

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT
6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Chris Williams, Pentecostals of Youngsville Church

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Romero

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Shannon D. Bares (Division A), Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Mayor Pro Tem Matt Romero (Division C), Jamie L. Creed (Division D), Simone B. Champagne (Division E)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Nicole Guidry (City Clerk), Terry Bourque (Chief Operating Officer), Cody Louviere (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Cathryn Greig (Chief Financial Officer), Ben Burley (City Treasurer) Tim Robicheaux (Director of Parks & Rec).

At this time Mayor Ritter advised the Council that he received an update from the City Attorney this afternoon on the Samuel Leon litigation. He then stated that they have the option to meet individually with the City Attorney, call a special meeting or choose to expand the agenda for an Executive Session.

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne seconded by Matt Romero, to expand the agenda to consider (Other Business Item 6.2) entering into Executive Session to discuss the status of litigation for Samuel Leon vs. Ricky Boudreaux, et als., Civil Action No. 6:23-CV-01095, pursuant to LA 42:17 (A)(2).

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

3. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

3.1 Mayor Ritter recognized City Treasurer Ben Burley on his retirement from the City of Youngsville, effective December 29, 2023.

3.2 Mayor Ritter recognized Kenneth "Ken" Stansbury for serving the City of Youngsville as Division D Council Member.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Approval of November 9, 2023 special meeting minutes

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Simone B. Champagne, approving the November 9, 2023 special meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

4.2 Approval of November 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, approving the November 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

5. FINANCE REPORT

5.1 Approval of October 2023 finance report

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, approving the October 2023 Finance Report.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Discuss amending the 2023-2024 Police Department Budget in the approximate amount of \$214,400 to purchase four Ford Police Interceptors.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, to amend the 2023-2024 Police Department Budget in the approximate amount of \$214,400 to purchase four Ford Police Interceptors.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

6.2 Expansion: Executive Session to discuss the status of litigation for Samuel Leon vs. Ricky Boudreaux, et als., Civil Action No. 6:23-CV-01095, pursuant to LA 42:17 (A)(2).

Motion made by Matt Romero seconded by Simone B. Champagne, that the Council of the City of Youngsville does hereby recess its regular session and convene into Executive Session to discuss the status of litigation for Samuel Leon vs. Ricky Boudreaux, et als., Civil Action No. 6:23-CV-01095, pursuant to LA 42:17 (A)(2).

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

Those present in Executive Session included all members of the City Council, Mayor Ken Ritter, City Attorney Wade Trahan, Police Chief Cody Louviere & City Clerk Nicole Guidry.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon Bares, that the Council of the City of Youngsville does hereby close Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
Motion Approved.

City Attorney Wade Trahan stated that he provided an update to the Council on the pending litigation.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Resolution No. 2023-37 - A Resolution of the City of Youngsville declaring movable property as surplus & assignment for public internet auction.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Simone B. Champagne, adopting Resolution No. 2023-37.
YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
Resolution Approved.

7.2 Resolution No. 2023-38 - A Resolution of the City of Youngsville authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a contract amendment & execute a renewal with Bon Temps Concessions, LLC for food and beverage services at the Youngsville Sports Complex.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Jamie L. Creed, adopting Resolution No. 2023-38.
YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
Resolution Approved.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- **Sports Complex:** baseball & softball registrations open Monday. Will be the host for girls' softball World Series this year & 2025. Raising Canes Tennis Center was awarded top 50 tennis center in USA & also named Facility of the Year in State of LA by USDA. Bark Park opened last Friday with 160 permits. Raising Canes will sponsor benches and dog waste stations.
- **Road Projects:** 2022 roadway improvements - finished patching in Field Crest & Copper Field but waiting on equipment for overlay, reconstruction on N. Larriviere close to completion, Velasco Crossing pending clearance from enterprise, Crest Circle punch list items remaining. E. Milton sidewalk surveying complete, working on layout. Larriviere Rd – preparing submission, on track for this year. Hwy 89 Widening – received GMP to send to FP&C for approval. Fortune Rd. Ext. – GMP received, will phase project based on funding, contractor given amendment to begin preliminary work. Langlinois Extension - meeting with property owners. Bonin/Prescott Roundabout – surveying complete, starting layout.
- **Drainage Projects:** Coulee Lasalle – contractor is in 45-day lien period. Bailey Grove – preparing closeout paperwork. Anslem Coulee – 6 different model options for review, submitted environmental documentation to various agencies.
- **Sports Complex Expansion:** Completing sod on berms. Working on sprinkler system. Batting cage & parking lot concrete poured; sidewalks next.
- **Water/Sewer Projects:** Water Well 9 is complete, did 2-day test, pending result. Also waiting for fence construction. Water Plant - pending water sector authorization to advertise bids. Water Treatment Plant, tank & lines pending rate study.
- **Police Dept:** established a camera monitored safe exchange zone outside of municipal complex.

- A Mardi Gras parade update is forthcoming, with potential changes in effort to increase public safety.
- Youngsville on Ice will be extending hours while school is out.

8.2 Council Announcements

- Members of the Council congratulated Mr. Burley on his retirement & welcomed Ms. Greig, recognized Youngsville on Ice & congratulated Parks & Rec on the opening of the Bark Park.
- Ms. Bares announced that the Youngsville Lions Club Annual Gumbo Chili Cookoff will be held at Youngsville Sports Complex on 1.20.2024.
- Mr. Bolgiano thanked the Youngsville Rotary Club, Police Department, and his colleagues for organizing the Santa ride along.
- Mr. Romero thanked Bon Temps Concessions, LLC for their efforts at the Sports Complex.
- Ms. Champagne thanked Robert Daigle for speaking at the opening of the Bark Park.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Jamie L. Creed, Simone B. Champagne

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry

Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor