingston Parish Government and Joseph Erdey, Case No. 182,770, Div. E, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana”, and called upon Councilman Joe Erdey.

Councilman Joe Erdey advised that about a month ago he had went to trial and the Parish Council went to trial over an appointment thing at the Tourism and after a long day, he did not win, and neither did the Parish. He stated on consultation with his attorney and they went over very thoroughly, he advised that they were appealing the case because they feel like they have a very good chance in winning it in appellate court. He advised that they went through this very thorough and he liked where he stood.

He further stated that night when they were at the courthouse, he wanted to say in the way that it happened so everybody understands, when it ended and the judge ruled against them, Mr. Moody said that they lost and that’s that. He advised of an email that he received that day stating that they

might should appeal this and they have a 50/50 chance of winning now. He wished to state that he wasn't there to cause the Council or this Parish any money. He advised that when he does this appeal, he is doing this out of his pocket, with his money.

Councilman Erdey questioned what does the Council do now that their chances have improved that they can maybe win this case? He stated that it was worth thinking about and he would like the Council at least to have some input to this. He advised that you can leave it alone and do nothing, and time is eventually going to run out, but he was moving forward no matter what and he was going to try and win his case on that. He stated that he wanted everybody to know that.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur questioned if under this agenda item they could ask their legal to appeal as well? Mr. Cascio stated that they could, but he did not want to go into a confidential letter that was sent to the Council.

Councilman Erdey stated that he did not mean to address Mr. Cascio on some of this and he apologized.

Mr. Cascio stated that he did not want to go into details of a confidential letter that was sent between an attorney and their client, that being said, he did not think that it was ever zero and he thought that what Mr. Moody was trying to convey to the Council was for them to consider what they were fighting for. He advised that they were fighting for a board appointment on the Tourism Board for the next year and a half. He explained that if they win, they would still be paying a lot of fees and it was going to cost the Parish money to win and if they lose, then they would have an actual judgement against them and there has been an offer to settle this without having to have a judgement. He wished for them to note, that if they get a judgement that you have to pay, that opens up a lot of other doors, and he wanted them to make sure that was to be considered.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked Mr. Cascio how long were they going to have that held over their heads? Because that is a big heavy hold over and could they just address it? She advised that she did not know what that meant and how loaded of a question that she just asked Mr. Cascio was.

Mr. Cascio replied that it was always going to be an issue and it depended on how many judgements were out there. He advised that the more lawsuits that the Parish gets itself into, the more judgements it gets filed against it, the bigger of an issue it is going to become.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that it just seemed that it is such an issue that in a sense she feels backed into a corner often.

Mr. Cascio submitted that if the Council wanted to move forward, they were going to fight and do whatever the Council's wishes were. He explained that he had a legal and ethical obligation to give them the best advice and be totally transparent with them and give all the information that he could give them. He stated that the decision was ultimately theirs and he did not want for her to feel like she was backed into a corner. He advised that he would not be the person that was going to tell her what to do, he would tell them what their options were, what the outcomes look like either way, what the consequences are depending on what option that they chose, but whatever option that they ultimately chose, he was there to support them.

The chair asked if there were any other comment on this agenda item. Having none, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 22, "Consideration of whether to suspensively (sic) appeal the Trial Court Judgment in the matter of Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. vs. Livingston and Joseph Erdey, Case No. 182,770, Div. E, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana – Joseph "Joe" Erdey".

Councilman Joe Erdey stated that just in doing research in general for everything that he had going on, he ran into this thing with Hurricane Gustav. He advised that he did not know anything about it, and before he got into it. He stated that when the hurricane came through and there was cleanup needed for Livingston Parish, IED did a debris contract for Gustav for Livingston Parish and they

hired a monitor that was supposed to confirm amounts of debris pickup. It was all from Parish property roads and ditches. FEMA denied claims because the monitor allegedly had falsified all the claims reports to IED. They had to borrow money to pay the subcontractor when the Parish did not get reimbursed from FEMA and then the Parish failed to pay IED 63 million approximate dollars that is still owed as of that date. He stated that in addition to that, the judgement against the Parish, as long as it is within the state and not federal, they are not going to pay any other judgement before that one is paid. He asked if he was right on that?

Mr. Cascio stated that if you pay one, then you have to pay them all.

Mr. Cascio further advised that particular case was before the time of this Council and himself, but in his research into that, it was his understanding that there was not actually a judgement yet in that case, it is still pending.

Councilman Erdey stated that one of the other questions is, there's a lot of them that were new up there, how come they wasn't informed that this was, like with any other judgements, how come they were not informed of things like this?

Mr. Cascio agreed that was a good question for whoever was handling it. He stated that if he would like, he would be happy to go back and try to do a comprehensive report of any outstanding issues that may have existed before any of their involvement.

Councilman Ryan Chavers addressed Councilman Erdey and stated that he agreed with him, maybe they should have been told about it. He advised that he found out about it from it being on the agenda and he called the Parish President's office and received all of the information that he was looking for. He stated that he felt they as a Council have an obligation to call the Parish President when they have issues or they do not understand something. He stated that the Parish President vowed transparency to not only the people, but to the Council. He agreed that they should have been told about it, but again, it was before the Parish President, it was before the Council, and it was before their legal counsel's time of representing the Parish.

Mr. Cascio brought up agenda item number 22, "the consideration to file a suspensive appeal" and advised that there was a time frame for that. He did not know what the wishes of the Council were, but that actually calls for a vote, one way or the other, unless they wanted to table it.

The time table of an appeal was discussed.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she needed Mr. Cascio to explain to her, because she did not understand, this debris clean up lawsuit, has that affected every lawsuit against Livingston Parish government since and influenced it? She stated that she just needed from him to understand.

Mr. Cascio explained that any federal lawsuit is going to be handled the same way, regardless of that. He stated that he did not think that it affected every lawsuit. He further advised that in general, if there is a lawsuit that the Parish is not looking favorable, that the Parish is going to lose and then be issued a judgement, once you are hit with that judgement, it is too late. He explained that it is better to settle that before it gets to a judgement, because you can pay a settlement, as a compromise without having to have a judgement, which opens you up to paying other judgements. He asked Councilwoman Sandefur if that was clear and she understood?

Councilwoman Sandefur acknowledged that she understood what Mr. Cascio was saying, however, she felt a little slighted over the current federal lawsuit. She thanked Mr. Cascio for explaining it and she did understand what he was saying and she would like to delve into that deeper in the future. Mr. Cascio advised that he would like to do that too.

The chair called upon Councilman Dean Coates who advised that he had done a little research on this as well, and it was his appreciation that there was a lot of allegations made in this case that he did not think that it was that far-fetched for them to be okay on a situation like this. He stated that there's a lot of alleged misconduct that had been perpetrated by the monitors that were supposed to be giving them the advice on how FEMA guidelines set forth. He advised that there was a

statement in the paper made by former Parish President that he would not sue local companies regardless if they were wrong or not. It was his understanding that there was not a verdict that has come out on this and it was still pending.

The chair asked if there was any further discussion. Having none, the chair moved on to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24a, “Committee Report(s): Finance committee”, and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus reported that the committee had met earlier. He advised that Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director, had explained to the committee about the audit and that the audit is finished and they will be giving an audit report at the next Finance committee meeting. In addition, the Parish President reported that the work has begun on the roof of the detention center.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24b, “Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)”, and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that the committee had met on Tuesday and had a long discussion regarding the development agreement. He encouraged everyone’s input on anything that is going through as an ordinance so that they may work out the kinks before it gets to the Council.

Councilman Ricky Goff requested if they could sit down with Mr. Jerome Fournier, the Parish’s Professional Planner, and try to get something approved sooner than later in reference to the Parish’s minor subdivisions without improvements. He explained that when someone does a nine (9) lot subdivision and puts a private road, and the people, even though they sign their paperwork and know that it is a private road, then it gets torn up. He would like to figure a way to try to alleviate it. In addition, he would like the committee to look at the Parish’s mobile home ordinance and consider a year restriction as well as other mandates and restrictions for mobile homes.

Councilman Ryan Chavers advised Councilman Goff that he had eleven (11) ordinances that cover everything that he just mentioned and he has given them to Mr. Fournier and they were working together to put them into effect. He stated that he would love to have Councilman Goff’s input on them.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25, “District Attorney’s Report:”, and called upon Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor. He asked if he had any words of wisdom?

Mr. Cascio wished to thank the Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce and the Livingston Young Professionals. He advised that they had invited him to speak earlier that week at their luncheon. He stated that it is a really good organization and he would encourage anyone that is not involved with them yet to look into it.

Councilman John Mangus wished to thank Ms. Andrea Bell for leading the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of their meeting that evening.

He also wished to announce the third annual Back to School giveaway that will be held on Sunday, August 4th located at the LM Lockhart Center gymnasium, addressed at 320 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Denham Springs. It is sponsored by several different organizations. The event will begin at two o’clock (2:00) p.m. and there will be food, fun, drinks, music, free haircuts, and pre-filled back packs.

Councilman Joe Erdey stated that down in Hungarian Settlement they had a special meeting a few days ago and they are getting ready again for the Harvest Dance. He advised that it would be the first Saturday in October for everybody that might try to attend.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-291

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to adjourn the July 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TAYLOR

ABSTAIN: NONE

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



Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk



John Wascom, Council chairman

The audio and video for this meeting may be found in its entirety on the Livingston Parish Council's YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNRuRLuobjc&t=4739s>

It may also be found on the Livingston Parish Council's website at:

<https://www.livingstonparishcouncil.com/>

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