

PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 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.

Mr. Rougeou led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brad Guillory, candidate for Family Court Judge addressed the Mayor, Council, and audience.

Mr. Vernon Meyer gave an update on all city projects.

CONSENT

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

A. Approval of minutes taken from a Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2023.

B. Introduce Ordinance No. 1031.

AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, PARTICULARLY CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 925 SHAFER STREET, WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA, FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE TO R-M MULTI FAMILY RESIDENCE.

BIDS

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve Adopting Ordinance No. 1030. A brief discussion was held.

Mr. Patel and Mr. Baggett addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition to the Ordinance. They requested that the change only be effective from Jones Street West to Guillory Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Cryer and seconded by Mr. Rougeou to table until next month. 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 DRIVE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve starting the demolition and condemnation procedures on the following structures:

1716 W. Wehrt Street
1926 Augusta Street
2220 Myrtle Springs Road
500 Magnolia Street
827 Live Oak Street

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Rougeou and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution No. 3670. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONTRACT NO. 4400007917 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF ENGINEERING FOR GRASS CUTTING AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve hiring Briana Staggs as a full time Police Officer upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Cryer to approve hiring Dustin Dennis as a full time Police Officer upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Rougeou to approve hiring Judith Smith as a full time Police Officer upon the recommendation of Chief Chris Wilrye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve discussing halfway/boarding houses. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution No. 3671. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON HALFWAY HOUSES AND BOARDING HOUSES IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve discussing short-term residential rentals. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held. The Mayor and Council requested the City Attorney to research our Ordinances to make sure they address short-term residential rentals.

UPDATE

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

Mr. Vernon Meyer gave an update on all City Projects. (prior to the Consent Calendar)

Mayor McMillin announced the following reminders:

October 7, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM the 1st Annual West Fest will be held at Pinederosa Park. All are invited to attend.

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 Mr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrison to approve the updates. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

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

Chief Wilrye gave the Police Report.

Chief Duff gave the Fire Report.

Mrs. Andrea Mahfouz 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 Mr. Rougeou and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the Reports. The motion carried unanimously.

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

HAL MCMILLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDREA MAHFOUZ, CITY CLERK

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5:30 P.M.

MEETING ENDED AT 6:35 P.M.

Also in attendance: Macie LeTard, City Attorney
Vernon Meyer, Meyer & Associates, Inc.
Chris Wilrye, Police Chief
Jerry Milner, Finance Director
Jonathan Duff, Fire Chief
Gerry Pockat, NGCLA, General Manager
Curtis Lyons, Code Enforcement Officer

Citizens addressing the Council: Brad Guillory
Hiral Patel
Richard Baggett