

**MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by the Council Chairman at 6:00 p.m. followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL - present: Jason Zuckerman, Jill McGuire, Rick Danielson, Skelly Kreller, Rebecca Bush

Also present: Keith LaGrange, PW Director, Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Mayor Madden,

MINUTES:

Adoption of the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Danielson announced Monday, July 3rd will be the Light Up the Lake. The day is open for picnicking on the Lakefront, bands start at 6pm with fireworks around 8:30pm. Tuesday, July 4th City Hall will be closed.

Mr. Danielson wanted to give an update on the Sucette development. The developer has contacted Mr. Danielson and is working on some revisions to the project. This will take a bit of time, so he asked if we could move the next meeting. Mr. Danielson wanted to announce the Thursday, June 29th Sucette meeting has been moved to Wednesday, July 5th. This will give the developer time to make all his changes. The Council is also still scheduled to have another Sucette meeting on Wednesday, July 12th and we have a regular Council meeting on July 13th.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Code Enforcement Update. The mayor gave an update on code enforcement. Since COVID, the number of investigations has increased. He explained the city has become more proactive instead of reactive. Mr. Mathews, retired at the end of May and the mayor has decided to hire a full-time code enforcement officer from the Police Department. An existing officer will take the place and have a flexible schedule. The mayor will add another police officer in the upcoming budget. He also explained you can appeal a code violation to the Planning & Zoning office. Dr. Kreller asked if the code enforcement officer will be paid police pay or code enforcement pay? The mayor stated they will be paid their police salary because they will still be a working police officer. They will not have overtime. Dr. Kreller asked if the SROs are used as code enforcement officers in the summer? The mayor stated no, but they will be used as a temporary measure until a code enforcement officer is chosen. D. Kreller asked if Cpt. Miazza will still have a role? The mayor stated Cal will filter the emails and determine if it is a police violation or a code violation. Dr. Kreller agrees enforcement is needed full time but is concerned about

the pay difference between what we paid Mr. Mathews and now a police officer. He asked if we have a breakdown of the enforcement complaints via categories? How many signs complaints, noise, etc. The mayor explained no, they just have a file on the number of calls. Dr. Kreller thought a breakdown would be useful. Ms. Janet Fabre Smith likes the appeal process but felt there were many issues that Mr. Mathews did not address especially window signs. She was not aware the mayor had put a freeze on that enforcement and even the P&Z commission was not aware according to the meetings she attended.

2. Approval of the liquor license for Loft 18 Mandeville to be located at 1619 N. Causeway Blvd. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Dr. Kreller explained they have all their paperwork in order and plan to open in a few weeks. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING (DOTD) FOR MOWING AND LITTER PICKUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Danielson stated this is the annual contract agreement between the city and DOTD. The state reimburses the city \$10,141 per year. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed 5-0

4. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-24; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE APPOINTING A COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR THE MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson explained this is the annual change of the chairman among the two at-large seats. Mr. Zuckerman stated he and Mr. Danielson agreed he will take over the chairmanship at the July 13th meeting which is the first regular meeting of the Council. Mr. Danielson will remain chair until the Sucette process is completed for consistency purposes. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed 5-0

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-26; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE FLORIDA STREET LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2 CONTRACT, CITY PROJECT NO. 211.23.006 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER ROTOLO CONSULTANTS, INC. AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson explained this is the second phase of the Florida Street project. Rotolo is based out of Slidell, and they were the only bidder and

a qualified bidder. Mr. Danielson made a motion to amend the resolution to state “one bid” was received; seconded by Dr. Kreller. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the amendment passed 5-0. Dr. Kreller asked if we only received one bid do we need to rebid? Mrs. Sconzert explained the only reason this went to bid was because the materials were higher than the threshold. Mr. Zuckerman asked if we are in line with the pricing of phase 1? Ms. Bartholomew stated yes, the pricing is in line with phase 1. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the amendment passed 5-0.

6. Introduction and Discussion of Ordinance No. 23-22; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(B) AND (C) OF THE 1974 LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705 (B) (1) AND (2). A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson explained this is only an introduction, but he wanted to make sure to let residents know this is not going to increase property taxes. There are 3 mills for a total of 8.86 which have been in place since 2018. The mayor stated the change in police mills does not affect the Police Department operations. Mr. Danielson stated this will be discussed and voted upon at our next meeting.

7. Introduction of Ordinance No. 23-23; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SQUARES 91 AND 92, TOWN OF MANDEVILLE, BOUNDED BY FLORIDA STREET, MONTGOMERY ST., SOULT ST., AND LOUVAL ST. MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson stated this will be discussed at our next meeting. Mrs. McGuire wanted to make sure this is for the full 13 acres. Mrs. Sconzert replied yes.

8. Introduction of Ordinance No. 23-24; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLOT 12X, PART OF TRACT C, TOWN OF MANDEVILLE, BOUNDED BY FLORIDA STREET, MONTGOMERY ST., SOULT ST., AND LOUVAL ST. MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson made a motion to delete Bounded by Florida St, Montgomery St., Soult St., and Louval St. from the title; seconded by Mrs. McGuire. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the amendment passed 5-0. Mr. Danielson stated this will be discussed and voted upon at our next meeting.

9. Introduction of ORDINANCE No. 23-25 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-17, THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and

seconded by Mr. Zuckerman. Mr. Danielson stated this adjustment is for the Wastewater Treatment Facility for the sludge removal process. This will be discussed and voted upon at our next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Paul Branch is pleased with the progress in Neighborwoods but is still asking the city to lock the gates from dusk to dawn via an ordinance. The mayor explained he has discussed this with Chief and they do not want an ordinance to lock them in, they want flexibility. Asst. Chief Greenwood explained in the past 5 years they have had less than 100 reports and none of them were of high crime status.

Mr. Randy Bush introduced himself as a candidate for the Senate for district 37. This is a newly drawn district consisting of 3 parishes and 15,000 people. He would appreciate everyone's support and will fight for Mandeville.

FINANCE REPORT

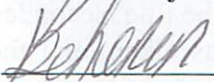
Mrs. Sides explained for the period ending May, gvt. Funds revenue collected is \$26 million (54% of budget), sales tax collections are \$16.3 million (83% of budget). Expenditures are \$15.5 million (75% of budget), enterprise revenue is 78% of budget. Mr. Zuckerman stated end of 3rd quarter we have \$25.7 mill in revenue and when you subtract other revenue, you get \$21.6 million. Taking out expense around \$20 mill we are on track for a surplus.

Dr. Kreller asked about the status of the white paper? Mrs. Sconzert explained she has received the initial findings and had some questions about conduct vs. message board ordinances. The topic is still in discussion with the attorneys. Dr. Kreller asked why did we pay someone if the city attorney is reviewing? Mrs. Sconzert explained she is just flushing things out; they are not going over the budgeted amount.

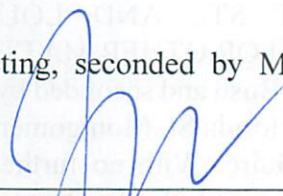
Dr. Kreller asked about the Old Golden Shores drainage study. He has heard there is a final. Mr. LaGrange explained so far, we have the modeling complete, they do not have actual designs. They will start downstream, so they are at the design of the outfall (phase 1). The second phase will be Esquinance to Copal, then Phase 3 will be Copal to Elm. The modeling and drainage study is done, but the designs of the sturdy are still pending. Dr. Kreller asked about the Briggs property. Are we going around it or expropriating? Mrs. Sconzert is working on options with the attorney and see if Briggs will contribute.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Danielson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Jason Zuckerman
Council Chairman