

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
December 5, 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, December 5, 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
Billy Taylor	Dean Coates
Erin Sandefur	Joseph "Joe" Erdey
John Wascom	

Also present: Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel
Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director appearing in the absence of the Parish President

Absent: Parish President Randy Delatte

The chair called the meeting to order.

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

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item and explained the procedure to be called upon.

Councilman Joe Erdey called upon the chair. He advised that he would like to call upon the attorney and asked if he had a chance to go over the agenda that evening. Mr. Brad Cascio responded in the affirmative and acknowledged yes to Councilman Erdey's question.

Councilman Erdey questioned if everything was in order and looked okay? Mr. Cascio confirmed that everything looked okay.

Councilman Erdey thanked Mr. Cascio and the chair moved forward with the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Reminder – When addressing any agenda item, please speak into the microphone". He urged the Council members, as well as the audience members when coming to the podium to speak, to please make sure that their microphones were turned on and to speak into their microphones as such.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8a, "Presentations: Announcement of the 2024 Christmas Card Winner", and briefly explained about this annual event that the Councilmembers take part in.

He called upon Ms. Elena Woodrich, the winner of the Christmas card contest and her teacher, Ms. Donna Fransico, who were located in audience and asked them to stand for recognition.

The chair read aloud from the certificates of achievement recognizing both the student and her teacher as follows:

The Livingston Parish Council is proud to present to you this certificate of achievement to a Livingston Parish art teacher and student. We applaud your creativity and the spark that you have installed in your students and recognize Ms. Elena Woodrich's original art entry for the 2024 Parish Council Christmas card cover.

The chair thanked them and directed everyone to the displayed artwork in the Council chambers. The audience members applauded and the chair asked if Ms. Woodrich would allow for a photo opportunity with the members of the Council.

Ms. Woodrich and Ms. Fransico obliged and the chair presented them with their certificates of achievement.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8b, “Presentations: CO2 Alliance presentation by Allen Parish Police Juror Roland Hollis”, and called upon Councilman Dean Coates.

Councilman Coates wished to call upon Mr. Roland Hollis. The chair asked if Mr. Hollis would come to the microphone located at the podium and give his name and address and requested if he could give everyone a brief synopsis in regard to this agenda item.

Mr. Roland Hollis came from the audience to the podium and introduced himself to the Council members. He stated that he was an Allen Parish Police Juror from Grant, Louisiana.

Mr. Hollis thanked Councilman Dean Coates as well as the others on the Council for allowing him to come before them that evening. He acknowledged Mr. Bill LaBouve, member of the Jefferson Davis Police Jury, pointing him out in the audience, who had accompanied him that evening.

Councilman Coates explained that Mr. Roland Hollis is a Police Juror in Allen Parish and they are creating an alliance in order to fight carbon capture sequestration throughout the entire state and he wanted to come and speak to them about it. He advised that Mr. Hollis wished to attend the previous Council meeting, but he received a call with news that an emergency happened and he was unable to attend. Mr. Hollis requested if he could be allowed to attend the next meeting of the Council and be placed on that agenda to which Councilman Coates obliged.

Mr. Hollis stated that he was there that evening to discuss a very serious and important issue. He acknowledged Livingston Parish’s involvement leading the way challenging Co2 production by standing for the well being and the safety of its citizens. He explained that his parish was facing the same issues and advised that there were four (4) parishes (Jefferson Davis Parish, Allen Parish, Beauregard Parish and Vernon Parish) that had come together and created a Louisiana Co2 Alliance. He stated that the purpose of this Alliance was to lobby the state legislature advocating bills for Co2 safety and mitigation, and were questioning who would be paying for the mitigation.

He further discussed the Co2 companies’ profits and the Alliance’s determination advocating a bill for parishes to receive funding based on the tonnage of Co2 collected.

He stated that he was appearing before them that evening to request that the Council members consider joining the Louisiana Co2 Alliance.

The chair and Councilman Dean Coates thanked Mr. Hollis for his presentation. Councilman Coates advised that he would also like to thank the Lake Maurepas Preservation Society who brought light to these issues and pushed this initiative forward.

Having no other discussion, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9a, “Adopt the Minutes: November 7, 2024 Regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council”.

LPR NO. 24-423

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 7, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9b, “Adopt the Minutes: November 21, 2024 Regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council”.

LPR NO. 24-424

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10a, “Parish President’s Report: Adopt a resolution declaring the month of January 2025 Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and January 11, 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day” and requested the Council clerk to read the proclamation as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Supporting the observation of January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and January 11, 2025, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking and modern slavery.

WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month was established in January 2010 proclaiming the right of equality and freedom inherent to all people, advocating for legislation that protects survivors and punishes offenders, educating leaders, and encouraging public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of slavery that can affect anyone and occurs when someone uses force, fraud, or coercion to cause another person to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or a commercial sex act; and

WHEREAS, everyone can join the effort to prevent human trafficking by being aware of your surroundings, and if you see something that isn’t right or see people that are unable to speak for themselves, call the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility and takes each of us doing our part by being educated about all forms, signs, and consequences of human trafficking and working together to end this heinous crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a hidden crime that degrades and dehumanizes victims; and

WHEREAS, as a defender of human rights, Livingston Parish condemns human trafficking as an experience that no person should have to experience-even one victim is too many.

NOW THEREFORE, I Randy Delatte, duly elected Parish President of Livingston Parish, State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Livingston Parish and Louisiana do hereby proclaim January 2025 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND AWARENESS MONTH

In the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, I encourage citizens to participate in activities that will increase the awareness of Human Trafficking and to wear blue or a blue heart on January 11, 2025, Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, on this 5th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Randy Delatte

Randy Delatte, Parish President
Parish of Livingston
State of Louisiana

The chair asked if there was a motion to adopt this proclamation by resolution. Councilman John Mangus wished to make the motion and Councilwoman Erin Sandefur made the second to his motion.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON
LPR NO. 24-425**

MOTION was made by Councilman John Mangus and duly seconded by Councilwoman Erin Sandefur to support the Parish President’s proclamation declaring January 11, 2025 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Day” as follows:

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month was established in January 2010 proclaiming the right of equality and freedom inherent to all people, advocating for legislation that protects survivors and punishes offenders, educating leaders, and encouraging public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of slavery that can affect anyone and occurs when someone uses force, fraud, or coercion to cause another person to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or a commercial sex act; and

WHEREAS, everyone can join the effort to prevent human trafficking by being aware of your surroundings, and if you see something that isn’t right or see people that are unable to speak for themselves, call the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility and takes each of us doing our part by being educated about all forms, signs, and consequences of human trafficking and working together to end this heinous crime against humanity; and

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND AWARENESS MONTH

In the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, I encourage citizens to participate in activities that will increase the awareness of Human Trafficking and to wear blue or a blue heart on January 11, 2025, Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana, on this 5th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Randy Delatte

Randy Delatte, Parish President
Parish of Livingston
State of Louisiana

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-32: Adoption of the 2024 Budget Amendments and 2025 Budget – Mickey McMorris, Finance Director”.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET AND ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH PRESIDENT-COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this specific ordinance. None being, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

The chair asked if there was anyone who wished to make a motion for the adoption of this ordinance? Councilman John Mangus wished to make the motion and Councilman Lonnie Watts duly seconded his motion.

The chair called upon Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director. Mr. McMorris approached the podium and asked the Councilmembers to refer to their budget packets. These packets referenced the 2024 and 2025 Budget and had amendments that he addressed. He stated that the budget is a very fluid item and it moves daily. He advised that it was presented late, right before the Council meeting, and he apologized, but that it could not be done any quicker.

Mr. McMorris explained revenue that had been added from the Sheriff’s office, the tremendous flow of grants through the budget, special revenue for the jail and the road fund, an increase in the ad valorem funds, elevations and acquisitions in the Parish. He further explained in detail the amendments that were included and needed for the adoption of the ordinance. He advised that there were no adjustments to the Capital Improvements budget.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to make the motion to amend the ordinance from the time that it was introduced until that evening when it was on the floor for adoption. Councilman John Mangus wished to second that motion.

The chair asked if there were any discussion. Councilman Ryan Chavers wished to state that he had spoken to Mr. McMorris earlier, and he wanted to let everyone know that the reason that the amended budget was submitted late, was because Mr. McMorris was trying to get the Council members the most up to date budget numbers, and he felt that was important to say.

Councilman Dean Coates had many questions about the Home Rule Charter mandates. Mr. McMorris answered his questions.

Councilman Coates stated that he wanted to make a substitute motion that they push this back so they have time to digest what is in the budget and review some of this material. He complimented Mr. McMorris and his team, but stated that he had to do his due diligence for his constituents that elected him to his position. He asked if the Council does not approve the budget that evening, then they still operated off of half of last year’s budget until the budget is approved? Mr. McMorris concurred and explained the consequences.

The chair asked if there was a second to Councilman Coates motion? Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he wished to second it.

Councilwoman Sandefur acknowledged that she had witnessed the hard work that Mr. McMorris had put into this budget, but with all due respect, she had just received it that day. She indicated that she had studied all versions that had been submitted and noted the changes that had been made. Mr. Morris agreed and explained the updates that had been added. Councilwoman Sandefur stated that the version that was presented that afternoon to be adopted did not give her enough time to do her due diligence to who she serves.

Mr. McMorris stated that they would receive the budget at the last minute and Councilwoman Sandefur advised that was not acceptable to her and she was trying to explain in the most respectful

way that she could not support it.

Councilman John Mangus asked for clarification on what the substitute motion was that Councilman Dean Coates presented.

Councilman Coates stated that his motion was to provide for more time for them to review this before it was adopted. There was discussion about separating the 2024 and 2025 budget and questions about what was crucial that needed to be adopted.

The chair allowed an open discussion and Mr. McMorris answered the Council members' questions.

Councilman Ricky Goff gave further detailed explanation why the budget had been presented in this manner.

The chair asked if Councilman Coates wished to withdraw his motion? He concurred that he did.

The issue of time to review the budget was discussed and deferring the adoption until then next meeting.

The chair called for the vote. The Council clerk requested an opinion from Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor, on the Home Rule Charter's mandate of adopting the budget by the second to last meeting of the fiscal year and the consequence if it is not.

Mr. Cascio read an excerpt from Section 5-02, "Operating Budget Preparation and Adoption":
"The budget shall be finally adopted not later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year."

The chair concurred that the second to last meeting of the fiscal year was that evening's meeting.

Councilwoman Sandefur contended that they had just received the paperwork.

Mr. Cascio further stated that the Home Rule Charter mandated in Section 5-02, "Operating Budget Preparation and Adoption", Part B, to the fifty percent (50%) rule and read as follows:
"Upon the failure of the Parish Council to adopt a budget by the end of the fiscal year, the budget from the previous year shall continue in effect for no more than six (6) months into the next fiscal year."

He pointed out the conflict in the mandates, the first requiring that the budget shall be adopted no later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year, then later directing that upon the failure to adopt a budget by the end of the fiscal year, the budget from the previous year shall continue for six (6) months.

The chair called for the vote. Councilman Joe Erdey requested for clarification on what the motion was for.

The Council clerk stated that the motion was requesting the Council members to be provided more time to review the budget and there was not a date given to defer the adoption of the ordinance.

The chair stated that he recommended to defer it to the next meeting and Councilman Coates concurred that date was fine.

The chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 24-426

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to allow the Council members to be provided more time to review the final adoption of the budget and defer the adoption of the ordinance until the next regular meeting to be held on December 19, 2024.

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

YEAS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT** adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair stated that they would now go back to the original motion made by Councilman Ricky Goff and seconded by Councilman John Mangus to amend the budget with the changes presented by Mr. Micky McMorris, Parish Finance Director.

Mr. Cascio advised that the first motion would be to accept the amendments as made, and then once that passed, then there would be a motion to adopt as amended.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that his motion was to adopt the amendments of 2024 and 2025.

LPR NO. 24-427

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to amend L.P. Ordinance No. 24-32, accepting the amendments as made of the 2024 Budget Amendments and 2025 Budget, as presented by the Livingston Parish Finance Director.

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

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **carried** and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that his motion was to accept the 2024 and 2025 budget as amended.

Councilman Dean Coates stated that he wished to make a discussion on the previous thing. He questioned if the amendments would have interfered with anything if the Council members had postponed that for two (2) weeks?

Ms. Gail Housley, Parish Deputy Finance Director, addressed Councilman Coates questions and explained that the Finance Department would not keep changing the budget amendment itself, but the balance of the account will adjust for things that are coming in and out. She advised that once the amended budget was adopted, that would stay consistent, but what will change is the balance that will hit the general ledger and that is what is needed to be estimated within the five percent (5%) as a whole, not as individual line items.

Councilman Coates thanked Ms. Housley for her explanation. The chair called for the vote and clarified the motion.

LPR NO. 24-428

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on November 21, 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 December 5, 2024 on Motion of Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET AND ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH PRESIDENT-COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

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

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted **AS AMENDED** on December 5, 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 12, “Introduction of Ordinance: Amending Chapter 115 “Floods” to update freeboard requirements within the special flood hazard area, incorporate ordinance requirements as recommended by FEMA, incorporation of and inclusion of items in line with the community rating system”.

The chair called upon the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-33

**AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REENACT CHAPTER 115 – “FLOODS”
IN ITS ENTIRETY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.**

The chair stated that this was an introduction of an ordinance, it was not an adoption. He called upon Ms. Cindy O’Neal, FEMA liaison and CRS coordinator for the Parish of Livingston. Ms. O’Neal stated that she was present that evening to introduce two (2) people that are helping with this. She advised that in order for the citizens of Livingston Parish to be able to purchase flood insurance, they agreed to adopt and enforce a flood damage prevention ordinance which states that we will permit all development and require that they meet the base flood elevation. She stated that the definition of development included new construction, substantial improvement, mining, paving, excavation, the storage of equipment or materials and the placement of manufactured homes. Ms. O’Neal explained about a part of the National Flood Insurance Program that is called the Community Rating System, whereby the communities that go above and beyond the minimum requirements receive points which is similar to your fire rating on homeowners’ insurance. She explained how the points system works with their classification structure giving five percent (5%) savings on flood insurance for each lower classification.

Ms. O’Neal further explained the first step that is required to join the Community Rating System is to have a community assistance visit from FEMA to ensure that you are meeting the minimum requirements to be included in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

She then wished to introduce Mr. Trey Rozelle Senior Mitigation Specialist from FEMA Region 6 and Mr. Jack Young, of Halff and Associates.

Mr. Trey Rozelle came to the podium and introduced himself to the Council members. He explained that he was there on behalf of FEMA Region 6, being located out of Denton, Texas. He provided a quick overview of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Rozelle wished to distinguish that he was speaking to the minimum regulations for NFIP participation. He further explained that Livingston Parish invited them out to do a community assistance visit where they evaluated the community’s program and to affirm that it met the minimum regulations of the NFIP. Upon their evaluation of the Parish’s ordinance, they realized that fifteen (15) were missing and requested a sixteenth (16th), these, he explained, which were to adopt by resolution. He maintained that these regulations were important to assure that future development met the minimum regulations of the program so that any development which would occur in the special flood hazard area, would then be done in a way that complies with what FEMA asks to obtain flood insurance. This is so that any developments meet the minimum regulations of the program, and also so that any development

that is located in a special flood hazard area is done in a way that complies with what FEMA mandates to acquire flood insurance. He further stated that these are baseline items and advised that there are twenty-two thousand (22,000) communities throughout our nation that participate in the NFIP that have adopted a form of these regulations. He explained that the fifteen (15) items being added are consistent with the state model ordinance and almost all communities in the state of Louisiana match these items to some degree.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked why this did not go through the ordinance committee?

The chair asked who was Councilman Chavers directing this question to? He advised anybody, and asked why they did not go through the ordinance committee per their resolution they made at the beginning of that year. He stated that he did not have issue with the ordinance and was on board with it, he just did not know why they did not go through the ordinance committee.

Ms. O'Neal approached the podium and stated that she was not exactly sure, but she thought that they were trying to meet a deadline of January the 1st. Councilman Chavers asked why that date? Ms. O'Neal explained that there were new regulations that HUD passed that will require all new development in the Parish to have a two (2') foot free board.

Councilman Chavers asked if they could have not done this prior to that evening, which was two (2) weeks before the first of the year? Ms. O'Neal stated that she did not think that they had gotten to the point with their FEMA partners to square down what exactly their deficiencies were in the ordinance at the time.

Councilman Chavers stated that he supported it, he just had an issue with it not going to the ordinance committee, because they had made a resolution that all ordinances go to the ordinance committee to be digested and anything that was an emergency could come to the Council. He stated that this did not seem like an emergency, however, it was now going to be considered an emergency, because of the time crunch. He advised that he just wanted to state that on the record that these ordinances have got to go to the ordinance committee. He did not agree with just putting it out there without having more public input at the committee.

The chair allowed an open discussion regarding timeliness and when the Council received the proposed ordinance for introduction.

Ms. O'Neal explained that this was the minimum requirements that should have been included in the Parish's ordinances all along and this is what the Parish needed to be compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program. In addition, the Parish could technically be punished or sanctioned by FEMA if these amendments were not added to the Parish's ordinance.

Ms. O'Neal and Mr. Rozelle answered questions from the Council members.

Councilman Ryan Chavers wished to make a motion to defer this and push it to the ordinance committee. Councilwoman Erin Sandefur wished to second his motion.

Mr. Jack Young of Halff Industries, addressed the Council members and advised that his company were the consultants that had been selected for the master drainage plan. He wished to give background on what they have been doing with the Parish and what specifically was beyond those minimum standards. Mr. Young stated that Halff Industries had been working with Parish staff to get the grant submitted to OCD (Office of Community and Development) in order to fund the master drainage plan. Their hope was to have that approved by the end of the year and begin early next year.

The Parish had requested for Halff to provide some proactive planning measures that would place the Parish back into CRS (Community Rating System). The drainage criteria manual and the ordinance update was part of that. He explained the urgency to adopt the updated ordinances that would help with the rising costs of insurance and before the moratorium expires. This will ensure that developments received after the moratorium will adhere to these higher standards and will have responsible development. He discussed the possible savings, keeping residents safe, and responsible development.

Mr. Andrew Moore addressed the Council members and advised that he had helped with the Parish ordinance updates. He stated that the purpose of the ordinance updates was to protect the current residents, to ensure that new things coming in do not make things worse, and also protect future residents so that they are not building into something that is going to eventually flood. He advised that they were just beginning the drainage master plan and the ordinance updates and benchmarks can be updated as that plan continues. This is the first step of the process.

He addressed Chapter 115, "Floods" of the Livingston Parish Code of Ordinances. He stated that the purpose of these updates was to look at the flood plains themselves and the ultimate goal was to protect human life and health. He discussed the language changes, the first being, was getting up to FEMA compliance by addressing the sixteen (16) deficiencies, flooding definitions and clarifications. He discussed policy changes that would impact development and construction within the Parish for freeboard requirements, compensatory storage within the floodplain, requirements for fill, no rise to water surface base elevations and limiting hazardous material stored within the flood plain.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur had several questions concerning fill dirt. Mr. Moore discussed the goal and answered her questions.

The chair interjected and asked if it would please the Council, could they move forward with Councilman Chavers motion and send this to the Ordinance committee so that everyone could address their questions at that meeting.

Ms. O'Neal wished to make sure that the Council members did not skip over the fact that when the Parish of Livingston joins the CRS, they would be saving over a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the citizens of Livingston Parish that would not be awarded to FEMA, and would be staying in the pockets of their citizens.

Public input: Gary O'Neal: resident of Walker, LA; certified flood plain manager, member of the Louisiana flood plain management association, president of the National Hazard Mitigation Association: discussed FFRMS

After discussion, Councilman John Mangus stated that he wished to make a substitute motion to introduce the ordinance and send it to the ordinance committee.

Councilman Chavers asked for clarification and stated that Councilman Mangus's substitute motion was to introduce the ordinance that evening, go to ordinance committee and then do the public hearing on the 19th? He asked what if there were changes that need to be made that they just do not agree with? And what if the public has some issues with it?

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to second Councilman Mangus's substitute motion and answered Councilman Chavers question advising that the Council would vote it down.

The Council clerk wished to clarify what the substitute motion was as follows:

LPR NO. 24-429

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to introduce the proposed ordinance as L.P. Ordinance No. 24-33, setting the public hearing on December 19, 2024 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. and send the ordinance to schedule an ordinance committee meeting to be scheduled on December 17, 2024 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. placing this item on the agenda for review and discussion.

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

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

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-33

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REENACT CHAPTER 115 – “FLOODS”
IN ITS ENTIRETY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

LPR NO. 24-429

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, December 19, 2024 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES,
MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, “Introduction of Ordinance: Amending Chapter 125 “Subdivision Regulations” to update language for the inclusion and adoption of the Livingston Parish Drainage Criteria Manual”, and asked the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-34

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, “SUBDIVISION
REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE II – “STUDIES” SECTION(S) 125-26 AND
125-27, TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE INCLUSION AND
ADOPTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DRAINAGE CRITERIA
MANUAL

Councilman John Mangus wished to make a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance with the stipulation that it goes to the ordinance committee and can be voted on for adoption on December 19, 2024.

Councilman Dean Coates requested an opinion from the Parish legal advisor, Mr. Brad Cascio. He asked if the Council members introduced this proposed ordinance that evening, it then goes to the ordinance committee meeting, and there are a flood of people at the ordinance committee meeting that are present who wish to discuss the proposed ordinance, and things end up getting changed, would it have to be introduced again?

Mr. Cascio advised that the Council could make amendments to it, but he advised that it was his understanding after listening to the FEMA advisors, that what is in this proposed ordinance that is being introduced, is the bare minimum that allows the Parish to participate in program. He further advised that if any changes were made to it, it would then take you out of the program, which is going to affect individuals’ ability to obtain flood insurance. He asked if this was correct?

Mr. Jack Young stated for a point of clarity, the changes that they were proposing have the updates that FEMA talked about for the bare minimum as well as the additional standards.

Councilman Chavers questioned why were they doing this? He asked why were they entertaining these ordinances without going through the committee? He countered that they made the resolution. Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that she agreed.

The chair asked if that was a motion?

Councilman Chavers stated that was a motion to send it to the ordinance committee, which was seconded by Councilman Dean Coates.

The Council clerk questioned the original motion made by Councilman John Mangus to introduce the proposed ordinance, send it to the ordinance committee on December 17, 2024 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m.

There was a question who had seconded Mr. Mangus's motion.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he wished to second Mr. Mangus's motion.

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that he wished to make a substitute motion that it goes to the ordinance committee, as everything else should go.

The chair called upon Mr. Jerome Fournier, JPF Planning Consultants. Mr. Fournier stated that he would like to bring Mr. Steve Irving to advise the Council members about the legal ramifications. He further advised that because this is an ordinance to the Unified Development Code, it really needs to go to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission.

The chair requested that Mr. Fournier repeat what he just said and for the Council members to pay attention to his statements.

Mr. Fournier advised that because it is part of the Unified Land Development Code, it has to go before the Planning Commission acting as the Zoning Commission. Mr. Fournier wished to defer to Mr. Steve Irving who could give the Council members the details and the legal ramifications.

Mr. Steve Irving addressed the Council members and advised that there are detailed procedural requirements for the enactment of subdivision regulations and zoning regulations, which include advertising requirements about the number of times, there must be two (2) hearings, one (1) by Planning and Zoning and one (1) by the Council. It was his opinion that if the Council would send it to the ordinance committee, the Council would be creating a hiatus that may cause someone to challenge it later if the state statutes are not strictly followed.

Councilman Ryan Chavers wished to state for the record, if anyone does not recognize who the gentleman was that had just spoken, Mr. Steve Irving is the Parish's land use attorney.

Councilman Chavers wished to amend his motion to state that the Council would send the proposed ordinance to Planning and Zoning. He asked Mr. Irving to help with the wording of the motion.

Mr. Irving stated that the motion is to refer it to Planning and Zoning to follow the procedure set forth in the state statute. Councilman Chavers stated that he was fine with that.

Mr. Irving answered questions from the Council members.

His recommendation to the Council members was to introduce the ordinance that evening, and it will be taken up at the Planning and Zoning hearing at the same time that they have it, the Planning and Zoning hearing on theirs is going to be on January the 9th and then it will be reported as a recommendation to Council. There will be three (3) advertisements for Planning and Zoning and then there will be three (3) advertisements for the Council, the Council will hold its hearing on it sometime after January the 24th. He further explained that on January the 9th, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a hearing on it and make a recommendation to the Council.

The chair asked if the original motion needed to be reworded?

Councilman John Mangus asked Mr. Irving if what he was saying was that the Council does not have to send it to the ordinance committee, it can just be introduced?

Mr. Irving stated that there are state statutes that apply to these things and so you follow the procedure in the state statutes and the ordinance committee is not in the state statutes, and the state

statutes say that Planning and Zoning consider it, and makes a recommendation to the Council. He further advised that there are detailed hearing requirements.

Councilman John Mangus stated that the motion is that the Council will introduce the ordinance that evening, and it will go to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Irving added that they will hear it on the 9th of January and all ads will be tied to each other so that it is all advertised correctly.

The chair added that it will then come to the Council, because they will be meeting after the Planning and Zoning Commission on the 9th.

Councilman Joe Erdey questioned if they were okay with the timelines because there was so much mixed up in there?

Mr. Irving stated that the timeline on this is very, very tight. He advised that they figured out a timeline that will meet the requirements of the state statute and get the zoning law in place in time for the end of the moratorium. He explained that the timeline was to have the ordinance introduced at that evening's Council meeting, then it will be advertised on the 12th, the 19th and the 26th which will meet the requirements for the Planning Commission to hear it on the 9th. The Planning Commission will hear it on the 9th and make a recommendation. He stated that what they were going to do since it has already been introduced, the advertising of the Council hearing will actually start on the 9th too, and it will be in the paper on the 9th, the 16th, and the 23rd and then the Council can hold its hearing as soon after that, if it so wishes. They will have complied with all of the requirements at that time.

Public input: Brian Clemmons: advised that Planning will be meeting on both January 8 and January 9th. One is a Planning meeting and one is a zoning meeting.

Jim Gilbert, Parish Chief of Staff for the Parish President: explained that there were two (2) groups meeting, the Master plan committee and a drainage master plan committee

The chair was asked to clarify the motion. He stated the motion was to introduce the ordinance with the intention that it will go to the Zoning commission, picked up for their approval or modifications and then also go through an ordinance committee and be set up for adoption on January 9th.

Councilman Mangus stated that according to Mr. Irving, it does not have to go to the ordinance committee. The chair advised that it does not have to go to the ordinance committee, but it would be for the benefit of those who wish for it to go to the ordinance committee.

The Council clerk wished to clarify that on January 9th, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. the Council would be conducting their public hearing and the Planning and Zoning Commission will meeting at five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on January 9th. Mr. Irving will be handling the publication in the Official Journal.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur requested that they please do not bring these like this anymore because this was incredibly taxing on the Council and not fair to them.

The chair asked the Council clerk to call for the vote.

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-34

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II – "STUDIES" SECTION(S) 125-26 AND 125-27, TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE INCLUSION AND ADOPTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL

LPR NO. 24-430

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff introduce the ordinance with the intention that it will go to the Zoning commission, picked up for their approval or modifications and then also go through an ordinance committee and be set up for adoption on January 9th. This ordinance will be published by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the

legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 9, 2025 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that he wished to piggyback off of what Councilwoman Sandefur stated earlier to their planning people, to their attorneys, they cannot operate this way. He advised that he cannot operate on last minute stuff and it happens to them all of the time. He further advised that he did not care what kind of ordinance that it was, if it's an emergency, whatever the case may be, he will not support it unless it has gone through the ordinance committee. He advised that he could not do this every time just because they were in a time crunch and further stated that this was unacceptable.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Introduction of Ordinance: Rescind and Reenact Chapter 117, "Zoning", which will include the adoption of new parish zoning maps and the adoption of zoning maps for Council districts which do not presently have zoning maps", and called upon Mr. Steve Irving.

Mr. Irving advised that this was a very lengthy ordinance and the reason that it is so long, is because there have been legal challenges to zoning in the past, and some of the legal challenges have challenged the way that they original zoning ordinance was adopted. He stated that the plan here was regardless of whether it has changed or not, they would be readopting the language, even if it is not changed, to eliminate accusations that it had not been done correctly.

Mr. Jerome Fournier addressed the Council members to explain the changes that have been incorporated into this document.

Councilman Ricky Goff asked Mr. Fournier, with the time restraints that you have, and to meet the restraints of the Council, if the Council wished to extend the moratorium, is it possible to help their timeline and to meet the Council's guidelines, if they extend the moratorium by three (3) months? He asked if that would benefit Mr. Fournier and the process of getting a good, quality, finished product?

Mr. Fournier advised yes.

Councilman Goff wished to make a motion that the Council put the moratorium on the next agenda to extend it for three (3) months, to give them the time that they need.

Mr. Irving wished to give clear instruction. He stated that this proposed ordinance gets introduced that evening as it exists, it gets referred to Planning and Zoning, they go through the hearing process on January the 9th. After that, at its discretion, the Council can pick the day that they want to take up the ordinance.

There was a very lengthy discussion.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to make a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance and also put the introduction of an extension of the moratorium on the next agenda, send it through the process of the Planning and Zoning Commission, through the ordinance committee and then to be set for adoption on January the 9th.

Mr. Irving interjected and stated that would not be following the timeline.

There was a very lengthy discussion.

Councilman Goff’s motion was to introduce the proposed ordinance at that evening’s meeting, send it to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their meeting on January 9th, set up an ordinance committee meeting to discuss and “digest” the ordinance and set the public hearing on February 27, 2025 at six o’clock (6:00) p.m.

Public input: Sarah Phares: member of the Livingston Parish Planning and Zoning Commission; asked for clarification of dates
Brian Clemmons: member of the Livingston Parish Planning and Zoning Commission
Ralph Philpot: resident in Watson, owner of seventeen acres of land
Bobbette Larkey: resident of Livingston

LIVINGSTON PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 24-35

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 117 OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH CODE RELATED TO ZONING OF LAND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL ZONING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS, TO ENACT ZONING MAPS FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS WHICH DO NOT HAVE ZONING MAPS, TO AMEND AND REENACT ZONING MAPS FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ZONING MAPS, TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARISH ZONING PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR NONCONFORMING USES AND REQUIRE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, CREATE A ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR LANDFILLS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR WAIVERS.

LPR NO. 24-431

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to introduce the ordinance with the intention that it will go to the Zoning commission on January 9, 2025, picked up for their approval or modifications and then also go through an ordinance committee. This ordinance will be published by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 27, 2025 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, “Introduction of Ordinance: Amending Chapter 125, “Subdivision Regulations” to amend the Land Development Code”, and called upon Mr. Steve Irving

The chair stated that a motion to introduce and send to the Planning Commission on January 9th and will come up for public hearing on February 27th was needed.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-36

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 “SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS” OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH CODE TO ADD SECTION 125-2 (d) TO SPECIFY THE CLASSIFICATION AND APPLICABLE PROCEDURE FOR CLASSIFICATIONS OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS AND ALSO ADD SECTION 125-181 TO PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF MOBILE HOMES ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS.

LPR NO. 24-432

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to introduce the ordinance with the intention that it will go to the Zoning commission on January 9, 2025, picked up for their approval or modifications and then also go through an ordinance committee. This ordinance will be published by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 27, 2025 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, “Introduction of Ordinance: Amending Chapter 115, “Floods”, updating procedures”, and called upon Mr. Steve Irving.

This item was pulled and no action was taken.

The chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17a, “Grants Department: Introduction of Ordinance: An ordinance to acquire immovable property for the Parish of Livingston pursuant to the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Project Number EMT-2022-FM-003-0003 – Livingston Parish: Jerry M. Pace, 7597 Denham Drive, Denham Springs, La 70726”, and called upon Ms. Heather Crain.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-37

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER EMT-2022-FM-003-0003-LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner: Jerry M. Pace
Address: 7597 Denham Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Appraised Value: \$250,000.00
Amount Offered: \$187,500.00 (75% of Appraised Value)
Legal Description: Lot L, Denham North Subdivision

LPR NO. 24-433

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, December 19, 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17b, “Grants Department: Adopt a resolution authorizing the parish president to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and McLin Construction, LLC, the responsible low bidder for the ARPA funded New Animal Control Center Project”.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to make the motion and Councilman John Mangus made the second.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that they did not have the contract, so she wished to make a substitute motion to defer this to the next meeting.

Ms. Heather Crain advised that there was no contract. The Council was voting for the Parish President to enter into the contract. She further explained that once the Council approves this and adopts the resolution, they will provide the contract documents to the Parish for signature and she can send it to them at that point.

She called upon Mr. David Mougeot, of Mougeot Architecture, who is the architect for the New Animal Control Center for Livingston Parish.

Mr. Mougeot explained that they would be doing an AIA contract, which is a standard contract. The action that needed to be taken that evening would be to award the contract, which is a state bid requirement, whereby awarding it to the low bidder. Mr. Jim Gilbert concurred, and advised that it is a standard contract and it goes to Mr. Moody and Mr. Cascio for their review.

Mr. Brad Cascio also concurred that it was a standard contract. Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she would like the contract to come back to the Council with the approval of the Parish’s legal advisor.

Councilwoman Sandefur wished to withdraw her substitute motion.

The chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 24-434

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to approve the recommendation to accept the lowest bid received from McLin Construction, License No. 42839, in the amount of bid of three million one hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$3,185,000.00) and Alternate 1 in the amount of seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000.00) for a total of three million two hundred sixty three thousand dollars (\$3,263,000.00) authorizing the Parish President to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and McLin Construction, LLC for the ARPA funded New Animal Control Center Project.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Adopt a resolution to ask DPW to blade Scooter Lane in Council District 9 – Joseph “Joe” Erdey”.

Councilman Erdey advised that this had been taken care of and no action was needed. Having no discussion, the chair then moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19, “Adopt a resolution to hire Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian to come assist the Livingston Parish Council at the first three (3) meetings of the 2025 year – Erin Sandefur”.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur explained that Ms. Nicole Learson was the professional parliamentarian that had come earlier that year for an educational session with the Council members. Councilwoman Sandefur contacted her about coming back and Ms. Learson put together a proposal to be in attendance for the first three (3) meetings of the new year. The price of her services would be nine hundred eighty dollars (\$980.00). The implementation of her services would be included for two (2) Council meetings in the month of January, as well as, two (2) in February, her review of government documents and the Open Meetings Law, one (1) hour prep meeting with staff and the chair, if they wanted that, the meeting script, one (1) hour post meeting and report if they so wish, and free phone and email support.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur wished to make a motion to hire Nicole Learson. Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he wished to second that motion.

The chair asked if there were any discussion.

Public input: Bobbette Larkey, resident of Livingston, LA
Abby Crosby, Library Board of Control member

LPR NO. 24-435

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to hire Ms. Nicole Learson for parliamentarian services for the months of January and February 2025.

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

YEAS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. ERDEY

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, “Adopt a resolution to hire Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian to help Council employees update Meeting Policy and Procedure – Erin Sandefur”.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she wished to pull this agenda item.

The chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21a, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appoint a member to the Library Board of Control – Ryan Chavers”.

Councilman Ryan Chavers advised that he wished to appoint Ms. Tori Hymel to the Library Board of Control.

Public input: Clark Forrest, former member of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control
Bridgette Rushing Gilbert, former member of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control
Brian ??? inaudible ???
Trey Cowell, resident of Kitchen Road

LPR NO. 24-436

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to appoint Tori Hymel (Council District 2) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to replace the vacancy left by the removal of Francine Smith (Council District 2) and to serve the remainder of the five (5) year term that will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 5, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 22, “Discussion of Beaver Trapper/Dam in Council District 9 – Joseph “Joe” Erdey”.

Councilman Erdey asked for Mr. Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director, to come to the podium.

Councilman Erdey discussed pricing of beaver trapping and removal. Mr. McMorris advised that Mr. Kenny Housley from the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works could address this agenda item.

Mr. Kenny Housley came to the podium and advised there could be licensed trappers employed with the Parish. He asked if Councilman Erdey would allow Administration to get back with him on this issue as soon as they could.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23a, “Committee Report(s): Finance Committee”, and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that they did not meet.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23b, “Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)”, and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that they would be having the next ordinance committee meeting on December 17, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24, “District Attorney’s Report” and called upon Mr. Brad Cascio. Mr. Cascio stated that there was not a legal report to present to the Council members that evening, but he would like to make mention of the proposed ordinance that had been introduced earlier in the meeting concerning flood requirements. He stated that if that could save the people of this parish that much money, it needed to go through sooner than later.

Councilman Ryan Chavers requested to make a comment before adjourning the meeting. He stated that he hoped that everyone had a very, merry, Charlie Brown Christmas!

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur wished to remind everyone to not forget to go vote on Saturday morning, as December 7th was election day.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until they would meet at the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-437

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to adjourn the December 5, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

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=_GfK0DibZ9U

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

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

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