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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

**ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE ST. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:06 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

Councilman, Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

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

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led 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** – To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated November 17, 2022

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Hasten, minutes were approved and adopted.

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
   * 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
2. Family of Mr. Michael Williams
3. Family of Ms. Stephanie Marie Prather

On unanimous motion by Council, and a unanimous second, resolutions were approved.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman York** – Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone; be safe.

**Councilman Grace** – Happy Holidays, Happy New Year and have a safe and prosperous time.

**Councilman Hasten** – Happy Holidays, everyone be safe, your presence is appreciated; wants more information on how to get or fix retirement system for staff; would like something implemented for staff so they can have retirement and insurance from this point forward.

**Councilman Hayes** – The basketball teams (ages 3 – 5, 6 – 7, and 8 – 9) are going well; reminder that City Council’s Toy Drive is this Sunday at 3:00 p.m.; commended Ms. Hilliard on her book.

**Councilman Johnson** – Happy Holidays everyone; still working on Grand Rising Graveyard Restoration Project and efforts to get toys for physically challenged children installed in the parks; shout out to Mr. Patrick Baker, a St. Gabriel native, who is now a city councilman in Arkansas – would like to do a resolution from the City congratulating him; mentioned Ms. Hilliard’s book.

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Pay App #2 payable to KTB Property (Bayou Paul Pavilion) – $34,802.30**

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

**Announcements:**

* Groundbreaking ceremony for new municipal building at corner of Besson and Iberville Streets is tomorrow, 12/16/2022, at 10:00 a.m.
* Annual City Toy Giveaway for children ages 12 and under is Sunday, 12/18/2022; Donations received from GEO, E. Iberville Beta Club, St. Gabriel Buffalo Soldiers, Progressive Lodge #3, and individual donors.
* Pre-con meeting for Maryland and Morris Streets Project scheduled for Monday, 12/19/2022.
* Wrapping up annual audit; two (2) expected findings: 1) Police Department – decreased revenue even though continuing to maintain operations at consistent level. 2) Sewer – some residents were put on a payment plan but have not completed payments. May have to increase sewer fee in the future.
* Recognized and presented Ms. Natalie Hilliard with Certificate of Achievement for the book she wrote.
* Annual gala tomorrow, 12/16/2022, at 6:30.
* Thanked Council for all that they do for the City of St. Gabriel.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**