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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

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

ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PRAYER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

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 M. Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led with a moment of silence followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **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.**

None registered

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated October 21, 2021
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** - Resolution of Condolence
   * 1. Family of Ms. Debra Diggs – St. Gabriel resident
     2. Family of Mr. Willie Lee Arthur, Jr. – St. Gabriel native and resident; Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Debra Ausbon, Deputy City Clerk
     3. Family of Ms. Mary Jackson – St. Gabriel native

On a motion by Councilman Johnson with a unanimous second, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE –** A Resolution of Recognition for St. Gabriel Tigers Youth Football Team

On a motion by Councilman Hayes with a second by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** Ratify employment of police personnel
   * 1. Johnny Williams Hire Date: 8/6/21

On a motion by Councilman Johnson with a second by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman York – inquired about start date for Carville bridge repair and status of 2022 Mardi Gras parade

Councilman Grace – acknowledged familial relationship with Mr. Willie Lee Arthur, Jr., and Ms. Mary Jackson; offered condolences to families and holiday best wishes

Councilman Hasten – offered holiday best wishes

Councilman Hayes – announced leadership of newly established youth basketball team with solicitation for participants; offered condolences to families and holiday best wishes

Councilman Johnson – announced cookout hosted by St. Gabriel Buffalo Soldiers scheduled for 11/2/21 at Williams Street Park; gave status on Grand Rising Project bank account; offered holiday best wishes; presented to council and Mayor proposed design for new Juneteenth flag

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

* Tullier Services, LLC Delta WWT Force Main Retainage for $53,468.93

On a motion by Councilman Johnson with a second by Councilman Hasten, retainage was approved.

* Tullier Services, LLC Delta WWT Force Main Clear Lien Certificate

On a motion by Councilman Hayes with a second by Councilman Hasten, clear lien certificate was approved.

**Announcements**

* Drainage update
* Redistricting update
* Website to go live December 2021
* Utility software status: Company Name: AVR; target completion date December 2021
* New Tax Software for online payments– Company Name: target completion date December 2021
* Annual Audit status
* Food Bank Donations: acknowledged East Iberville, Inc., Associated Grocers and Cora

**Past Events**

* October 30th - City Cinematics; acknowledged staff for a job well done

**Upcoming Events**

* Annual Tree Lighting: cancelled for 2021
* Dynamic Geaux Riderz & City of St. Gabriel 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Drive Bike Ride

scheduled for Saturday, December 11th

* DOTD Road Show December 9th
* Annual Toy Drive scheduled for Sunday, December 19th @ CC, @3:00 p.m.
* Congratulated Councilman York on 30 years of marriage to be celebrated December 10th
* Offered holiday best wishes

1. **ADJOURNMENT**