

City Hall
Westwego, Louisiana
Regular Session
Monday, May 14, 2018

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 14, 2018, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana.

There were present:

Mayor Joe Peoples
District 1 Council Member Glenn Green, Sr.
District 2 Council Member Johnny S. Nobles, Jr.
District 3 Council Member Lisa H. Valence
District 4 Council Member Matthew J. Rivere
District 5 Council Member Johnnie Lynn Thibodeaux
Asst. Chief of Police Jason Dimarco

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the invocation.

INVOCATION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Peoples lead the assembly in prayer, followed by a moment of silence in memory of the deceased members of our community. Mayor Peoples asked that we remember Myrtle Utley, the mother of Robert and Russell Utley, employees of the City of Westwego.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Nobles led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

WALTER BARRIOS – 1207 MAPLE STREET

Mr. Barrios addressed the City Council requesting a permit to sell fish out of his home. City Attorney Joel Levy stated 1207 Maple Street is residential property therefore it is prohibited under the zoning rule. A discussion followed. Mr. Barrios would like to sell the fish out of 901 Central Avenue. City Attorney Levy stated he will research and return to council his finding whether that property is commercial.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to tentatively approve a permit to sell fish based on the address being a commercial location.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

City Attorney Levy researched the property at 901 Central Avenue and spoke with the Building Inspector Skip Lombas which found it is zoned residential. Mayor Peoples stated Mr. Barrios can obtain a Home Occupational License as long as he delivers the fish to the customers and does not sell the fish from his home.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant a Home Occupational License only.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

DUSTIN GILBERT – 478 SALA AVENUE

Mr. Gilbert addressed the City Council requesting an Occupational License to sell compressors out of the existing business G & G Hydraulics.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant an Occupational License to Mr. Dustin Gilbert to sell compressors at 478 Sala Avenue.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

WILLIAM BENNET, JR. – 385 LOUISIANA STREET

Mr. Bennett addressed the City Council to request an Occupational and Liquor License for Boo Boo's Picnic Basket, LLC the former Old Swamp Inn located at 385 Louisiana Street.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Green, to grant an Occupational and Liquor License to Mr. Bennett with the Boo Boo's Picnic Basket, LLC located at 385 Louisiana Street subject to all requirements.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Council Member Rivere wanted to make sure there will be no cooking on site, and that Mr. Bennett will check on the cleanliness of the property and keep fights under control. Mr. Bennett agreed with Council Member Rivere.

STEVEN CORCORAN AND RYAN STAGGS – 900 FOURTH STREET

Mr. Staggs stated he recently purchased the building at 900 Fourth Street and wanted to address the City Council requesting an Occupational License for the two businesses that will be at said location. There will be a residential and commercial Air Conditioning Business and a Commercial Ductwork Business at this location.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant two Occupational Licenses to Mr. Corcoran and Mr. Staggs subject to all requirements.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

JOHNNY SHADDINGER, JR. – 312 AVENUE B

Mr. Shaddinger addressed the City Council to discuss various topics.

CHARLOTTE FALGOUT – 1055 CEDRE – PROGRESSIVE BARGE

Ms. Falgout addressed the City Council requesting an Occupational License for Progressive Barge Line, Inc. which has moved from 33 Louisiana Street to 17 Louisiana Street. Ms. Falgout invited the City Council and Mayor to visit their site and see the improvements they have made to this facility.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to grant an Occupational License to Progressive Barge Line, Inc.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Ms. Falgout gave an update on the Cancer Fundraiser that took place at the Farmers Market in April. It was a great success although it was the coldest day in April. Ms. Falgout thanked the City of Westwego for all their help and stated they raised over \$14,000.00 to donate toward the fight against cancer.

HENRY QUINTANILLA – 258 AVENUE B

Mr. Quintanilla stated he spoke to the City Council in March requesting support from the Mayor and City Council to donate from their Discretionary Funds for the Westwego Beautification Commission. Mr. Quintanilla asked that they consider supporting this much needed cause.

GARY LABICHE – 453 AVENUE C

Mr. Labiche addressed the City Council to request an Occupational License for his business, Quesadilla Company at 637 Westbank Expressway Suite C.

MOVED by Council Member Thibodeaux, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to grant tentative approval for an Occupational License to Mr. Labiche subject to all requirements.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Building Inspector Lombas informed Mr. Labiche because he will be doing cooking he needs to submit his plans to the Fire Marshall for approval.

MATTHEW BROUSSARD- 1515 POYDRAS STREET

Mr. Broussard addressed the City Council concerning the nonsmoking ordinance offered by Council Member Green that will be introduced tonight. Mr. Broussard works for the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco and stated the danger and statistics of second hand smoke. Mr. Broussard stated the work place policies are designed to protect the employees and the residents of the City of Westwego. In the State of Louisiana there are 14 municipalities that have Clean Air Policies in effect.

DIANE SPIELER – 627 AVENUE H

Ms. Spieler donated rubber snakes to the citizens to deter cats from being on cars, in flower beds, etc. She placed them on the back table for anyone at the City Meeting that would like to have one.

Ms. Spieler addressed the problem she is having with drainage in her backyard and that the crock in the Keyhole Canal is smashed. Mayor Peoples stated the Keyhole Canal belongs to Jefferson Parish and he will contact them concerning this problem.

SCOTT BURKE – 463 AVENUE A

Mr. Burke addressed the City Council requesting an Occupational License for New Orleans Party Rentals, LLC located at 463 Avenue A.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to grant an Occupational License to Mr. Scott Burke of New Orleans Party Rentals, LLC located at 463 Avenue A.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Mr. Burke is a member of the Flood Authority Board and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the millage that was on the April 28th election ballot. He stated that the City of Westwego was the only municipality that supported the millage and was very thankful the millage passed.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Peoples acknowledged the great job that Keith Bouvier is doing at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Peoples announced the Mayor and Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. to adopt the 2018 Millage.

Mayor Peoples announced the Annual Memorial Day Celebration that will take place Monday, May 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station located 677 Avenue H.

Council Member Rivere stated that the spring sports have begun in the parks. Council Member Rivere stated many children are back playing sports in the park, which has been a goal of his for many years and he is excited to be a part of this. He asked that the citizens support our youth, and stated they are our future generation. Council Member Valence expressed how successful the kickoff was on Saturday, May 12. She stated, the weather was great; the park was full with players, parents, and grandparents. She thanked Council Member Rivere, Tiffany Jones, and all the coaches that give their time to work with our youth.

CONDEMNATION HEARINGS

W.J. LeBlanc was present as curator for the properties.

Michelle Vidrine-Corona, CCR was present to record the hearing.

372 SALA AVENUE

MOVED and seconded by All Council Members to open Condemnation Hearing.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

The hearing for 372 Sala Avenue was recorded by Michelle Vidrine-Corona, CCR.

No one was present for 372 Sala Avenue.

The City Attorney entered into evidence documentation of his preparation for this hearing. He stated a notice had been sent certified mailed on April 16, 2018 to the owner of record, Sidney LeBlanc at the property address. The certified letter was signed by Sidney LeBlanc on April 21, 2018. Mr. Levy also sent a notice certified mailed to 116 East Drive Circle in Hazel Hurst, Mississippi on April 18, 2018. The certified letter was signed by Sidney LeBlanc on April 30, 2018.

Chad Usea of Code Enforcement was sworn in and questioned by City Attorney Levy.

Curator W. J. LeBlanc entered into evidence documentation of his efforts to contact the owner, Sidney LeBlanc of 372 Sala Avenue, and stated that he had received no response.

Chief Building Inspector Leslie "Skip" Lombas was sworn in and testified regarding the condition of 372 Sala Avenue. A copy of his report was entered into evidence.

Mr. Lombas discussed the condition of the property and recommended it be demolished and removed immediately. Mr. Lombas stated this property poses an immediate danger. Mayor and Council had no questions for Mr. Lombas.

Mayor Peoples invited anyone wishing to speak on this condemnation hearing for 372 Sala Avenue. Mr. Leonard Waguespack spoke in favor of this condemnation. No one spoke against this condemnation.

MOVED and seconded by All Council Members to close Condemnation Hearing.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

City Attorney Joel Levy's recommendation to the City Council is to have the structure demolished and removed.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to demolish and remove the building at 372 Sala Avenue.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

554 PATTERSON STREET

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Green, to start condemnation proceedings for 554 Patterson Street.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

541 LAROUSSINI STREET

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Green, to start condemnation proceedings for 541 Laroussini Street.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

City Attorney Joel Levy explained the time frame and procedure for the condemnation hearing.

HEAR ALL REPORTS

Chief of Police – Dwayne J. Munch, Sr. was out of town and Jason Dimarco, the Assistant Chief of Police was present and stated the original report was submitted.

Fire Chief – Ryan P. Guidroz was out of town.

Chief Building Inspector – Leslie “Skip” Lombas, Jr. submitted his original report.

Mechanical Inspector – Tommy Baxter had nothing to report at this time.

Plumbing Inspector – Walter “Bubba” Choquette, Jr. was absent and his original report was submitted.

Electrical Inspector – Doyle Guidroz was absent and his original report was submitted.

EMS Director – Joseph J. Aldor, Jr. submitted his original report.

Senior Center Coordinator – Brant Fonseca submitted his original report.

Farmers Market Coordinator – Keith Bouvier submitted his original report.

Code Enforcement – Chad Usea & Perry Talamo submitted the original report.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Regular Session of Monday, March 12, 2018

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, March 12, 2018.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Special Session of Monday, March 26, 2018

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Green, to approve the Minutes of the Special Session of Monday, March 26, 2018.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Regular Session of Monday, April 09, 2018

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session of Monday, April 09, 2018. Council Member Green so moved with any necessary changes.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

Acting City Clerk, Michelle Norris-Levy read aloud the following resolutions for adoption.

RESOLUTION 2018-05(A)

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the City of Westwego to issue the City of Westwego Police Department search and rescue equipment in an amount not to exceed \$19,403.91 purchased with FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding. (Council District 2)

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Green, to adopt Resolution 2018-05(A).

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

RESOLUTION 2018-05(B)

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

A resolution accepting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Louisiana Municipalities, as completed for the City of Westwego by the Mayor and his staff, as a required part of the audit for which the City has recently engaged a Certified Public Accountant.

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Thibodeaux, to adopt Resolution 2018-05(B).

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

RESOLUTION 2018-05(C)

Offered by Council Member Nobles:

A resolution designating to seek an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Valence, to open discussion.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Council Member Nobles contacted the Attorney General concerning the interoffice cameras audio and video. The Attorney General responded by letter asking for a resolution from the City Council seeking the opinion of the Attorney General concerning the cameras.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Rivere, to adopt Resolution 2018-05(C).

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinances were introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westwego, State of Louisiana held on Monday, May 14, 2018, and laid over for publication of notice:

Offered by Council Member Valence:

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Westwego, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; selling said Bonds to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; providing for the delivery of the Bonds to said Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Offered by Council Member Green:

An Ordinance of the Westwego Council Amending Chapter 8 – Animals and Fowl Article III. Household Pets – Division 2. Dogs – Sec.8-121. – Dogs Running At Large Prohibited; Leash Requirements; Parish Health Unit Authorized To Impound Dogs Running At Large.

Mayor Peoples requested the full ordinance be read for introduction. Council Member Rivere stressed that this is only a reading of the ordinance and the discussion and voting will be next month at the Regular Session Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Offered by Council Member Green:

An Ordinance Governing Smoking in All Workplaces and Public Places within the City of Westwego.

Offered by Council Member Rivere:

An ordinance approving the plan of survey and resubdivision of a certain piece or portion of ground situated in the City of Westwego, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Square 3, Segnette Estates Subdivision, into Lots 3A, 4A, 5A, 7A, and 8A, Square 3, Segnette Estates Subdivision, and is more fully shown on a plan by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated February 28, 2018.

Offered by Council Member Thibodeaux:

An ordinance authorizing the City of Westwego to dispose of, in accordance with Louisiana law, certain property that is no longer needed for public use.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Mayor and Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018, at the Westwego City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at which time there will be a public hearing prior to consideration of the adoption of the aforesaid ordinances.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. (GG) Food Bank

Council Member Green would like the Food Bank to reopen. Mayor Peoples stated that repairs are being made to the building in order to lease the building. It was discussed at an earlier meeting to possibly use the Fire Station instead of the Food Bank Building. Council Member Green asked that the Mayor please contact the Second Harvesters to make sure they are interested. Council Member Green would like the director of the food bank be an employee of the City of Westwego.

2. (GG) Railroad Tracks – LA 18 & LA 541

Council Member Green stressed the need of this track to be repaired. Mayor Peoples will contact the Railroad Company concerning the repairs on this track.

3. (LHV) Update on WHARF Project

Council Member Valence stated that the Coastal Restoration the CPRA and the Wildlife and Fisheries Representatives came and visited the site of the WHARF Project. The Mayor had arranged for the community service bus to transport everyone to the project and also arranged for everyone to go on a boat tour of the project. The Coastal Restoration and the Wildlife and Fisheries were very impressed. Council Member Valence passed a flyer to the citizens at the meeting and asked that they go on the Park Planning Website and write a comment concerning the WHARF Project. The deadline for the comment period is Monday, May 21, 2018. Mayor Peoples stated they have gone back and cleared more trash in this area. He also stated that Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, Inc. have completed the survey and John Holmes is working on the list of owners of the adjacent properties. Mayor Peoples have asked Mosquito Control to begin spraying and baiting this area.

4. (LHV) Update on Water Plant

Council Member Valence asked the Mayor for an update on the Water Plant. Mayor Peoples stated that Mo Saleh of PEEC, Inc. is handling this and it is currently in the testing stage. The Mayor has hired three licensed part time employees to work at the Water Plant at this time. There have been some problems and the Mayor will update the council as soon as he gets a report from Mr. Saleh. A discussion followed.

Mayor Peoples would like a meeting with Oscar Boudreaux, Meyers Engineering, Jim Butler, and Mo Saleh to get this resolved. Council Member Nobles asked if two council members can attend this meeting, the Mayor agreed. Council Member Rivere stated if something major happens at the Water Plant he would like to request a special meeting with the entire City Council and the above mentioned people to discuss matters. Mayor Peoples agreed.

5. (LHV) Update on Sewer Plant and SCADA System

Council Member Valence asked for an update on the SCADA System. Mayor Peoples stated the paperwork for the DEQ is still in the process and some of the required paperwork was passed tonight. He stated the SCADA has been ordered and is still two weeks before installation and the agreement for the static screen has been signed. Mr. Saleh is also working on the ad that is needed for the hypochlorite. Mr. Saleh is meeting with the lowest bidder on the belt press to make sure the price does not change. Mayor Peoples stated due to the resource of the money the belt press must be one hundred percent American made. If it is not one hundred percent American made it will have to be re-bid. Council Member Valence felt the City Council and the Mayor has done a great job securing the funds for the sewer plant without raising taxes or any pay increases. They are hoping to secure a \$250,000.00 Community Development Block Grant, Council Member Johnson has given \$250,000.00, and a loan to borrow up to 1.5 million from the DEQ.

6. (JP) Water Line Repairs

Mayor Peoples gave an update on the water lines repairs. They are currently installing new valves, installing a new fire hydrant at Avenue A and Fourth Street, on Avenue B and Fourth Street they fixed one valve and have a another valve to install. On Avenue B behind Mullers they will be installing a new valve and a new fire hydrant. This is a much needed fire hydrant.

7. (JP) Tourist Information Center

Keith Bouvier will be moving to the Tourist Information Center to free up the City Council's second office at City Hall. Mayor Peoples stated he will be putting file cabinets in the City Council's office that they requested. The Mayor will be adjusting Keith's pay because he will also be taking care of the Tourist Information Center. Mayor Peoples believe that Keith will do a great job at the Tourist Information Center. Council Member Valence asked if a flag can be put out when the Tourist Center is open. Keith has a flag at the Farmers Market and will transfer it to the Tourist Information Center.

8. (JP) Garbage Service

Mayor Peoples stated the garbage service has numerous problems. Mr. Clay Richardson of the Garbage Service will now be in charge. The Mayor told Mr. Richardson he is planning on speaking to the City Council to give him permission to go out for bids on a new garbage service. Mr. Richardson asked that the Mayor give him a chance to correct the problems. A discussion followed. Council Member Rivere asked if there is no response from Mr. Richardson by tomorrow to please have the City Council vote on permission to get bids on a new garbage service for the City of Westwego.

9. (JP) EMS Millage

Mayor Peoples wanted to inform the City Council the renewal of the EMS Millage will be on the December Election Ballot.

MOVED and seconded by All Council Members to have the renewal of the EMS Millage on the December Election Ballot.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

NEW BUSINESS

1. (JSN) Past Elected Officials' Pictures On Wall

Council Member Nobles stated since the last election there are four elected officials that are no longer on the Picture Board. Mayor Peoples stated he will make sure those pictures are placed on the wall. Council Member Valence asked if the Westwego Flag from the Old City Hall be placed in the center of this wall and Council Member Nobles would like the picture from the Farmers Market Crawfish Cook-off that took place in May be placed in the lobby where the citizens pay their water bills. The photographer will send the file to Georgia and Council Member Valence.

2. (GG) Traffic Light – Avenue A & Fourth Street

Council Member Green has been getting numerous complaints on the traffic light on Avenue A and Fourth Street. Mayor Peoples will have the light re-checked. Council Member Nobles stated he has had complaints concerning the light on Central Avenue and Westbank Expressway. Mayor Peoples said he will look into that also. Mayor Peoples have asked for a traffic study of Louisiana Street and the River Road, Avenue A and Westbank Expressway, Tanglewood and Lapalco. He was informed that Tanglewood and Lapalco must be checked by Jefferson Parish. Mayor Peoples are awaiting the results of the traffic study.

3. (LHV) Zoning Change

Council Member Valence would like to do a zoning change along the River Road from Louisiana Street to Klein Street. The zone changed from Industrial to C-2 with the exception of existing businesses. Council Member Green is in support of this. City Attorney Joel Levy will research this.

4. (JP) 439 Laroussini Street

Will be tabled to the next Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m.

5. (JP) LWCC Check

Mayor Peoples wanted to inform the City Council they received a LWCC check for the amount of \$137,499.00 however, the budget was set for a refund check of \$150,000.00. The Mayor wanted the Council to be aware that this deficiency will need to be made up. Mayor Peoples stated he has begun safety programs, employees wearing vest, showing films on safety, and will soon have a driver's simulator. All of this will hopefully reduce injuries.

6. (JP) Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program

Mayor Peoples requested a motion giving him permission to sign the Title VI Program forms for the Senior Center Bus

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Valence, giving the Mayor authorization to sign the Federal Transit Administration Title VI Form.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

7. (JP) Grant Writer

The Mayor met with Senator Kennedy's Regional Director, Mary and expressed the City of Westwego's need for new water lines and repairs. She suggested we find a Federal Grant Writer and gave the Mayor a name of someone to contact. The Mayor has contacted this individual and waiting for a response. Council Member Nobles said last month he sent some information to Georgia concerning the service LMA provides concerning grants. Mayor Peoples explained the salary of the Grant Writer will not come from City Funds but will be from the grant after it is completed.

(JP) Mosquito Control

Mayor Peoples and Council Member Rivere had a meeting with Mosquito Control and found it very informative. Mosquito Control will be sending pamphlets to educate the public. The Mayor will put a packet together for the City Council to distribute. Mayor Peoples asked the Mosquito Control to concentrate on the Thicket area because it is the most affected area. The citizens can call the Mosquito Control and they will do a test and if needed they will do additional spraying. The phone number to call will be posted on the water bill.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to amend the agenda to discuss:

1. (JP) Utility Bill Adjustments
2. (JP) Cement at Farmers Market
3. (JP) City Hall Generator
4. (JP) City Hall Driveway Extension and City Hall Sign
5. (JP) Break Area
6. (MJR) Catfish Bourgeois Park, Louis Marrero Gym, Christian Jones Park
7. (MJR) Social Media

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Thibodeaux, Rivere; Absent: Valence

1. (JP) Utility Bill Adjustments

MOVED by Council Member Rivere, and seconded by Council Member Nobles, to approve the Utility Bill Adjustments as recommended.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

2. (JP) Cement at Farmers Market

Mayor Peoples would like to do some cement work at the Farmers Market that would level and widen the walk area. The cement work will be 87.6 feet long and extend 8 feet out for a cost of \$5000.00 to \$6,000.00. Council Member Green, Council Member Nobles, Council Member Valence and Mayor Peoples will each give \$1,000.00 from their discretionary funds. Council Member Rivere and Council Member Thibodeaux would like to check their balance before committing to this endeavor.

MOVED by Council Member Green, and seconded by Council Member Valence, for District 1, 2, and 3 and Mayor Peoples to each give \$1,000.00 toward the cement at the Farmers Market. Council Member Rivere and Council Member Thibodeaux will give later if the discretionary funds are available.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

3. (JP) City Hall Generator

The generator has been ordered through state contract. It is 150 KW for \$30,000.00. In addition to the \$30,000.00 a slab must be poured for the generator and Atmos Entergy will be checking on what is needed for the gas line. Mayor Peoples stated \$80,000.00 has been allotted for this project and should be enough.

4. (JP) City Hall Driveway Extension and City Hall Sign

The new parking lot looks great. Mayor Peoples would like to do a ten foot extension in front of City Hall for parking. Mayor Peoples will get prices and prices for a new sign for City Hall.

MOVED by Council Member Nobles, and seconded by Council Member Green, giving the Mayor authorization to get pricing on the 10 feet extension of the parking lot and pricing and design for the new sign for City Hall.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Council Member Nobles asked to move the old City Hall sign on Central Avenue and requested one more handicap parking spot in the front City Hall parking lot.

5. (JP) Break Area

Mayor Peoples stated the hand rails are up on the back patio for the employees break area. There will be two tables that will be placed there this week.

6. (MJR) Catfish Bourgeois Park, Louis Marrero Gym, Christian Jones Park

Council Member Rivere wanted to let the public know in the last month three major projects have been started. The plans were done in the last administration and wanted to thank everyone for what they did for these projects. The Louis Marrero Gym has started; the Christian Jones Park pre construction meeting was last week and went very well the construction should begin in the next two weeks. The Catfish Bourgeois Park playset construction will begin shortly.

7. (MJR) Social Media

Council Member Rivere would like the agenda for the monthly meeting posted on Wednesday or Thursday before the meeting on the City of Westwego's Facebook page and the City of Westwego's Website. Council Member Rivere would also like the City Meeting to go Facebook live. He feels this is important to keep the public informed. Council Member Valence stated things need to be updated on the web page.

Mayor Peoples stated we may not always agree but we agree to disagree. He stated we are moving the City of Westwego forward.

Council Member Rivere gave the funeral arrangements for Mrs. Myrtle Utley.

ADJOURN

MOVED by All, and seconded by All, to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2018.

APPROVED: Yeas: Green, Nobles, Valence, Rivere, Thibodeaux

Joe Peoples, Mayor

Lisa Tapia, City Clerk

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego will meet in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Council Room at City Hall, 1100 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana
