

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY
APRIL 27, 2021
12:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

Opelousas, Louisiana

POSTED: Friday, April 23, 2021 @ 12:15 p.m.

Revised: Monday, April 26, 2021 and RE-POSTED @ 11:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at their regular meeting place in the Meeting Room at City Hall, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 12:00 o'clock P.M., for the following purpose(s):

NEW BUSINESS

1. CORRECTION: "Accept the RFP for the Grants Management" should state, "*Award contract for Grants Management*".
2. Discuss request for VARIANCE approval (3 ½' setback and 1 ft. height variance) for the property located in an R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1) ZONE at 209 W. Smiley Street to continue the construction of a brick fence approximately 6" from curbing and 7.5 ft. in height (DaJavu Enterprise – Rene' Dejean).

The following items are being added to the revised agenda:

3. Approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire for Francisco O. Anderson as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 05/03/2021 with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first.
4. Approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire for Kem L. Dwyer as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 05/03/2021 with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first.
5. Approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire for April R. Leger as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 05/03/2021 with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first.
6. Approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire for Deondre T. Thomas as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 05/03/2021 with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first.

And to take all action necessary in the premises and to take up all other matters which might properly come before the meeting.

Julius Alsandor

MAYOR, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LA

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing, the meeting was open to limited general public but was LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website.

With Mayor Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order.
The Clerk read the Acknowledgement of Electronic Service:



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

I do hereby ACKNOWLEDGE that I did electronically receive the agenda for the Special Meeting of Tuesday, April 27, 2021, to be held at Twelve (12:00) o'clock P.M. within the parameters of the 24-hour notice of service period.

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Alderman-at-Large

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Alderman, District A

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The following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

After a moment of silent meditation, the Prayer was led by Attorney Travis Broussard. The Pledge to the U.S. Flag was led by Aldermen Charles Cummings and Floyd Ford.

The Clerk noted that the agenda had been revised twenty-four hours prior to the meeting and read the changes and additions. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to adopt the revised agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

NEW BUSINESS

Award contract for Grants Management. Mr. Purvis Morrison stated two companies, Landmark Consultants and HGA (Hunt Guillot & Associates), had submitted proposals for the Grants Management position. He pointed out that Landmark Consulting had been performing the job following the hurricanes this year and prior to the request for proposals. Attorney Broussard pointed out that proposals were accepted on March 16, 2021. FEMA will be reimbursing 75% of costs incurred from these disasters. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to award the contract for Grants Management to Landmark Consultants. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

Discuss request for VARIANCE approval (3 ½' setback and 1 ft. height variance) for the property located in an R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1) ZONE at 209 W. Smiley Street to continue the construction of a brick fence approximately 6" from curbing and 7.5 ft. in height (DaJavu Enterprise – Rene' Dejean). Attorney Broussard stated that after inquiring with CLECO about the electric company's right of way, he received the following response from CLECO's Representative: "After review by Right of Way and Engineering, we do not oppose completion of the wall." On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to APPROVE the request for VARIANCE approval (3 ½' setback and 1 ft. height variance) for the property located in an R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1) ZONE at 209 W. Smiley Street to continue the construction of a brick fence approximately 6" from curbing and 7.5 ft. in height (DaJavu Enterprise – Rene' Dejean). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire of the following four candidates as Police Officer Recruits, effective 05/03/2021 with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first:

- Francisco O. Anderson
- Kem L. Dwyer
- April R. Leger
- Deondre T. Thomas

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Alderman Cummings wanted to know if the Boil Water Advisory had been lifted in Park Vista yet. Mayor Alsandor replied that the City had not heard from DHH yet and as soon as they got the okay then the media would be notified.

Alderman Ford instructed the citizens to put their debris on the side of the road by the curb for Waste Management and not to just dump it.


Mayor Alsandor stated that on May 1, 2021, Mr. J. C. Beverly will be buried. Mr. Beverly was a long-time bus driver in St. Landry Parish.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

ATTEST:



Leisa S. Anderson, City Clerk



Julius Alsandor, Mayor