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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**

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

**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 Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Councilman Ronald Grace, 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.**

None registered.

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION -** To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated March 16, 2023

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

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
   * + 1. Family of – Ms. Charidy Dunbar
       2. Family of – Mr. Roosevelt Jones
       3. Family of – Mr. Stefan Corbin
       4. Family of – Ms. Victoria Andrews Grace
       5. Family of – Ms. Stella Johnson

On a unanimous motion by the Council, and a unanimous second, motion was approved.

1. **INTRODUCTION –** Establishment and implementation of a policy extending insurance coverage options to employees upon retirement from the City.

The Mayor explained that counsel was not present with a draft of the ordinance and that he had put it on the agenda to demonstrate his interest and commitment in this item. He said hopefully before the next Council meeting, group meetings with the employees and group meetings with Council will be held to decide which way the City would want to go. Mayor said he would not call for a public hearing for the next meeting.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Hayes:** Nothing at this time.

**Councilman Johnson:** Due to the pass election, he will be transferring some of his projects to others who will remain after the 29th. Asked the Mayor if he would make sure the amenities for the parks are gotten and to continue the resolutions.

**Councilman York:** Thanks to the City of St. Gabriel for re-electing him; regarding Spinks Constructors – can we get a sweeper back there anytime some?

**Councilman Grace:** Congratulations to everyone who got re-elected and good luck to everyone in the run-offs.

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Pay App #2 payable to Spinks Constructors** (Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Plant -Screening Project **– $154,230.13**

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

* **Pay App #6 payable to KTB Properties** (Bayou Paul Park/Pavilion) **– $48,545.14**

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

* **Pay App #5 payable to J Reed Constructors** (Municipal Building) **– $450,430.14**

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

* **Substantial completion of the Sunshine Wastewater Plant** (Effluent Pump Station Rehab)

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

**Announcements:**

* City has gone through the process for renewal of insurance (facilities/vehicles); looking at an increase in cost, up to 21%, particularly for the buildings.
* Congratulations to Councilman York
* Congratulations to Councilman Grace on running a fantastic race. Thank you for your service.
* Congratulations to Councilman Johnson. Thank you for your service.

The Mayor extended the floor to Ms. Desiree Lemoine. Ms. Lemoine said the total local hires from E. Iberville for 2022 was 50 – with 15 plants reporting. She is working on getting more detailed numbers from E. Iberville, Inc. Councilman Johnson reminded Ms. Lemoine that he had requested that the residents call the City once they had been hired, otherwise there was no way to verify that actual residents were being hired. She said she could tell the plants. Councilman Johnson also suggested some type of training for applicants to help them prepare for the hiring test. Ms. Lemoine will get with the HR Depts. E. Iberville, Inc. delivered some character books to MSA East and E. Iberville pre-K and 1st grade students on March 28th. Donation request was approved for E. Iberville HS for funding for their umpires and baseball team. Donation request was approved for MSA East for the Accelerated Reader Students, 2nd and 8th grade students who met their goal are eligible for a movie day at Celebrity Theater on May 4th and May 5th. E. Iberville, Inc. also working with teachers at MSA East and E. Iberville on Teacher Appreciation lunch. Nutrien will perform a turnaround from May 1 through June 15th – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Shifts will start at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Local police will be stationed at intersection of Hwy 30 & Hwy 3115; River Rd. at Hwy 3115 and Hwy 74 at Hwy 3115 everyday for the entire turnaround to ease traffic flow. Councilman York asked if there could be some officers stationed at Bayou Breaux Bridge because some of the contractors are not waiting on the light to make a turn. He said an officer is needed on each side of Hwy 75. Ms. Lemoine said she would pass that information on. She will provide contact information for the plant in case you need to call them during the turnaround.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**