

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, January 09, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 09, 2017, in the Council Room at City Hall, 419 Avenue A, Westwego, Louisiana.

There were present:

Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr.
District 1 Councilman Glenn Green, Sr.
District 2 Councilman Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 3 Councilman Norman J. Fonseca
District 4 Councilman Garrison J. Toups
District 5 Councilman Larry J. Warino, Sr.
City Clerk Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr.
City Attorney Joel A. Levy
Police Chief Dwayne J. Munch, Sr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaddinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the invocation.

INVOCATION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Jay Adkins, of the First Baptist Church of Westwego, led the assembly in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in honor of the deceased members of our community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Betty Landry led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

MEL MULLER – 225 FOURTH STREET

Mel Muller addressed the council to discuss a two year inspection sticker (brake tags) by month.

A discussion followed.

Mayor Shaddinger entertained a motion to adopt a two year brake tag by month.

MOVED by Councilman Toups, and seconded by Councilman Green, to adopt a two year brake tag by month.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

COURTNEY WATTS REYES – 916 EIGHTH STREET

Courtney Reyes addressed the City Council to announce her candidacy for Council in District 5.

RYAN DAUL – DAUL INSURANCE

Ryan Daul addressed the City Council to state the renewal for the city's General Liability, Workmen's Comp, Police Professional and Public Officials on January 31st. We do not have the renewal quotes in but we are waiting on two more quotes.

Mayor Shaddinger entertained a motion for once the quotes come in to proceed with signing the contract.

MOVED, and seconded, by All Councilmen, present to proceed with signing the contract once the quotes come in.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

WESTWEGO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BETTY G. LANDRY

Westwego Historic District Commission Chairman Betty G. Landry addressed the City Council to discuss her Quarterly Reports. Ms. Landry also announced that Air Systems Fabricator moved out of the city.

LESLY BARAHONA – 915 AVENUE D

Lesly Barahona left and the City Attorney Joel Levy spoke on behalf of Lesly Barahona to approve a Home Occupational License for mail and phone purposes only to operate L.B. Dairies & Fashions located at 915 Avenue D.

Mayor Shaddinger requested for Lesly Barahona to come to the next city meeting to request the Home Occupational License.

LAUREN HINOJOSA – 1445 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY

Lauren Hinojosa addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License to operate 3D Me NOLA located at 1445 Westbank Expressway .

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Warino, to approve Occupational License to operate 3D Me NOLA located at 1445 Westbank Expressway, subject to all state, parish, and city requirements for such.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

JOHNNIE LYNN THIBODEAUX – 717 AVENUE D

Johnnie Thibodeaux addressed the City Council to announce her candidacy for Council in District 5.

MICHAEL HYMEL – 1132 BARBE DRIVE

Michael Hymel addressed the City Council to announce his candidacy for Council in District 3.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Shaddinger asked the Council to waive the fee for the use of the park for a cancer benefit that will be held for twelve year old Dylan Gaubert.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Green, to waive the fee for the use of the park for a cancer benefit that will be held for twelve year old Dylan Gaubert.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups ABSTAINED: Warino

Councilman Green announced he is seeking reelection for Councilman in District 1 and is retired from Law Enforcement and District Attorney's Office and will be a full time Councilman.

Councilman Nobles announced he is seeking a second term reelection for Councilman in District 2 and will retire from American National Insurance in May.

Councilman Fonseca announced he is seeking a second term reelection for Councilman in District 3.

Mayor Shaddinger announced he is seeking reelection for Mayor.

Councilman Toups announced he is seeking reelection for Councilman in District 4.

Councilman Green Amended the Agenda to discuss the Jones/Christian Playground.

MOVED by Councilman Green, and seconded by Councilman Nobles, to discuss the Jones/Christian Playground.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

Councilman Green stated this is not political and I have shopped around for someone to do the work at the playground and the cheapest most reasonable price was Joe Peoples. Mr. Peoples is a business man and I have a limited amount of money and he wants to do the work for me and I would like to let him do it. If there are any problems with this please let me know now.

A discussion followed.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief Building Official Leslie "Skip" Lombas, Jr. submitted his written report.

Chief of Police Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. submitted his written report.

Fire Chief Ryan P. Guidroz submitted his written report.

EMS Director Joseph J. Aldor, Jr. submitted his written report.

City Superintendent Robert J. Utley nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Nobles asked EMS Director Aldor if secondary ambulance will stay active.

EMS Director Aldor stated we are not consistently getting enough runs for it.

Councilman Nobles stated he would like to keep it going.

EMS Director Aldor discussed the need of a defibrillating monitor costing thirty-seven thousand dollars.

Mayor Shaddinger entertained a motion to purchase a defibrillator monitor for EMS.

MOVED by Councilman Green, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to purchase a defibrillator monitor for EMS.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

Superintendent of Water & Waste Water Treatment Paul J. Bernard nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Warino asked Superintendent Paul if he had any information regarding the sewer smoke testing.

A discussion followed.

Senior Center Coordinator Brant Fonseca submitted his written report.

Mayor Shaddinger recognized Mechanical Inspector Tommy Baxter and Plumber Inspector Earl Dufrene thanked them.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Regular Session of Monday, November 14, 2016

Tabled by Councilman Warino.

Regular Session of Monday, December 12, 2016

Tabled by Councilman Warino.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The City Clerk read aloud the following resolution for adoption:

Offered by Councilman Green:

RESOLUTION 2017-01(A)

A resolution for release of State Fire Marshal from responsibility or liability for those inspections performed by the Westwego Fire Prevention Bureau within the City of Westwego.

MOVED by Councilman Nobles, and seconded by Councilman Green, to open for discussion.

A discussion followed.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no ordinance for consideration.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

There was no ordinance for adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

1. (JIS) Utility Bill Adjustments

MOVED by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Fonseca, to approve the Utility Billing Adjustments as recommended.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

2. (JIS) City Hall

Mayor Shaddinger stated we are still working through our punch list with the contractors and they will be working for the next few weeks.

A discussion followed.

3. (JIS) Emergency Preparedness Building

Mayor Shaddinger asked contractor from CBI Hamid Alizadeh to step forward to discuss this project.

Hamid stated the pre-bid will be held tomorrow at the Police Chief's office and two weeks from tomorrow which will be January 24th we will have the bid opening at two o'clock.

A discussion followed.

4. (NJF) Building Inspectors

Councilman Fonseca discussed the fifty dollar raise a month for the inspectors.

MOVED by Councilman Fonseca, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to discuss the fifty dollar raise a month for the inspectors.

Councilman Toups suggested a sixty dollar a month increase since the employees received a six percent increase.

Councilman Nobles asked which inspectors will receive this increase.

Mayor Shaddinger replied with the Plumbing Inspector, Mechanical Inspector and the Chief Building Official.

Mayor Shaddinger entertained a motion for a sixty dollar a month increase for the Plumbing Inspector, Mechanical Inspector and the Chief Building Official.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups ABSTAINED: Warino

The motion passed for the Plumbing Inspector, Mechanical Inspector and the Chief Building Official to receive a sixty dollar a month increase.

Councilman Warino asked if Chief Building Official Lombas gave a certificate of occupancy.

Chief Building Official Lombas stated he did not sign the certificate of occupancy and is waiting on State Fire Marshal.

Fire Chief Ryan P. Guidroz stated there were problems that have been resolved so the State Fire Marshal did release the building.

NEW BUSINESS

1. (JSN) Door to Front Window at New City Hall

Tabled by Councilman Nobles.

Mayor Shaddinger recognized and knowledge State Representative Robert Billiot.

ADJOURN

MOVED, and seconded, by All Councilmen, present to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., Monday, January 09, 2017.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr., City Clerk

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