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**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**St. Gabriel Council Chambers**

**5035 Iberville St., St. Gabriel LA 70776**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024 MINUTES 6:00 p.m.**

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 William Cushenberry, Jr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Randall Johnson

Absent: Councilman Hoza Redditt, 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. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

Attorney Dallon Bush administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Randall Johnson.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – **Please register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting indicating your topic of discussion. Topics should be on agenda items.**

* Erica Williams – Financial coach and licensed insurance agent: Would like to partner with City to offer free events to public to educate/coach people about money.
* Calvin Williams – Property issue.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes for Regular Meeting dated April 18, 2024

On a motion by Councilman Cushenberry, and second by Councilman Johnson, minutes were approved and adopted.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** Set a Special Budget Meeting for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 6 PM

On a motion by Councilman, and second by Council Hayes, motion was approved.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. **PRESENTATION** – Troy L. Jones, Managing, JJL&W Insurance

Mr. Jones gave an update on establishing insurance for City retirees: All federal and state requirements have been met; full-time employees must be eligible to retire from MPERS and MERS after 10 years of service; tentative start date would be July 1, 2024.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
   1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** Declare certain city property (vehicle) as no longer needed or useful for the uses and purposes for the city or its people, thus determining such property as surplus

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, and second by Council Cushenberry, motion was approved.

* 1. **INTRODUCTION**

1. Ordinance establishing vehicle pursuit policy

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, and second by Councilman Johnson, a public hearing was set for agenda item 7.b-i at the council meeting on June 20, 2024.

1. Ordinance establishing a tire deflation device policy

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, and second by Councilman Johnson, a public hearing was set for agenda item 7.b-ii at the council meeting on June 20, 2024.

1. Ordinance establishing a military leave policy

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, and second by Councilman Cushenberry, a public hearing was set for agenda item 7.b-iii at the council meeting on June 20, 2024.

1. **MAYORS REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* Acceptance of Clear Lien for Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Facility Headworks Project

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, and second by Councilman Cushenberry, the Clear Lien was accepted.

* Pay App #4 (final payment) payable to Spinks Construction (Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Plant – Headworks Project) $ 20,776.25

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, and second by Councilman Hasten, the pay app was approved.

* Pay App #17 payable to J. Reed Constructors (Municipal Complex) – $29,142.20

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, and second by Councilman Hayes, the pay app was approved.

**Announcements:**

* Proclamation to American Legion 583.
* Proclamation to Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Marie Ambeau.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Johnson –** Thanked everyone for coming out; looking forward to working with fellow councilmembers and the Mayor.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, and second by Councilman Hasten the meeting was adjourned.