

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2019

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Atkins, and Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Recognition of D-Day Anniversary & WWII Veterans* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Chavez, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Middleton showed a video in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. He encourage all people to thank a Veteran for their service.

It was **moved by Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Commendation to Ms. Jalynn Pickens* be postponed. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Chavez, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Special Resolution of Recognition recognizing Ms. Tonnie Johnson*.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Dr. Johnson for all that she does in the community and congratulated her on her attainment. Mr. Cawthorne also commended Dr. Johnson on all of her hard work in the community. He also believes in "giving flowers to individuals while they're still living".

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

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
DR. TONNIE J. JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with interest and satisfaction the significant events that occur in the lives of citizens who have made significant and lasting contributions to Caddo Parish and to the larger community; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is **DR. TONNIE J. JOHNSON**, who received the Distinguished Service Award from Inter-Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is a native of Caddo Parish and is a graduate of Bethune High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is deeply involved in the community working with the Parish, City, and State to "help make a difference". She works as the Public Relations Liaison for Winnfield Funeral Home, and for twenty-seven years she has served the community in this capacity. She was also a team member, along with Commissioner Gage-Watts and Commissioner Lyndon B. Johnson, of the 2016 Stop the Violence Movement; and

WHEREAS, because of her appreciation in the value of education and ministry, she received an honorary Doctoral Degree of Distinguished Service from Inter-Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 6th day of June, 2019, that it does hereby heartily congratulate and commend Dr. Tonnie J. Johnson, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, calling upon all citizens to note this special occasion with a sense of appreciation and gratitude.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Resolution of Remembrance to J. Ashley Mitchell-Carter* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call

votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Chavez (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & REMEMBRANCE
JENNIFER ASHLEY MITCHELL-CARTER**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses with sadness and regret to reflect upon the untimely passing of Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter, who went to meet her heavenly Father on May 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ashley was born in Caddo Parish on April 16, 1985, where she graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ashley was a 2007 honor graduate of Louisiana State University College of Arts and Sciences where she earned a Bachelor degree in Political Science; a 2011 honor graduate of Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy where she earned a Master degree in Political Science as she also earned a jurist Doctorate at Southern University Law Center; and

WHEREAS, Ashley had currently served as a staff attorney for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee along with serving as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Black Caucus and the Louisiana Black Caucus Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell-Carter, a founding partner at Pearson & Mitchell, LLC in Baton Rouge, has proven herself a leader in the community. Ashley served and lead countless community, legal, philanthropic, political and social committees through-out the State of Louisiana during her short time on this earth. Ashley also never forgot her roots in Caddo Parish, annually, she would do a turkey give away in low income areas in Shreveport where thousands of pounds were distributed throughout the area. In every moment, Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter has made a difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Ashley's memories will forever be cherished by all who loved and knew her. She is survived by her husband Charles Carter and mother Gail Mitchell.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express it deepest sense of sorrow and loss upon the passing of Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter, conveying herein it's most sincere expression of sympathy and condolence to her family and friends, who can be comforted in the knowledge of her lasting contributions and achievements.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Special Resolution of Recognition to retiring Assistant Administrator Randy M. Lucky* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Chavez (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
RETIRING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
RANDY M. LUCKY**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission ruefully acknowledges that the passage of time brings forth regrettable inevitabilities, among those being the necessity of saying goodbye to cherished friends who have chosen to walk the paths and live the dreams of retirement; and

WHEREAS, Randy Lucky, the beloved and respected Assistant Administrator of Caddo Parish, has now made that choice, ending a career of public service that has spanned 38 years. Beginning in the Natchitoches Clerk of Court Office and then serving as Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Administrator before moving on to serve as Caddo Parish's Assistant Administrator since 1998; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Randy has endeared himself to untold hundreds of citizens and colleagues not only by the many attributes of warmth, wit, loyalty, dependability—but also by those traits he does not possess: arrogant self-importance, pettiness or pretentiousness; and

WHEREAS, his extensive knowledge of parish government, combined with his desire to assist, made him an invaluable counselor, advisor, mentor and friend to numerous elected and appointed officials and employees not only in Caddo Parish but throughout the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, now that his retirement is upon us, we pray the days are plentifully filled with Chicago Cub and LSU Tiger games, traveling the beautiful country-side in his new camper, spending time with his family and enjoying life in general; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commissioners, who have served during his tenure, acknowledge the benefits gained and affirm the commitment he has given to the Parish of Caddo, its staff and the parish's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby express its deep and sincere appreciation to Mr. Randy M. Lucky for his invaluable contributions rendered on behalf of his service and declare, May 31, 2019 as:

RANDY LUCKY DAY

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, calling upon all citizens to note this occasion with a sense of appreciation and gratitude.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from May 23, 2019. Motion carried.*

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Linn requested a schedule of events for the Safe Saturdays. He also said that he would like to host another Running with the Bulls event.

He also asked that Legal explain the process in which the Parish "discounts a parish-owned building" with anticipation of future job growth. He also asked for an update on the Selber Building. Attorney Frazier explained that they ensure that the sales price is the appraised price for the building. At that point, it can be discounted for job credit. In the case of the Selber Building, it was discounted by approximately \$189k, with an expectation of seventy jobs being placed. The jobs are value at \$2,500 each. If they do not place the jobs, then they will have to pay the Parish \$2,500 per job not placed. Only 10 of the 70 were actually placed, so they returned \$162k to the Parish.

- Mr. Jackson announced that the Gentleman's Cooking Classes will be held this Saturday. This event supports Southern University Shreveport.

He also thanked the Legislature for adopting HCR 25 and HCR 26. He also said that Chancellor Pierre will be making a trip to Shreveport in the near future.

He also announced that a Housing Expo will be held on Saturday, June 15 to discuss affordable housing. Developers, lenders, etc. will be in attendance.

Mr. Jackson would also like the Comcast Information Channel to be back up and running.

He also wanted to know what could be done about citizens walking around in the back without any credentials. The Clerk suggested to make it a part of the By-Laws.

- Mr. Middleton congratulated Animal Services for taking down the cock fighting ring in North Caddo. Mr. Dominick also commended Animal Services for their collaboration with the other law enforcement agencies.

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson announced that he would like to schedule a Safe Summer Event in District 2 on August 3. He will provide more details as they come.

He also announced that Delta Sigma Theta presented the Parish with an award for helping them with their scholarship fund.

Mr. Johnson also announced that Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course will be hosting a golf camp for kids ages 7- 17 years old on June 10 through June 27. The registration fee is \$60 per child.

- Mr. Atkins thanked Administration and Public Works for sitting down with the City to provide a solution for the Southern Loop/ Wallace Lake Road intersection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts read aloud the following statement:

I'll begin by saying that on Monday, while I was here, I came in with a horrible headache. It's all my fault because it was so bad that I could hardly see, but my dedication to this job—I pressed on anyhow. I heard the Commissioner ask for a printout of the vote and said 'it'll be back'. Nevertheless, I just wanted to get through the meeting, so I could get something and lie down. After the meeting, I received a call from the Commissioner who proposed this resolution and said, 'I didn't know there was any opposition there, and there were two who abstained'. So with that being said, I said, 'well, ok. My vote

is in support of this.' He says, 'ok, I'll inform Todd. If there is any other wording, etc. I'm willing to print it out and change it.' I said 'ok, great thanks.' I assumed that that would be the end. However, and unfortunately, that same printout ended up on Facebook. I'm not sure what day it ended up on there; I'm assuming that it was on Wednesday. I don't know—all I know is there was a stranger who tagged me in a post. I just happened to be logged in because I don't always do Facebook. So I'm thinking 'this is spam. I'll report it.' Nevertheless, it was that printout that had been shared, and it was demanding an explanation of my vote. As I read, it was manipulated and it was primed with incorrect information. I was called a "blackface" by another black woman. That is unacceptable, and just as deplorable as the statements that have been made to each of us about being seen naked in a doghouse. If I had said that that statement was said to me by a white individual, it would be on CNN by now. We must be careful when we expect so much more from another race, but we don't expect the same responsibility from our own race. I was even told that it was my desire to kill it from the beginning because I asked a question. Well obviously, I allowed the Commissioner to state his at any times—sometimes even out of order when I have every right to use this gavel. The thing that shook me to my core is who I represent. I don't just represent blacks or whites or men or women—I represent all people. I cannot and will not be bullied to vote in any certain way. I'm black, you see that. I would never disenfranchise my own race or play the games that some people do. I don't take credit for anything up here as a solo move. Anyway, for the public record, let it be known, my vote is yes for this resolution that is asking City Council to place a moratorium on payday loans and pawn shop locations in economically depressed areas in question, which may very well be serving and providing the additional income that that person needs until their next paycheck or prevent them from stealing to get it. That pawn shop in question could also be that same place that someone can afford to purchase the TV that they want. All of these are hypothetical questions. Nevertheless, let it also be known that Caddo Parish has no authority to approve this process in city government. As MPC Director stated, the UDC has guidelines to control these types of businesses as well as duplication of others within a certain mile radius. It is in my right to ask any question just as others have the same right to ask questions and support it or not. However, just as countless resolutions that I've introduced, co-sponsored, and supported to ask other governmental entities by request or urging them to look at the majority of what this organization recommends is something that I've often advocated for support by saying, 'listen! Let us reason about this. This may be the only time they'll be able to look at this.' Also, the normal protocol for abstain votes is to state that cause. I was unaware that there were two abstentions, so I did not ask for a statement at that time because I was unaware that anyone had abstained. If this is true, Mr. Clerk, I'm asking that at the appropriate time, that we need to have those statements during that period—whether it be under Old Business or the correction of these minutes. Though I'm not predictable, I've never voted against anything to help improve the lives of any citizens in Caddo Parish—especially in an area with proven economic disparities. Unlike some, who will not raise their hand in special committees, conveniently be absent, or leave out to keep from casting votes. That's not my reputation. You've hardly ever seen my seat empty, and I've never been timid about voting my convictions. If and when, this occurs again without me stating why I'm voting for or against an agenda item, I encourage you to feel free to ask me did I mean to vote that way. I have done it for many of you in the past. I felt that it was deemed necessary to make a public statement about what happened over the last few days.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then moved onto the next item under her President's Report. She thanked the local AFL/CIO Central Trades Labor Union for having her as their keynote speaker for their luncheon. She spoke on the Parish goals and accomplishments for 2019.

She also thanked all those people who have commended her on her leadership over the past year through handshakes, pats on the back, letters, notes, and personal contact.

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked about a complaint on Fernwood. She said that there have been issues with the City, SWEPCO, and the Parish. Mr. Ward stated that they are working with SWEPCO to clean up that area. She then asked about the grass along I-220. Mr. Ward said that contractors have been working on other areas in the State, but he will contact DOTD in the morning to check that specific area.

She also announced that Juvenile Services will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds Ag Center.

She also announced that the Expungement Seminar is tentatively set for August 1 at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds Ag Center. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room on the 8th floor.

The Juvenile Justice Committee will meet on Monday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Government Chambers Conference Room.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 5875 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

Mr. Bill Galardo came before the Commission to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 5875 of 2019. He explained that the property is bisected by three utility easements for sewer, telecommunications, and electricity. He also said that the property is not suitable for residential development because a large portion of it is in a flood zone. Mr. Galardo would like to develop the property into a solar farm.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the height of the solar panels, Mr. Galardo said that they will be on a tracking system and approximately six feet off of the ground.

There being no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to this zoning ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5880 of 2019, amending Section 30-52 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Regulation of Nonindustrial 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 one to speak in favor of or in opposition to these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *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 Nonindustrial 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*

Mr. Atkins suggested having some constraints on englobos moving forward.

Mr. Dominick asked for more clarification on Ordinance No. 5880 of 2019. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that this ordinance includes cutting grass on a commercial lot which has been the subject of a Property Standards hearing.

Mr. Jackson explained that he makes motions on englobos to help streamline the meetings. Mr. Atkins stated that sometimes it is hard to follow if there are too many englobos.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 5879 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE 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, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Williamson Way and Union Pacific, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-E, Residential Estate District to I-1, Light Industrial District:**

A Tract of Land lying south of and adjacent to Williamson Way and located in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 14 West; thence North 89°33'31" West along the south line of said Section 16 a distance of 1971.20 feet; thence North 00°06'29" West a distance of 2636.57 feet; thence North 89°36'09" West a distance of 2001.96 feet to a point on the west right-of-way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning of the Tract of Land herein described; thence continue North 89°36'09" West a distance of 1254.17 feet; thence North 00°06'51" West a distance of 1857.67 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of Williamson Way; thence South 89°39'28" East along said south right-of-way line of Williamson Way a distance of 1768.72 feet to the northwest corner of that 2.427-acre tract of land acquired by Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) in Book 1096, Page 82 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; thence South 00°20'32" West along the west line of said SWEPCO Tract a distance of 379.07 feet to the southwest corner of said Tract; thence North 69°19'02" East along the south line of said SWEPCO Tract a distance of 284.62 feet to the southeast corner of said Tract being located on the west right-of-way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad; thence South 26°10'02" West along the west right-of-way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad a distance of 1758.10 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said Tract herein described containing 70.60 acres, more or less.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 5880 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30-52 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO REGULATION OF NONINDUSTRIAL WASTE, GARBAGE, AND JUNK, TO INCLUDE PROPERTY IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, DILAPIDATED AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish has provisions providing for demolition of dilapidated or dangerous buildings;

WHEREAS, the premises of those buildings may also be in violation of the Parish ordinances on weeds, junk, trash, debris, and other nuisances;

WHEREAS, the premises of those buildings and structures may be excluded from enforcement of those ordinances under Section 30-52 of the Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the conditions of the premises present threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 30-52 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-52. - Violations.

(a) The storing of or abandoning of junk, inoperable, or wrecked automobiles or motor vehicles, or any part or parts thereof; any other junk, discarded or abandoned major appliances, or other metal; tin or other discarded items; garbage cans more than 24 hours after garbage has been collected; brush and limbs more than 24 hours after they have been cut or more than 14 days after a weather occurrence on any lot, neutral ground, street or sidewalk, within the unincorporated area of the parish is prohibited.

(b) Failure to cut and destroy all obnoxious weeds, grass or deleterious or unhealthful growth, or other obnoxious matter, in excess of 18 inches in height, growing, lying or being in or upon any lot, place or area or other property and remove such weeds, grass or matter from the premises, within any approved subdivision within the unincorporated area of the parish, is prohibited. Such cutting and removal shall be done as often as necessary in order to ensure that such lots, places or areas do not constitute a hazard to the health of the citizens of the parish.

(c) Areas to be excluded from this section of this article are: commercial property, farmland, recreational locations, five-acre tracts of land (excluding a 150-foot set back from a public right-of-way), businesses (i.e., oil and gas or timber), and the interior of residential homes. However, the premises of any building or structure which is the subject of an order to demolish, repair, or seal under Section 30-26 of the Code of Ordinances shall not be excluded from the application of Article III of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 5881 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Small Business Development Center, Northwest and Central Region is proposing an "Entrepreneurial Series" for business development; and

WHEREAS, the SBDC helps to develop small businesses within Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to work in accordance with the SBDC and provide a mechanism for 20 attendees to attend their "Entrepreneurial Series with the following training and materials; and

WHEREAS, the SBDC would like to obtain \$20,000 in funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to assist with planning, training and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$20,000 appropriation for the SBDC "Entrepreneurial Series"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal

and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Small Business Development Center	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ZONING ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case 9-8-19, 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 Unified 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*

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *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*
- *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 to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority*
- *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*

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Work Session Minutes from June 3, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *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) and 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 of the National Association of County Officials*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked for a clarification on englobos. The Clerk of the Commission explained that the titles are read during Introduction by Title during the Regular Session before the ordinance is voted on. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked that each of these Resolutions be read individually.

Mr. Middleton requested that Mrs. Grindley post on the Facebook page where citizens can bring their old and tattered flags for proper disposal. He also reminded everyone to be safe during ATV Safety Week.

Attorney Frazier stated that if there is going to be a prohibition on englobos, it needs to be put in the Rules & By-Laws.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING FOUR MILLION TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,029,000) OF SALES TAX REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2019, OF NORTH CADDO HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, adopted a resolution on May 28, 2019, requesting that this Commission approve the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$4,029,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of said District for the purposes of refunding all or any of the District's outstanding Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2013, maturing September 1 of the years 2019 to 2033, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the terms and provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Commission to approve said borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), meeting in legal and regular session, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of said North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana (the "District"), this Commission hereby approves the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$4,029,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of the District (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding all or any of the District's outstanding Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2013, maturing September 1 of the years 2019 to 2033, and paying the costs of issuance thereof. The Bonds are to be payable, equally with the District's Taxable Sales Tax Bond, Series 2014, from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the District's special one percent (1%) sales and use tax approved at an election held in the District on April 21, 2012 (the "Tax"), now being levied and collected by the District pursuant to Article VI, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administering the Tax. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding three and sixty-five hundredths percent (3.65%) per annum, and shall mature in annual principal payments due no later than September 1, 2033. Neither Caddo Parish nor this Commission shall in any way be liable for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Bonds.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Douglas C. Dominick	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Matthew Linn	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

Jerald Bowman	_____	_____	___X___	_____
Lynn D. Cawthorne	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Mike Middleton	___X___	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	_____	_____	___X___	_____
Jim Smith	___X___	_____	_____	_____
Louis Johnson	___X___	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6th day of June, 2019.

/s/Todd Hopkins
Clerk

/s/Stormy Gage-Watts
President

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND 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, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Harrelson Management operated a landfill in proximity to Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou for several years, until at least 2015; and

WHEREAS, this landfill contained construction and demolition debris; and

WHEREAS, the area around landfill, which includes Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou, main sources of drinking water, has flooded numerous times since 2014.

WHEREAS, construction and demolition debris contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are harmful to humans; and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that due to flooding, Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou may contain these chemicals from the landfill due to the flooding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request The Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Environmental Quality to test Cross Lake and Twelve Mile Bayou and determine if they contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in harmful amounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Environmental Quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 14, 2019 AS FLAG DAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, more than two centuries ago, on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of our new Republic. Through the many triumphs and trials of our Nation, our flag has reflected our heritage of liberty and embodied the

American virtues of bravery, justice, and loyalty. Each year, we celebrate Flag Day and National Flag Week to honor our timeless national emblem; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance; and

WHEREAS, today, we celebrate the ideals of our country's founding, which are represented so proudly by the broad stripes and bright stars — that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we never forget the tremendous sacrifices required to secure and maintain our freedom. Let us proudly stand and remember our founding principles and our country's ever continuing march to achieve a more perfect Union. As we raise our flag, let us resolve always to cherish it with reverence and eternal gratitude so that the red, white, and blue may forever wave from sea to shining sea; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission urges all U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of flag week.; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Commission would like to recognize those citizens who proudly fly their flag not only on Flag Day but to those who on a daily basis fly their flags high and proud. Those citizens being Jim Snyder, Indian Motorcycle dealership, Red River Range, 30ft x 60ft flag visible at the south interchange of I49 & LA 3132.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 6th day of June, which it does hereby honor and recognize our American Flag and likewise Red River Range owner Mr. Brad Simon, Indian Motorcycle Dealer Mr. Jim Snyder, The Relay Stations, KIA Dealership, and Fairfield Market & Cafe for their dedication and reference to flying of our nations' beautiful symbol of freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission urges all citizens to join with Caddo Parish to celebrate, recognize and encourage the people of the Caddo Parish to observe with pride and all due ceremony Flag Day, June 14th.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING 'ATV SAFETY WEEK' IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, each year, ATV Safety Week is a special event for the ATV community and provides the opportunity for them to come together and focus on ATV safety; and

WHEREAS, over the last 5 years, over 300 classes were conducted and 1,100 ATV riders were trained during ATV Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, many instructors also provided safety education events across the nation at schools, hospitals, powersports retailers and community event; and

WHEREAS, this weeklong event provides an opportunity to be part of a nationwide effort to get the word out about the importance of ATV safety and warned-against behaviors and to make it easy for them to find and receive free hands-on training; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission stands with the riders, trainers and families of ATV riders in Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim June 1-9, 2019 as:

'ATV SAFETY WEEK'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO POLICIES AND STEERING

COMMITTEES, CAUCAUSES, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish has long been a member of good standing in the National Association of County Officials; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commissioners have historically been active in all aspects of NACo's efforts and activities, with numerous Commissioners having served as members, vice-chairs, and chairs of various polices and steering committees, caucuses, and board of directors of the organizations; and

WHEREAS, members now serving on the Caddo Parish Commission are eager to continue this tradition of involvement and service, and have therefore submitted applications for appointment to the assignments of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 6th day of June, 2019, that it does hereby endorse and support the candidacies of the following Commissioners and urge the NACo President to appoint them to their respective interest areas:

Matthew Linn *reappointment* as a member of the Health Steering Committee, and *appointment* as a member of the Information Technology Committee

Lynn D. Cawthorne, *reappointment* as a member of the International Economic Development Task Force

Mario Chavez, *reappointment as a member* to the Veterans and Military Services Steering Committee, and appointment as a member of the Telecommunications & Technology Steering committee

Lyndon B. Johnson, *reappointment* as a member of Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee;

Stormy Gage-Watts, *appointment* as member of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, appointment as member of Next Generation NACo Network, and *reappointment* as member of Transportation Steering Committee;

Valarie Gunn, *reappointment* to the Next Generation NACo Network;

Nathan Schlichtemier, *reappointment* as a member of the Information Technology Committee and Cybersecurity Task Force; and

Jerald Bowman, *reappointment* to Next Generation NACo Network;

Steven Jackson, *appointment* as member of Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, appointment as member the Health Steering Committee and appointment as member of Next Generation NACo Network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 49 of 2019, proclaiming June as "National PTSD Awareness Month" in Caddo Parish* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Cawthorne (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE AS "NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur after a person experiences trauma including, but not limited to the stress of combat, rape, sexual assault, child abuse, bombings,

accidents, and natural disasters, and affects approximately 8 million adults in the United States annually; and

WHEREAS, PTSD is associated with chemical changes in the body's hormonal system and autonomic nervous system, and is characterized by symptoms including flashbacks, nightmares, insomnia, avoidance, hypervigilance, anxiety, and depression; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces, who proudly serve the nation and risk their lives to protect our freedom, deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, Combat-related PTSD stress among our men and women in the Armed Forces is significantly pronounced, given that they are often exposed to highly traumatic events for weeks, months, and even years; and

WHEREAS, between 10 and 30 percent of service members will develop PTSD within a year of leaving combat, while others may not develop symptoms until years later; and

WHEREAS, despite its treatability, many cases of PTSD remain undiagnosed and untreated due to a lack of awareness of this condition and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of this condition is necessary to remove the stigma and to encourage those suffering to seek proper and timely treatment that may save their lives; and

WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSD deserve our consideration, and those who are affected by PTSD from wounds received while protecting our freedom, deserve our respect and special honor.

WHEREAS, to enhance public awareness of PTSD, the Caddo Parish Commission has designated the month of June as "National PTSD Awareness Month".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 6th day of June, 2019 that it does hereby proclaim June, 2019 as:

'NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish to bring awareness to those with PTSD and to encourage people to reach out to their fellow citizens to provide support and remove the stigma associated with this disorder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to confirm the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun as the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo beginning July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Linn, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to confirm the Shreveport Times as the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo beginning July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.*

Mr. Atkins feels that the Shreveport Times has a larger circulation and reaches more citizens than the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun.

At this time, Mr. Linn's motion received four (4) AYE votes: Commissioners Atkins, Linn, Middleton, and Smith.

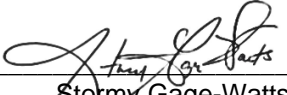
At this time, Mr. Middleton's motion received six (6) AYE votes: Commissioners Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

The Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun is the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo beginning July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.

COMMUNIQES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson requested that Legal research a "Consent Agenda" to be utilized during the Regular Session. Mr. Atkins stated that his comments regarding the englobo is not a big deal; it is only a suggestion.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk