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

**St. Gabriel Council Chambers │5035 Iberville Street, St. Gabriel LA 70776**

**Thursday, December 19, 2024⎪6:00 p.m.**

**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 William Cushenberry, Jr.

 Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

 Councilman Randall Johnson

 Councilman Hoza Redditt, 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, Deputy City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
* None registered
1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes for Regular Meeting dated November 21, 2024

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

1. **PUBLIC HEARING**
	1. **MOTION TO BEGIN Public Hearing**
2. To establish an ordinance setting wastewater fees for commercial use

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved.

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

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Hayes, motion was approved

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To approvean ordinance setting wastewater fees for commercial use

On a motion from Councilman Hayes, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved.

**ROLL CALL**: 4 YEAS [Councilman Cushenberry, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Redditt]

 1 ABSENT [Councilman Hasten]

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION – To BEGIN Executive Session/Legal Matters**

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Hayes, motion was approved.

**ROLL CALL**: 4 YEAS [Councilman Cushenberry, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Redditt]

 1 ABSENT [Councilman Hasten]

**MOTION CONSIDERATION – To END Executive Session and Return to Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved.

Attorney Dallon Bush stated that the City Council and the Mayor had recessed temporarily into executive session to discuss potential ligation of the City Council and Chief of Police regarding City Code of Ordinance, section 22, and the applicability of that ordinance regarding City vehicles.

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* Bid results and recommendations of engineers for Oneal Brown Pavilion (new construction) and Sunshine Pavilion (expansion):
1. Oneal Brown Pavilion – lowest bidder is Luster Group at $415,000

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Cushenberry, motion to accept bid was approved.

1. Sunshine Pavilion – lowest bidder is Luster Group at $281,000

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion to accept bid was approved.

* Pay App #22 – J. Reed Constructors $185,690.94 Municipal Complex

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

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department**

Cpt. Devin Boutte - overview of department including camera installations, new vehicles, contract with Lafayette Parish

Personnel Matters: Employment ratification request

Employee Hire Date Status

Sherwin Brooks 12/11/2024 P/T

Donte Harris 11/25/2024 P/T

Amadu Ngo 12/17/2024 F/T

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, seconded by Council Cushenberry, employment was ratified.

**Industrial Outreach**

Mr. Alex Robinson -overview of new emergency response program

**Public Works**

Ms. Bianca Stewart – streets and grounds maintenance update

**Recreation**

Mr. Lester Joseph - new community programs and events; community center accreditation

**Community Outreach**

Ms. Detra Ingram – new research center; Humana, United Way, Goodwill partnerships

**Finance**

Ms. Aleshia Hall – 2025-2026 budget planning

**Taxes**

Ms. Todd Gee – tax collections update

**Code Enforcement and Permitting**

Ms. Leaudria York – update on residential and commercial permits

**Wastewater**

Mr. Cartrell Redditt - current wastewater projects

**Announcements:**

-Annual Christmas Gala

-Annual Toy Giveaway

-Season’s Greetings to all

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a unanimous motion by Council, the meeting was adjourned.