

**MINUTES  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 25 2020**

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:** Mike Pulaski, John Keller, Laure' Sica, Clay Madden

**Also present:** Mayor Villere, David deGeneres, Dir. Public Works, Louissette Scott, Dir. of Planning, Frank Oliveri, Finance Director. deShay Richardson, Asst. City Attorney

**Absent:** David Ellis

Mrs. Sica wanted to review how the meeting will work while complying with Governor Edwards's proclamation. We will essentially follow the same format as we do for our regular council meetings. After we introduce a topic, we will hear questions and comments from the council, we will then go to any emailed questions and then to live comments via the Q&A feature or the "raise your hand" feature on Zoom. The questions from the public will be acknowledged by the council clerk. Public comments and questions will be limited to 3 minutes, just as in a regular council meeting. The council clerk will notify you when your time is up. We will not vote on any legislation until the end of the meeting to allow for any additional comments.

**MINUTES:**

Adoption of the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pulaski and seconded by Mr. Keller to adopt the minutes of June 11, 2020. There being no further questions or comments, the motion passed 4-0.

**REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at 8:30 pm. Mrs. Sica explained tonight's meeting is in person so we can discuss millages and answer any questions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-11: 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, 2021 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

A motion was made by Mr. Pulaski, seconded by Mr. Keller. Mr. deGeneres explained the contract between the City and DOTD regarding grass cutting. With no further questions from the council or the audience, Mrs. Sica explained a vote will be taken at the end of the meeting.

2. Discussion and introduction of Ordinance No. 20-10: 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 2020 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 Mr. Pulaski and seconded by Mr. Keller. Mrs. Sica explained the administration is recommending a slight decrease in the property mills. This is a

reassessment year and property values are expected to see an increase. She encouraged everyone to look at their assessments and call the assessors office if they have any questions. This will be up for discussion at subsequent meeting and will be voted upon at a later date. With no further questions from the council or the audience, Mrs. Sica explained a vote will be taken at the end of the meeting.

4. Discussion of Oath signing dates for Council and Mayor.

Mrs. Sica explained based upon information from legal, the earliest oath signing date for the new council would be July 22nd and if there was a run off date for mayor, it would be August 26<sup>th</sup>. She proposed these dates for the new council and mayor to take office. Mr. Keller agrees everyone should be sworn in as soon as possible. Rebecca Bush ran unopposed and she will take office July 1<sup>st</sup>. The mayor explained there is a 9 day waiting period after the election for disputes so this would align with that period. Mrs. Sica stated this is the date recommended by the City attorney. With no further questions from the council or the audience, Mrs. Sica explained a vote will be taken at the end of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Becky Rohrbough wanted to thank the council for their hard work and efforts during the last 4 years. She feels they have set a good example of how a council meeting should operate and how well they have related to each other and their constituents. They have been able to discuss opposing opinions with each other in a respectful manner. She also appreciated the preservation effort from the council and administration.

Mr. Craig Toomey discussed some drainage issues he has on Sandra Lee Dr. Mr. deGeneres is aware of the problem and has some of the concerns addressed on a work order. Public works is currently working in the area and will see after the culverts are cleaned out if new culverts would need to be installed.

Mr. Clarence Washington wanted to request the culverts to be cleaned on Kleber and Avenue A. He thanked Mrs. Sica for her efforts and there is a work order with Public Works which should be done in a few months.

Mr. Deano expressed his concerns regarding the misrepresentation of the Green Fund and its mission. He feels it is personal and wanted to defend his position.

**Vote on Resolution No. 20-11:**

Mrs. Sica asked if there were any more questions regarding Resolution NO. 20-11. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken and the resolution passed 4-0.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

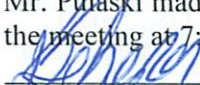
Mr. Oliveri reviewed the financials and reminded the council of the sales tax renewal proposition which is on the August 15<sup>th</sup> ballot. This would account for \$2.4 million in the general fund.

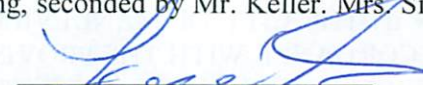
**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS (STATUS REPORT):**

Mr. deGeneres reviewed the project report presented to the council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Pulaski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Keller. Mrs. Sica adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.

  
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Kristine Scherer  
Council Clerk

  
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Lauré Sica  
Council Chairman