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

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

**Thursday, March 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 6:04 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: Lionel Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson 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.

* Ms. Susan Landry – Bayou Paul School; reflectors at intersection of Hwy. 30 and Bayou Paul Lane.
* Ms. Grace Marcel – Large pothole at Iberville and St. Francis; school zone at MSA; air monitors and high-speed chase policy.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes for Regular Meeting dated Thursday, February 20, 2025.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Hayes, minutes from February 20, 2025 were approved and adopted.

A motion made by Councilman Hasten, seconded by Councilman Cushenberry to amend agenda item 4 to include 4.d and agenda item 9 to include 9.b, was approved.

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

1. **RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE(S)**
   1. JoAnn Brown
   2. Bobbie Jean Dunbar
   3. Shauna Clark
   4. Lloyd Morris

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

1. **PRESENTATION –** Commendation(s) for East Iberville Boys Basketball Team

The Mayor and Council acknowledged and thanked Coach Donavan and the Boys’ Basketball Team for their accomplishments during the season.

1. **PRESENTATION –** Dr. William Blair, Redistricting LLC

Dr. Blair briefed on the progress made in moving the city from 5 at-large districts to a combination of at-large and single member districts – leaning toward 4 single member districts and 1 at large district. He recommended holding public meetings in April and May.

1. **PRESENTATION –** Lacy Bacchus, Retail Strategies

Ms. Bacchus explained the strategies and programs her company utilizes to help guide and assist communities, such as COSG, to attract and recruit new businesses to their area.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE**
2. Resolution authorizing Mayor to accept donation and dedication of Magnolia Meadows Lift Station #4 and other matter related thereto.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, seconded by Councilman Redditt, motion was approved.

1. Resolution authorizing Mayor to accept donation and dedication of University Club Centre Lift Station and other matters related thereto.

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

1. **PLANNING AND ZONING**
2. Notification to correct or appear for dilapidated structures or abandoned vehicles
   * 1. 2180 Jake Lane
     2. 2095 Jake Lane
     3. 2070 Jake Lane
     4. 2005 Jake Lane
     5. 1875 A Jake Lane
     6. 1780 Jake Lane
     7. 1770 Jake Lane
     8. 5001 Sunshine St.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, seconded by Councilman Redditt, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION – To BEGIN Executive Session**

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

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

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

1. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

* Chief Ambeau requested a special meeting with Council and Mayor.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten, seconded by Councilman Hayes, meeting tentatively scheduled for 4/3/2025 at 6:00 p.m.

* Chief Ambeau and Captain Boutte will be in Marksville next week for AI Training.
* Body cameras received.

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Pay apps

* Pay App #1 – Luster Group $15,300.00 Sunshine Pavilion

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

* Pay App #1 – Luster Group $32,175.00 O’Neal Park Pavilion

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

Announcements

* Monday, 3/24/25 – meeting with parish president
* Wednesday, 3/26/25 – Post 583 Veteran Outreach Initiative, Community Center, 8:00 a.m.
* Monday, 3/31/2025 – Invitation to Council to join Mayor in attending Leadership Breakfast for Early Childhood Initiative at W. Baton Rouge Travel Center
* Monday, April 14, 2025 – Monday with the Mayor
* Friday, April 18, 2025 – Good Friday Fellowship at Iberville Christian Center
* Saturday, April 19, 2025 – Easter Extravaganza
* Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – Municipal Day
* Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – invite from parish president to attend Iberville Day at the Capital
* Mayor acknowledged Carondalette Stewart and Jenell Todd Gee for a job well done with respect to addressing permit concerns
* April 19, 2025 – insurance renewal
* Will send Council information regarding Phase 3 of Meadow Oaks residential development.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

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