

**MINUTES
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2024**

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, Public Works Director, Mayor Madden, Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director

MINUTES:

Adoption of the March 14, 2024, 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:

The mayor announced the next four Friday Trailhead concerts, there are a lot of activities around Mandeville in the upcoming month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Approval of the re-appointment of Ambrose Amadee as commissioner to Fire Board District #4. A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire to defer the vote until April 25th to allow for more City of Mandeville applicants; seconded by Mr. Danielson. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the deferral passed 5-0. Mr. Danielson made a motion to extend the application deadline to Friday, April 12th; seconded by Mr. Zuckerman. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of the liquor license for Klearchos Holdings LLC, d/b/a Acropolis of Mandeville to be located at 1600 West Causeway Approach, Suite 1, Mandeville. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Dr. Kreller explained this is for a new Greek restaurant called Acropolis located on West Causeway where the old That's Amore Pizza was located. All their paperwork is in order. Mr. Richard Engel stated the restaurant is open and encourages everyone to visit. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the permit was approved 5-0.

3.Approval of the liquor license for 347 Girod, LLC to be located at 347 Girod St., Mandeville. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mrs. McGuire explained this is her property and the permit is for concession. The theatre had not been open in over 20 years and will open with the playing of Chicago on May 30th. There will be 4 shows a year. She also wanted to state she is recusing herself from this vote. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the permit was approved 4-0 (McGuire recused)

4. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for Light Up the Lake to be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 6pm with a rain date of July 4, 2024. To be located on the Mandeville Lakefront, stage at Coffee Street. Contingent upon ATC permit approval and Police & Public Works Detail. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mrs. McGuire explained this is the annual 4th of July event. There will be games, crafts, food trucks and

the annual firework display on the lake. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the permit was approved 5-05-0. Approval of the special event and liquor permit for the Mandeville Food Truck Festival to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 4-8pm at the Mandeville Lions Club, 720 Lafitte Street. Contingent upon ATC permit approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Jason Band explained this is the 3rd annual event. There will be 17-18 food trucks, face painting, crafts, etc. All proceeds will go to the La. Lions Eye Foundation and the La. Lions Children's Camp. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the permit was approved 5-0.

6. Approval of the special event liquor permit for the Miracle League Northshore Octoberfest to be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 11am – 3pm to be located at the Mandeville Trailhead. Contingent upon ATC permit approval and Police detail. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mrs. McGuire explained this is another annual event for a good cause, all paperwork is in order. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the revised resolution passed 5-0.

7. Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-06; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE MODIFYING ARTICLE III – FOWL AND RABBITS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mr. Danielson. Mr. Zuckerman explained this will be voted upon at the next meeting.

8. Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-07; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-27, THE OPERATIONS BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mr. Zuckerman explained this will be voted upon at the next meeting.

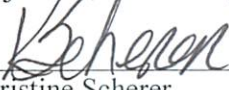
PUBLIC COMMENT: none

FINANCE REPORT:

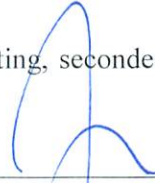
Mrs. Sides reviewed the financial report from February. Mr. Danielson asked in the audit they mentioned state and local funds of \$4.6 million had to be used by 12/31 or we could lose them. Has there been any discussion as to what the city will use this money towards? The mayor stated he will discuss this in the budget. Mr. Danielson asked why are the audit expenses so high, did we use them to outsource reporting? He would like a detail of the audit services for FY23 and FY24. Mrs. Sides stated they added new testing bases and some bills fell into the next fiscal year. Mr. Danielson asked for any update on the FEMA \$6.5 reimbursement. Mr. LaGrange explained \$3 million has been submitted and the remaining are projects which are being closed out in the system. He is not sure if this will roll into the next fiscal year. Mr. Danielson explained we are running way under in revenues and sales tax is tracking lower than budgeted. He asked about the actual yield for the city's investments. He was told several months ago an RFFP would be put out to compare rates, banks, etc. What is the status? When will be address this since we are now finishing the 7th month of the fiscal year. Mrs. Sides explained she will address this after the 6th month report and make changes at that point. She will address this in the next budget session in April. Mr. Danielson has questions regarding the expenses in legal fees, contract services, and emergency expenses. He also asked about the status of investment earning percentage. Mrs. Sides will get that information for him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bush. Mr. Zuckerman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Kristine Scherer
Council Clerk



Jason Zuckerman
Council Chairman