

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007, 5:30 P.M.

The Town of St. Francisville Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session this 10th day of April 2007 at 11936 Ferdinand St., Town Hall, St. Francisville, LA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present: Mayor William D'Aquila, Aldermen David Fournet, James Davis, James R. Leake, Oscar Robertson, Jr., Abby Temple and Town Attorney Jesse L. Means, Jr.

Also present was Bianca Carambat, Becky Hilliard and Randy Alvarez.

David Fournet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Oscar Robertson, seconded by Abby Temple to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007 as circulated. Motion carried.

Bianca Carambat submitted the PEC update as follows:

1. Skateboard Park- Two different specs are to be bid, one on the equipment and one on the concrete slab.
2. DOTD US 61 - Mayor to sign the next pay request.
3. LGAP Grant- the plans are ready to be bid out, still waiting for state contract to be signed on water booster pump.
4. Burnett Road Pedestrian Bridge - Bids will be opened Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by David Fournet, seconded by James Davis to introduce ORDINANCE 2007-2 "An Ordinance Authorizing Public Sale of Immovable Property Owned by the Municipality." Motion carried.

On motion by Oscar Robertson, seconded by James R. Leake to introduce ORDINANCE 2007-3 "An Ordinance Creating a New Formula by Amending Section 12-33 'Service Rates' of Article III 'Gas Supply and Distribution' of Chapter 12 'Municipal Utilities and Services' of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of St. Francisville, State of Louisiana". Motion carried.

On motion by David Fournet, seconded by James Davis to amend the agenda to include the police department. Motion carried.

On motion by James R. Leake, seconded by Abby Temple to comply with the recommendation of Chief Fontenot to accept the resignations of Part -time officers Clyde Batts and John Allen Barton effective March 19, 2007. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the complaints of the police department stopping traffic to check license registration and other related matters on Sunday during the peak times of morning services. Chief Fontenot was informed and addressed this matter. The Board of Aldermen considered this unacceptable practice for Sunday mornings.

Becky Hilliard asked about the incident where a section of the slide had been burned and rough graffiti was written at the Jane Butterfield Park. There were no police reports written on this incident. The police confronted the juveniles who wrote the graffiti and had them clean the graffiti. Randy Alvarez stated that the slide had been fixed so that no child could go down the slide and that a representative from Demco said security lights could be installed in the area if the Town wanted this done.

Alderman David Fournet turned in his resignation from the Board of Aldermen effective May 1, 2007. He has moved to Baton Rouge.

The following Resolution was offered by James R. Leake, seconded by Abby Temple:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David Fournet was elected to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Francisville in 2000, and took office January 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, David Fournet has served effectively and conscientiously as a member of the Board of Aldermen for over six years; and

WHEREAS, the community recreational program has received David Fournet's special attention and has benefited appreciably therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Francisville has been fortunate to have David Fournet as a community leader; and

WHEREAS, David Fournet has resigned from the Board of Aldermen effective May 1, 2007:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Francisville hereby commends David Fournet for his outstanding service as a member of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Francisville and for his service to the community as a whole.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was unanimous.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, William H. D'Aquila, Mayor of the Town of St. Francisville, State of Louisiana, do hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of St. Francisville, on this 24th day of April, 2007.

ATTEST:

/s/ William H. D'Aquila

William H. D'Aquila, Mayor

TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE

/s/Diane Tygres

Diane Tygres, Town Clerk

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation calling for a special election to fill one vacancy on the Board of Aldermen, Election Section 2, of the Town of St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Mr. David Fournet was elected to the position of Alderman, Election Section 2, of the Town of St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, for the term of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Fournet subsequently took the oath of office for the aforesaid term on the Board of Aldermen for the Town of St. Francisville; and

WHEREAS, by letter of resignation dated April 24, 2007, which letter was addressed to the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana and to the Mayor of the Town of St. Francisville, Mr. David Fournet in writing resigned his elected position of Alderman, Town of St. Francisville, effective immediately (April 24, 2007):

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that by order of the governing body of the Town of St. Francisville, Louisiana, a special election be and hereby is called for the purpose of filling the position of Alderman, Election Section 2, of the Town of St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, with the primary election to be on October 20, 2007, the general election to be on November 17, 2007, and the dates for qualifying to be September 04, 05, and 06, 2007.

Notice of this special election shall be published according to law.

And the aforesaid proclamation was declared legally adopted on this 24th day of April, 2007.

/s/ William H. D'Aquila

William H. D'Aquila, Mayor:

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ATTEST:

/s/Diane Tygres

Diane Tygres, Town Clerk

On motion by Abby Temple, seconded by James Davis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 6:35 p.m.

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