

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE STREET - ROOM 32

ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:10 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. (ZOOM)

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

5 of 5 Council Members were in attendance for a quorum.

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of prayer was led by Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM** **– Please register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting indicating your topic of discussion. Topics should be on agenda items and/or city government concerns.**

None registered

**MOTION TO APPROVE** - Minutes for Regular Meeting dated June 18, 2020

Councilman York – Requested that the conditions stated in the motion for the approval of Railport be added to the minutes.

On a motion by Councilman York and a second by Councilman Johnson, minutes were approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Industrial Enterprise, Inc. for the St. Gabriel (Carville) Wastewater Treatment Plant project as the lowest bidder with a bid amount of $618,465.34.

Tony Arikol – Gave overview of project

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, bid was accepted.

**MOTION TO ADOPT –** Plaquemine Post as City’s Official Journal for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, motion was adopted.

**MOTION TO ADOPT –** 2020-2021 City of St. Gabriel Holiday Schedule

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Grace, motion was adopted.

Councilman Johnson – Mentioned that several holidays are recognized on Friday; proposed that Mayor Johnson consider alternative days for holiday(s) recognition

Councilman Hasten – Suggested that employees get a full day off for approved holidays

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

-Pay App#8 Wharton-Smith, Inc. Sunshine WW $139,501.93

On a motion by Councilman York and a second by Councilman Grace, pay app was approved.

-Pay App #3 Tullier Services, LLC Delta WW $63,977.75

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, pay app was approved.

**-**COVID-19 Update

**Announcements:**

-Public Notice – Public hearing at City Hall on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 @6p.m. to levy taxes

-Requested approval from council for Declaration of Emergency for Point Clair lift station

Tony Arikol – Explained the condition of the lift station and need for improvements

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hayes, Declaration of Emergency was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Johnson –Cited current cultural movement that has resulted in monuments, statues, etc. being renamed and inquired on what the City’s stance on this issue is should it affect the St. Gabriel community; acknowledged participants/supporters of Juneteenth celebration; requested that Mayor have free will to utilize names of council members on items such as resolutions, proclamations, etc.

Councilman York – Requested dumpsters in St. Gabriel; recognized Ms. Ambeau as eldest in community; inquired about grass ordinance

Councilman Grace – Cited appreciation for City’s COVID-19 testing; mentioned that several residents in St. Gabriel Homesite subdivision have inquired about funding for sidewalks; requested tapes of meetings

Councilman Hasten – Encouraged community to continue to socially distance and wear masks

Councilman Hayes – Announced intention to create a Housing Preservation Program in St. Gabriel; inquired about procedure related to enforcing grass ordinance

**ADJOURNMENT**