

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mrs. Gage-Watts, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cawthorne, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Middleton.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Jon Glover stated that the City of Shreveport cut its funding for the crossing guards by \$75,000. She said that the School Board has rejected taking over those responsibilities. Ms. Glover ask that the Caddo Parish Commission cover that cost.

Ms. Irma Rogers provided copies of the revised budget for the Zeta Phi Beta. She said that they are expecting international ambassadors, as well as the regional ambassadors to attend this event.

VISITORS

- Mr. Michael Busada, Butler/Snow
Presentation regarding government bonds

Mr. Busada stated that they were able to close the deal on the Pine Hill Waterworks District. They were also able to save the rate payers in that district some money.

He also said that the bond regulations have recently changed. Butler/Snow will be conducting a seminar in the near future regarding these changes. Mr. Busada also explained one of the main concerns with the federal regulators is to protect the citizens and public bodies within the municipal markets. Before 2008, nobody paid attention to the municipal markets. After the crash in 2008, people noticed that several municipalities and taxpayers were "left holding the bag". As of two months ago, they passed two disclosure regulations (15c2-12 regulations), which means that if certain events happens, all municipalities have 10 days to report those events to the Federal Government through the MSRB system.

Mr. Busada also introduced one of their partners, Trey Harriston, who previously worked for the Governor of Mississippi. He toted Mr. Harriston as an "economic guru".

Mr. Trey Harriston stated that they are excited about growing in this area. He also pointed out that Butler/Snow is currently the only nationally ranked bond counseling firms in Louisiana.

Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Busada and Mr. Harriston for coming to the Commission today. He would like to set up a workshop to learn more about bonds and opportunity zones.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that the Juvenile Justice Committee met today regarding the Raise the Age Act. She said that the Mr. Walker and the Juvenile Judges are working diligently to reduce the juvenile population in the detention center by working with the local law enforcement agencies. The Committee will reconvene on June 17 at 2:00 p.m. for additional discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Louis Johnson, *that Zoning Case P-8-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5882 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located at the northeast corner of Acorn Street and Womack Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture zoning district to R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision Zoning District* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked for more clarification regarding this ordinance. Mr. Alan Clark, MPC, stated that the MPC voted 6-0 to deny the application after the staff recommended to approve it. The applicant is requesting to rezone approximately 1.5 acres and subdivide it into three lots, so that two additional mobile homes can be placed on those lots.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon

B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Linn (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 5883 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$55,976 to increase appropriation for the Pine Hill Road Bridge* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Linn (3). ABSTAIN: None (3).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 5884 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Atkins stated that Ms. Rogers explained that there was erroneous figures in the first economic impact study that was provided. She expects there to be a higher economic impact based on the correct figures in the revised study.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Smith (9). NAYS: Commissioner Middleton (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019, to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-182, Schedule A, Speed Limits, on Calumet Drive* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and move the following items to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019, to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-182, Schedule A, Speed Limits, on Calumet Drive*
- *Resolution No. 43 of 2019, approving the issuance of not exceeding four million twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$4,029,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, and other matters in connection therewith*
- *Resolution No. 44 of 2019, urging and requesting Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals and Department of Environmental Quality to test the water from Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou (before it gets into Red River) for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances*
- *Resolution No. 45 of 2019, declaring June 14, 2019 as Flag Day and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 46 of 2019, proclaiming 'ATV Safety Week' in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 48 of 2019, supporting the appointments of Caddo Parish Commissioners to Policies & Steering Committees, Caucuses, and Board of Directors to the National Association of County Officials*
- *Resolution No. 49 of 2019, proclaiming June as "National PTSD Awareness Month" in Caddo Parish*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson talked about Resolution No. 44 of 2019. He explained that most municipalities do not test for these chemicals. The municipalities that do test for these chemicals and discover that they are in the water supply also noticed a higher cancer rate. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou be tested due to the heavy rain and the landfill sitting in their watersheds.

Mr. Louis Johnson wanted to know if the water department already tests for these chemicals. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that they do not.

Mr. Jackson stated that the landfill expanded without permission close to the water source. Mr. Clark said that they were abutting the water treatment center and were beginning to expand. Mr. Clark said that there was some underground contamination. Mr. Jackson believes that it would be in good conscience to get the water tested due to those factors as well.

Mr. Dominick talked about Resolution No. 43 of 2019. He said that this resolution is to refinance the bonds for the North Caddo Hospital District.

Ms. Helen Godfrey stated that they are saving the taxpayers over \$205,000. Mr. Grant Schlueter further explained that this is a refinancing of 2013 bond issue. There is no debt extension. They are simply reducing the annual payments and reducing the interest rates from 4.5% to 3.65%. They are also freeing up the Reserve Fund. Mr. Dominick thanked Ms. Godfrey and the other board members for all of their hard work with the hospital.

Answering a question from Mr. Atkins regarding the amortization, Mr. Schlueter stated that they did not. They asked the original bank who owned the bonds for a reduced interest rate, but that bank did not respond favorably. They sought out another bank who agreed on a lower interest rate.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 5886 of 2019, to amend and re-enact Chapter 19, Article II, Division 3 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances to modify requirements for adjudicated property donation and to provide otherwise with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Jackson stated that he is working with the Legal Department to review it further and working on the ordinance.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Resolution No. 47 of 2019, urging and requesting the City of Shreveport to enact a moratorium on issuing permits for payday loan shops and pawn shops* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Jackson stated the he does not want neighborhoods preyed upon by pawn shops and payday lending places. He said that this resolution is asking the City of Shreveport to "hold off" on issuing permits to payday loan and pawn shops establishments at this time.

Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know the length of time for the moratorium. Mr. Jackson said that he did not specify a specific amount of time.

Mr. Chavez applauded Mr. Jackson for wanting to help the people in his district, but he personally believes that education will fix this issue.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that the payday loans and pawn shops are in all of the districts. Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding zoning of these types of institutions, Mr. Clark said that these are considered financial institutions, so the same requirements for banks are required for these types of properties.

Mr. Louis Johnson asked for more clarification regarding this resolution. Attorney Frazier explained that this resolution is to urge the City Council to enact a moratorium, but it would be up to them. She also said that if the moratorium is enacted, no permits would be issued for these types of establishments.

Mr. Atkins respects the position from which this is being made, but he has an issue enacting a moratorium on any industry. He will not be supporting this resolution.

Mr. Dominick cautioned that this could lead to other industries. He also said that he does not like to "tell the City of Shreveport what to do". Mr. Middleton understands the intent of this resolution, but does not want to tell the City what to do either.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if a moratorium has been enacted on payday loan establishments in the past. Mr. Clark does not recall if there was, but the UDC put restrictions on where

they are located, i.e. they cannot be located within 500 or 1,000 feet of a residence, etc. Mr. Jackson would like this to be advanced to Thursday.

Mrs. Gage-Watts reiterated that there are guidelines in the UDC to eliminate the proliferation of payday loan institutions.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Cawthorne, Jackson, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (4). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, and Middleton (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Smith (1).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to review proposals submitted for selection of the Official Journal for Regular Session for the Parish of Caddo for the year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020* to be moved to Thursday's agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's Regular Session:*

- *Special Recognition of 75th D-Day Anniversary and World War II Veterans*
- *Special Commendation & Recognition to Ms. Jalynn Pickens*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation to retiring Assistant Parish Administrator Randy M. Lucky*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition recognizing Ms. Tonnie Johnson*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance to Ashley Mitchell-Carter*

Mr. Middleton asked the Commissioners to invite anyone who was alive during WWII or any veterans who fought during WWII.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Chavez offered condolences to the victims of the shooting that happened on Blom in Southern Hills. He also applauded Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson for attending the conference in Detroit and learning about the chemicals in the water and bringing it back to Caddo Parish.

He also announced that Flag Day is June 14. He suggested that everyone proudly display their American flags on their house. Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that Barksdale FCU is giving away free flags.

- Dr. Wilson thanked all those who attended Mr. Lucky's retirement celebrations.

Mr. Schlueter announced that Caddo Parish Commission is the only entity in the State of Louisiana to attain an AAA Bond Rating.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that the Juvenile Services Department will host a Health, Wellness, and Information Fair on Saturday, June 8 at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds Ag Building from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

There will also be a Human Trafficking Summit on June 27-28 at LSUS. Mrs. Donna Bel Edwards will be the keynote speaker for that conference.

- Mr. Middleton pointed out that there are flag boxes in the Government Plaza lobby for proper disposal of any old and tattered flags.

- Mr. Jackson asked for an update on the issue of nutria rats at the Duck Pond. Dr. Wilson said that it will cost approximately \$37,000 to eradicate the problem.

He also announced that the Law School passed the Senate. He will provide more details as they come.

- Mr. Atkins stated that the Caddo Parish Commission's AAA Bond Rating is a testament to the Administration, Finance, and Commissioners' hard work and finance discipline.
- Mr. Cawthorne stated that Carrs, Riggs, & Ingram conducted an Opportunity Zones seminar. He said that it was well attended with good dialogue.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson wanted to know what is going on with the flowerbed in front of Government Plaza. Dr. Wilson stated that the City is enhancing the curb appeal. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson wanted to know if the Commission will be paying for any of the improvements. Dr. Wilson stated that they have not reached out to him thus far.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 5879 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case 19-300-P, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner of Williamson Way and Union Pacific Line from R-E, Residential Estate District to I-1, Light Industrial District*
- *Ordinance No. 5880 of 2019, amending Section 30-52 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Regulation of Non-Industrial Waste, Garbage, and Junk, to include property in violation of Chapter 30, Article II, Dilapidated & Dangerous Buildings and Structures*
- *Ordinance No. 5881 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for the Small Business Development Center*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

/s/ Todd A. Hopkins
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Commission Clerk