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

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

**Thursday, February 20, 2025⎪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 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman William Cushenberry, Jr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Randall Johnson

Councilman Hoza Redditt, Sr.

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

Presiding: Melvin Hasten, Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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.

* No comments

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes for Regular Meeting dated January 16, 2024

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, with a second by Councilman Hayes minutes from January 16, 2025 were approved and adopted.

1. **MOTION TO BEGIN** – A Public Hearing; Application for Conditional Use permit for telecommunications facility exceeding 50 feet, and Variance Request for maximum building height over 60 feet.

Name of Applicant: Erin Connolly (of Baker Donelson on behalf of AT&T)

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

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

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

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** To approve the application for Conditional Use for Telecommunication facility exceeding 50 feet and Variance request for maximum building height over 60 feet.

**ROLL CALL**: 5 YEAS [Councilman Cushenberry, Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Redditt]

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** Resolution of approval City of St. Gabriel – Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Plant 2023 MWPP Resolution (PEC)

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

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** – Consider bids for Wastewater Improvements Phase 1 (PEC)

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, with a second by Councilman Cushenberry, recommendation to accept the lowest bid, made by Lemoine Industrial Group, was approved.

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT**
   1. Pay apps

* Pay App #24 – J. Reed Constructors $129,760.91 Municipal Complex

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

* 1. Announcements
* Mayor signed MOU with secretary of state, parish registrar of voters and parish government to hold early voting in St. Gabriel. More information is forthcoming.
* Progress being made on districting. Public-input period anticipated within 2 months.
* Variety of infrastructure and beautification projects ongoing throughout entire City.
* Park improvements and forthcoming announcement about park rentals beginning in the Spring.
* Mardi Gras Parade scheduled Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Chief Ambeau requested and Council agreed to meet to discuss PD matters.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To set a tentative special meeting date of Monday, March 10, 2025, to discuss PD matters.

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

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

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