

**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 - 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 6:07 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander

Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Councilman Freddie Frazier, Sr.

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

Presiding: Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr.

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 – 3 minute limit (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.**

Jeffrey Hayes – Announced his candidacy for City Council

Tyrone Williams – Voiced concerns about new developers digging holes which may effect drainage. Asked council to restrict new developers by not granting requests for variances and rezoning.

Bob Manirik – Asked if the City has received a response from the Attorney General’s office concerning Statute 33:109.

Mayor Johnson – The City has not received a response yet.

George Bongiovonni – Voiced his concerns about flooding on Burbank Drive affecting St. Gabriel.

Iberville Parish Superintendent - Arthur Joffrion,– Introduced and gave details on new program (Together Tuesdays) adopted by Iberville Parish School Board.

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated November 15, 2018

On a motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a second by Councilman Frazier, minutes for regular meeting dated November 15, 2018 were approved.

ROLL CALL: 3 YAYS (Councilwoman Alexander, Councilman Frazier, Sr., Councilman Grace, Sr.)

2 ABSTENTIONS (Councilman Hasten, Sr., Councilman York, Sr.)

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated January17, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilwoman Alexander, minutes for regular meeting dated January 17, 2019 were approved.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION**– **To BEGIN Public Hearing**

**A.** An ordinance declaring property surplus and authorizing the Mayor of the City of St. Gabriel to offer for sale a portion of TR FR MISS RIVER, W CARVILLE, N CANAL, E ANGLEN, SEC. 83, T9SR1E (LESS LOTS SOLD ///CB 498 E 135 and other matters related thereto.

**B.** The City’s intent to acquire full ownership of a certain lot or parcel of ground identified as Lot Peterville, Front Island Cut Off Road, North by Canal Street, South by Thirty Lane, E by Jackson, 135x297, adjudicated to the City May 14, 2014 by Sheriff’s Deed recorded in Conveyance Records in the Clerk of Court’s Office for the Parish of Iberville

**VI. MOTION CONSIDERATION** – **To END Public Hearing Session and RETURN to Regular Meeting**

**MOTION TO ADOPT -** An ordinance declaring property surplus and authorizing the Mayor of the City of St. Gabriel to offer for sale a portion of TR FR MISS RIVER, W CARVILLE, N CANAL, E ANGLEN, SEC. 83, T9SR1E (LESS LOTS SOLD ///CB 498 E 135 and other matters related thereto.

On a motion by Councilman Frazier and a second by Councilman Grace, ordinance declaring property surplus and authorizing the Mayor of the City of St. Gabriel to offer for sale a portion of TR FR MISS RIVER, W CARVILLE, N CANAL, E ANGLEN, SEC. 83 was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

**MOTION TO APPROVE -** The City’s intent to acquire full ownership of a certain lot or parcel of ground identified as Lot Peterville, Front Island Cut Off Road, North by Canal Street, South by Thirty Lane, E by Jackson, 135x297, adjudicated to the City May 14, 2014 by Sheriff’s Deed recorded in Conveyance Records in the Clerk of Court’s Office for the Parish of Iberville.

On a motion by Councilman Frazier and a second by Councilwoman Alexander, the City’s intent to acquire full ownership of a certain lot or parcel of ground identified as Lot Peterville, was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

Councilman Grace – Asked City Attorney about the status of the Riverstone Subdivision development and how the Attorney General’s response will affect it.

City Attorney – Stated that the only way that the developers for Riverstone could move forward is if the plan specifications had been submitted and approved by the Planning Committee. If the Attorney General’s office determines that the action taken during the November 15, 2018 meeting did not ratify the Planning Commission then the City would have to determine how to proceed from that point.

**MAYOR REPORT**

-Asked council to ratify the employment of 3 employees of the St. Gabriel Police Dept. so that they may receive supplemental pay.

(Andre Redditt, employment date 5/15/17; Kristen George, employment date 4/4/18; Ervin Cyprian, employment date 1/29/18)

-Acknowledged and thanked Nutrien for their $25k donation to the St. Gabriel Community Center.

-Sated that the City is working with Eastman on a significant contribution to the City.

-Thanked Ohmstede, LA Works and Ms. Lana Dalbar for partnering with the City to host a job fair held on February 7th at the St. Gabriel Community Center.

-Announcements

Mardi Gras Parade

East Iberville girls and boys basketball team making it to Semi Finals

City Hall closure on Tuesday, March 5th for Mardi Gras Holiday.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT**

**INTRODUCTION –** APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE – 10 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK AND 5 FOOT REAR SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUESTED BY APPLICANT.

**Applicant/Owner:** Mr. Charles Dawson

**Business Name:** Geo Surfaces, INC

**Property/Business Location**: 7080 St. Gabriel Avenue, St. Gabriel, LA 70816

**Description:** New Office and Storage Warehouse Building

City Project Manager – John Chumba elaborated on the application for a variance for a new office and warehouse building by applicant Charles Dawson of Geo Surfaces, Inc. and asked council to set a public hearing for the next regular meeting scheduled for March 21, 2019.

On a unanimous motion, Public Hearing was set for March 21, 2019.

Adjournment

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**Constance Barbin Lionel Johnson, Jr.**

**City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel Mayor, City of St. Gabriel**