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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 - 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 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Absent: Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

4 of 5 Council members were in attendance for a quorum.

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led with a prayer, followed by 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.**

* Mrs. Theresa Roy – Topic: Announced she is running for re-election to Iberville Parish School Board, District A
* Ms. Kathrine Williams – Topic: Announced she is running for Iberville Parish School Board, District B

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated September 15, 2022

On a motion by Councilman York, seconded by Councilman Hayes, minutes were approved and adopted.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
2. Family of Ms. Deborah Pooler

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

1. **MOTION TO BEGIN – A Public Hearing**

An ordinance to amend City of St. Gabriel sales and use tax ordinances to provide for interest rate on unpaid taxes in compliance with the amendment to LA. R.S. 47:337.69 contained in ACT NUMBER 87 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session

On a motion by Councilman Grace, with a second by Councilman York, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO END – A Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting**

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

1. **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Introduction –** City of St. Gabriel Travel Policy

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
   * 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To declare certain City property as no longer needed or useful for the uses and purposes of the City or its people, thus determining such property as surplus

On a substitute motion by Councilman Grace, with a second by Councilman Johnson, agenda item VIII-A was deferred until next council meeting.

* + 1. **motion to approve -** Resolution establishing 2022 trick or treat hours for the City of St. Gabriel for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Monday, October 31, 2022.

On a motion by Councilman York, with a second by Councilman Grace, motion was approved.

* + 1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** – An ordinance to amend City of St. Gabriel sales and use tax ordinances to provide for interest rate on unpaid taxes in compliance with the amendment to LA. R.S. 47:337.69 contained in ACT NUMBER 87 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

On a motion by Councilman Grace, with a second by Councilman York, motion was approved.

ROLL CALL: 4 YEAS [Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr., Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr., Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.]

1 ABSENT [Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.]

* + 1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –** To discuss legal action regarding State Project H.009484, LA 75: Bayou Breaux Bridge

1. **MOTION TO BEGIN** - **An Executive Session**

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

1. **MOTION TO END** – **An Executive Session and Return to Regular Meeting**

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

Attorney Dallon Bush stated that the City Council and the Mayor had recessed temporarily into executive session to discuss taking legal action regarding State Project H.009484, LA 75: Bayou Breaux Bridge construction and legal matters related there to.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, with a second by Councilman Hayes, the City Council authorized the Mayor to direct the City attorney regarding filing an injunction against the State of Louisiana regarding State Project H.009484, LA 75: Bayou Breaux Bridge.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman York** – Stated there is lot of gun fire in community; asked about progress with the license plate readers.

**Councilman Grace** – Stated he emailed some people at DOTD to express concern and inform them that COSG is about to take action, but got no response; trying to get DOTD to move bypass over without closing it completely.

**Councilman Hayes** – Said fall basketball camp is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 6 – 9 and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for ages 10 – 13 (41 kids registered); sponsors are COSG, Ms. Teresa Roy, Mr. Sylvester Fleming and MS. Tamisia Hastings; still working on plan for elderly assistance and community development program, as well as the public safety part.

**Councilman Johnson** – He’s started new project working on parks having toys, wheelchairs, etc., for physically challenged and special needs children to enjoy; started Grand Rising project up again; pushed for injunction from state to give relief regarding Bayou Breaux Bridge – this is final thing City government can do.

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Pay App #2 payable to L King Co**. (Sunshine wastewater treatment plant affluent pump rehab) – **$153,688.10**

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

* **Pay App #1** **payable to KTB Properties** (mobilization for Bayou Paul Pavilion) – **$30,882.60**

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

**Announcements:**

* Had “Coffee with the Mayor” today at Senior Center, joined by Councilman York
* Thanks to staff for participating in Annual Breast Cancer Walk
* Raised close to $1,500 (donations from MSA and East Iberville) which will be donated to The Susan G. Coleman Foundation
* Election day is November 8th
* Veteran’s Day is Friday, November 11th

**Future events:**

* Will be going throughout the community to each park with the Movie in the Park series
* Community Center Saturday, October 29th
* Sunshine Park Saturday, November 5th
* St. Gabriel Park Saturday, November 12th
* Carville Park Saturday, November 19th
* Annual Ghostly Get Together at City Hall
* Monday with the Mayor moved to October 24th
* Will discuss drainage and municipal building very thoroughly
* Would like Council to get together and take a ride down the canals and ditches

1. **ADJOURNMENT**