

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024 AT
6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Joe Cormier, First Assembly Youngsville
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Simone Champagne

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), Tim Robicheaux (Director of Parks & Rec).

3. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

- 3.1 Chief Cody Louviere recognized Youngsville Police officers Scott Clostio, Isaiah Rochon, Clay Durke & Tyra Dorsey for their outstanding accomplishments and issued letters of accommodations to those present.
- 3.2 Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr., Superintendent of Lafayette Parish School System provided a quarterly update on activities within LPSS and expressed his desire to improve the working relationship with the municipality.

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 Approval of January 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, approving the January 11, 2024 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 December 2023 Finance report

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, approving the December 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.

Public comment received from James Savell.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Consider amending the 2023-2024 Youngsville Police Department Budget in the amount of \$33,000 to facilitate funding for security system upgrades at the 304 Fourth Street facility.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano amending the 2023-2024 Youngsville Police Department Budget in the amount of \$33,000 to facilitate funding for security system upgrades at the 304 Fourth Street facility.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

7. RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 Resolution No. 2024-02 - A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Youngsville of the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, an Act of Substantial Completion from Griner Drilling Services, Inc. Contractor, pertaining to the completion of a contract for Water Well No.9.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Simone B. Champagne, adopting Resolution No. 2024-02.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 8.1 Amended Ordinance No. 488-2024 - An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana amending Section 24-23 "Rates Established" prescribing the rates, charges, and deposits for water, sewage, solid waste and recycling service accounts services by the City of Youngsville, Louisiana.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon Bares, adopting Amended Ordinance No. 488-2024.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- Water & Sewer Projects: Water Treatment Plant - amending design to decrease costs, also pending approval of a bid extension from Water Sector Committee. Pump Station 4 – amending plans to reduce costs. Sugar Mill Pond upgrade – working on location of new parallel force main.
- Road Projects: 2022 Roadway - working on milling and overlay on Devon Way & Fieldcrest. Hwy 89/Fortune Rd - moving dirt to location of road, GMP received for both projects, pending concurrence from FPC. Southern East West Connector - working with property owners followed by appraisals for future purchases. Prescott/Hwy 92 Roundabout - moving forward with preliminary plans.
- Drainage Projects: Anslem Coulee getting additional information for environmental assessment and completing survey for preferred site.

- Sports Complex: Baseball/Softball registration has closed. The player evaluation will be Sat., Feb. 17. Bidy Basketball season has ended and moving into Allstar play. Southside Soccer started practicing at Sports Complex and Foster Park - games will start on Feb. 17. Completed Mardi Gras Invitational this past weekend with 23 teams. Mardi Gras Mambo Tournament this weekend, tickets on sale at youngsvillesportscomplex.com.
- Sports Complex Expansion: Concrete poured in the past 3 weeks. Approaching arrival of steel for the concession structures & light poles. Seeking sponsorships for courts/fields, contact Director of Parks & Rec.
- Chief Louviere thanked the city staff and Deputy Chief Thompson for their assistance with the Mardi Gras parade setup. He suggested that everyone exercise safety throughout the event & that the department was able to obtain more officers to assist with public safety.
- Mayor Ritter acknowledged Mardi Gras Royalty: Krewe Des Amis Michael and Holly Williams. Krewe La Vie Doux Michael Kroll and Jennifer Perron. Youngsville's residents Krewe De Wideload Jarrod Breaux. Mystic Krewe Iberians Dr. Chris Feldman. Krewe of Apollo Jay Frost and Kevin Doerr.

9.2 Council Announcements

- Ms. Champagne stated that she was honored to participate in the school garden initiative over the weekend, Green T Lindon and Ernest Gallet Elementary Schools both did outstanding. She congratulated resident Christine Bayard on receiving the Milken Foundation Educator Award.
- Mr. Bolgiano thanked Messrs. Touchet and Hidalgo for their accomplishments in the community.
- Mr. Romero thanked city personnel for their efforts in putting on the Mardi Gras parade. He announced that Keeping Youngsville Beautiful will host their annual litter pickup on Sat, Feb. 17 at 8:00am. Anyone can sign up on the city's Facebook page through the link.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 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