

REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA, TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Francisville met in regular session this 10th day of June, 1997, at the regular meeting place, Town Hall, St. Francisville, LA, at 5:30 p. m. with the following present: Mayor William D'Aquilla, Aldermen Barbara Bonaventure, James Davis, Richard Holcomb, James R. Leake, Oscar Robertson, Jr. and Town Attorney Jesse L. Means, Jr.

Mayor D'Aquilla called the meeting to order and asked Oscar Robertson, Jr. to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Richard Holcomb, seconded by Oscar Robertson, Jr. that the minutes of May 27, 1997 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Ken Pastorek of Channel 2 News was present at this meeting.

The appointment of a member to the Board of Adjustment is to be carried over to the next agenda.

Mrs. Lillie Neal and her daughters, Debbie Porche and Sandy Young, were present asking why the Board of Aldermen had denied her request to place a mobile home on her property after the Board of Adjustment had approved the request. The Board cited that it was not considered a hardship case and that the ordinance barred mobile homes within the city limits except in a C-2 zone. Mrs. Neal's property is located in a B-1 zone.

The Town obtained an appraisal of \$5,000.00 for the property, but Mrs. Neal was not satisfied with it and turned it down.

At the meeting of May 13, 1997, Mrs. Neal agreed that if the Town could get a viable appraisal, she would be willing to move to another location.

Mr. Fred Smith stated that he had no objections to a mobile home near his home. Reverend Bobby Clark pleaded for the mercy and grace of the Board to allow Mrs. Neal to place a mobile home on her property stating that the impact on tourism could not be that bad. He stated that the home would look much better than her existing house and that when the river waters flood the sewer treatment plant the raw sewerage would not be able to get in her mobile home. The mobile home would have to be removed in the threat of a flood.

He stated that they appreciated the appraisal the Town obtained, but that with the recent flooding you would not get a decent appraisal as to an appraisal gotten within the last year and a half.

Mrs. Clark asked if the Town had never made an exception to the ordinance. It was stated that two requests were denied since the ordinance's inception. They asked the the Town make history and make an exception to the rule.

No action was taken on the second request of Mrs. Lillie Neal to locate a mobile home on her property.

The question of what the definition of hardship case was asked. It was stated that (if you do not have an alternative).

No action was taken on setting a moratorium on the applications for bar rooms within the city limits.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen received copies of draft Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to be considered for adoption.

Christy Peck informed the Mayor and Board that the ACLU plan to appeal the decision of the district court denying additional fees in the Wilson v. St. Francisville reapportionment suit.

Motion by Richard Holcomb, seconded by James Davis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.


Diane Tygres, Town Clerk


William D'Aquilla, Mayor