

PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., Mayor Hal McMillin presided with the following Council present:

Peterson	YES
Cryer	YES
Rougeou	YES
Harrison	YES
Brown	YES

Absent were: None.

Ms. Peterson gave the Invocation.

Dr. Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Judson, candidate for Family Court Judge addressed the Mayor, Council, and audience.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Approval of minutes taken from a Regular Meeting held on July 17, 2023.

BIDS

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve hearing from Tony Sonnier with Louisiana Rural Water Association with results of the Rate Study. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sonnier went over the Rate Study for Water and Wastewater.

Mr. Ken Rose addressed the Mayor and Council opposed to the proposed water and wastewater increases.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1028. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Peterson

NAYS: Cryer, Rougeou, Harrison, and Brown.

The motion does not carry.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-1017 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING THE WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1029. A vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Peterson

NAYS: Cryer, Rougeou, Harrison, and Brown

The motion does not carry.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-2004(E) USER CHARGE SCHEDULE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SETTING THE SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

A motion was made by Mr. Rougeou and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve upholding the Zoning Board's approval to change the zoning of 925 Shafer Street from R-1 Single Family Residence to R-M Multi Family Residence. Owners James Perkins and Bear Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Resolution No. 3666. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAKE CHARLES HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Rougeou to approve appointing Rick Murillo to the WREB upon the recommendation of Mayor Hal McMillin. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve Resolution No. 3667. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ULTRA OUTDOOR FOR A DIGITAL BILBOARD SIGN TO BE PLACED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WESTWOOD ROAD AND NATIONAL DRIVE AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Rougeou and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution No. 3668. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALCASIEU PARISH POLICE JURY FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS ROAD AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Introducing Ordinance No. 1030. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NAME OF MULBERRY STREET FROM SAMPSON STREET WEST TO GUILLORY STREET, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO BE AMENDED AND CHANGED TO BOB HARDEY STREET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Rougeou to approve Resolution No. 3669. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE AND CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH HIRING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

UPDATE

A motion was made by Mr. Rougeou and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve discussing the updates. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Byron Racca gave an update on all City Projects.

Mayor McMillin announced the following reminders:

It is illegal to blow any grass clippings onto the road and/or into the storm drains.

It is illegal to leave your trash can at the street more than 24 hours after trash pickup.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve the updates. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Rougeou to approve hearing the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Wilrye gave the Police Report.

Chief Duff gave the Fire Report.

Mr. Damon Hardesty gave the Public Works Report.

Mr. Curtis Lyons gave the Code Enforcement Report.

Mr. Gerry Pockat gave the Golf and the Max Report.

Mr. Jerry Milner gave the Financial Report.

Mayor McMillin gave his comments and Report.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison. The motion carried unanimously.

HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDREA MAHFOUZ, CITY CLERK

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5:30 P.M.

MEETING ENDED AT 7:01 P.M.

Also in attendance: Macie LeTard, City Attorney
Byron Racca, Meyer & Associates, Inc.
Chris Wilrye, Police Chief
Jerry Milner, Finance Director
Jonathan Duff, Fire Chief
Damon Hardesty, Public Works Director
Gerry Pockat, NGCLA, General Manager
Tony Sonnier, LWRA

Citizens addressing the Council: Mark Judson
Ken Rose