

MINUTES
SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 1987
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Councilman Washington. Absent were Councilman Salvaggio, Councilman Van Sandt, and Councilman Berault.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez removed the following items from the Consent Calendar:

- C. 3. R87-43: A resolution authorizing L'Chaim, Inc. to open and operate a community home located at 2754 William Tell, for the purpose of housing eight (8) mentally disabled adults, (Washington/ Van Sandt, both by request).
- C. 4. R87-44: A resolution expressing support for the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, Inc.'s two (2) mill property tax dedication to come from a replacement tax of 5.33 mills, (Van Sandt/Barthelemy).

Councilman Barthelemy removed the following items from the Consent Calendar:

- G. 1. Tiger Boom Mower (Used) - Covington Environmental Equipment, Inc. - \$20,660.00
- G. 2. Menzi Muck Walking Excavator (Used) - United Right-of-Way, Inc. - \$51,000.00

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 1987 Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

- 1. Item No. 87-10-1213: An ordinance rescinding and reenacting Slidell Code of Ordinance, Appendix A-Zoning, Section 2.2502 Land Clearing Permit Required, (Barthelemy/Berault).
- 2. Item No. 87-10-1214: An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 11 acres of land located north of I-10 and east of I-59 from Parish to C-4 Highway Commercial, as petitioned by Kenneth R. George, Sr. representing Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Salassi, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
- 3. Item No. 87-10-1215: An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 3.61 acres of land located east of Robert Road as petitioned by Robert J. Madison representing Lucille C. Alford and the estate of Karla N. Madison, (Singletary/Berault, both by request).
- 4. Item No. 87-10-1216: An ordinance rescinding and reenacting Article IV. Flood Hazard Prevention*, of Chapter 7 Buildings*, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
- 5. Item No. 87-10-1217: An ordinance revoking all dedicated rights-of-way within several parcels of land located north of Highway 190 and west of the Southern Railroad right-of-way, (Singletary/Washington, by request).

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6. Item No. 87-10-1218: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2113 Occupational License Tax to provide exemptions for editors and publishers, (Washington/Van Sandt, by request).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, November 10, 1987 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. R87-41: A resolution authorizing the implementation of The Alcoholic Beverage Vendor/Server Training Program on a pilot program basis, (Williams/Salvaggio).
2. R87-42: A resolution providing for the opening of the sealed bids received for the purchase of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds, (Washington/Van Sandt).

D. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses:

1. Slidell Youth Football Association
2. Slidell Car Care Fair (behalf of S.T.A.R.C. and S.P.C.A.)

E. Change Order:

1. Fremaux Avenue Water Line Relocation - \$14,530.00

F. Project Acceptance:

1. Ducksworth Park Improvements
2. Fremaux Avenue Water Line Relocation
3. Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements - Lincoln Park
4. Island Drive Pump Station

G. Bids and Requests to Purchase:

1. Dan Quirk Ford - \$12,278.45

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution R87-43, a resolution authorizing L'Chaim, Inc. to open and operate a community home for the purpose of housing eight (8) mentally disabled adults, was brought forward. Pete Cioni, City Planner said that Louisiana law states we cannot deny this request, unless there was another home of this type located within 1,000 feet. There was a discussion and it was decided to invite the managers of the home to attend our next meeting for discussion.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to table this item for two weeks.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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Resolution R87-44, a resolution expressing support for the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, Inc.'s two (2) mill property tax dedication coming from a replacement tax of 5.33 mills, was brought forward. Councilman-at-Large Martinez expressed concern regarding the foundation's lack of a plan or budget. He feels the foundation needs basic funding and not a tax. There was a discussion with several Council Members expressing support for the Foundation. Mayor Caruso also stated that he would support this measure.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Resolution R87-44.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	1 Nay (Martinez)	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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A bid and request to purchase a Tiger Boom Mower from Covington Environmental Equipment, Inc. for \$20,660.00, and a Menzi Muck Walking Excavator from United Right-of-Way, Inc. for \$51,000.00 was brought forward. Councilman Barthelemy inquired as to the reason for the purchase of the mower and Menzi Muck when the budget called for the purchase of a utility truck and back hoe. City Engineer, Stan Polivick, stated that the Recreation Department needed the mower more than the truck. He said some equipment purchases have not been as exact as the budget called for, as the needs of the City change over a period of months.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to accept the bids on the Tiger Boom Mower from Covington Environmental Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$20,660.00 and the Menzi Muck Walking Excavator from United Right-of-Way, Inc. in the amount of \$51,000.00.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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At this time, Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to reconsider the bid of Dan Quirk Ford.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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There was a brief discussion regarding the bid of Lamarque Ford. It was determined that this matter would be tabled until a representative of Lamarque Ford could be invited to appear before the Council.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to table this matter until the next Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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At this time, Council President Washington invited everyone to the dedication of the Ducksworth Park improvements at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 1987. He also requested attendance at the dedication of the Stanley Street sidewalk and drainage improvements at 12:00 noon the same day. Council President Washington expressed thanks to Stan Polivick, Pete Cioni and Jack Welch for a job well done.

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TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 87-07-1188, a supplemental ordinance amending and supplementing an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$5 Million Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds, was introduced, and Amendment A to Item No. 98-07-1188, an amendment amending Item No. 87-07-1188. Bond Attorney, Jerry Osborne, addressed the Council as to the various companies expressing interest in the bonds.

At this time, Bond Attorney, Jerry Osborne, proceeded to open the sealed bids on the sale of \$5 Million Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds. Four bids were opened with the low bidder being Blunt, Ellis and Loewi, Inc. of Chicago with an interest rate of 8.404276%. Councilman-at-Large Martinez asked Mr. Osborne to submit a statement qualifying the firm of Blunt, Ellis and Loewi, Inc., as they were from Chicago, Illinois. At this time, Mr. Osborne left the meeting to verify the interest on the bids. This item was to be recalled later in the meeting.

The Council entered into a lengthy discussion regarding City Hall renovations. Architect, Ashley Inabnet, addressed the Council. Councilman Callahan questioned him regarding the proposed purchase of an air conditioner/heater for the Mayor's office. Mr. Inabnet stated that it would be purchased for economic reasons. Councilman Barthelemy inquired as to the changes that were being made in the existing air/heat unit in City Hall. Mr. Inabnet said the duct work, grills and controls would be changed. Councilman Callahan also discussed the purchase of the City Hall doors with Mr. Inabnet.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary stated that the City Hall Renovation Committee recommended the base proposal and alternates #1 & #3. Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated that he would vote against this recommendation as he would like to grant the renovation contract to a local contractor instead.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the base proposal and alternates #1 & #3 as submitted by Division Nine of St. Tammany Parish in the amount of \$104,008.00.

ROLL CALL	5 Yeas	1 Nay	3 Absent	CARRIED
		(Martinez)	(Salvaggio)	
			(Van Sandt)	
			(Berault)	

At this time, 7:35 p.m., Council President Washington called for a short break. The Council returned at 7:45 p.m. to resume the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-09-1209, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2117, Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing, Section 13 3/4-6. Commercial Lessor's License; and Amendment A to Item No. 87-09-1209, an amendment amending Item No. 87-09-1209, by adding an amendment to Subsection 8.

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PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

Since no one appeared from the public to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to table this item until the next Council meeting.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	
			(Van Sandt)	
			(Berault)	

DISCUSSION ITEM

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to suspend the rules in order to bring forward the Discussion Item regarding BASS Asphalt Sealing Specialists.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	
			(Van Sandt)	
			(Berault)	

Councilman Barthelemy introduced Mr. Tom Mabry of BASS Asphalt Sealing Specialists who gave a brief video presentation on road resurfacing. Also introduced was Mr. Glen Caulkins of Associated General Contractors of Baton Rouge, who is a consultant of BASS. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that City Engineer, Stan Polivick and Mr. Mabry would inspect the road surfaces in New Iberia and Thibodeaux in order to determine how the resurfaced roads withstood heavy use over the years.

BIDS AND REQUEST TO PURCHASE

Council President Washington advised the Council that Bond Attorney, Jerry Osborne, was now ready to address the Council regarding the Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds and bids. Mr. Osborne stated that after checking the figures, he verified the low bid was submitted by Blount, Ellis and Loewi, Inc.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the bid of Blount, Ellis, Lowei, Inc. with an interest rate of 8.404276% and total interest of \$5,562,370.00.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	
			(Van Sandt)	
			(Berault)	

Amendment B to Item No. 87-07-1188, an ordinance to conform with the terms of the best bid presented was brought before the Council. Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt and accept Amendment B to Item No. 87-07-1188.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio)	
			(Van Sandt)	
			(Berault)	

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BIDS AND REQUESTS TO PURCHASE (CONTINUED)

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt amendment A to item No. 87-07-1188, an amendment amending Item No. 87-07-1188, Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 87-07-1188, a supplemental ordinance amending and supplementing an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$5 Million Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds, as amended with Amendments A and B.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan lead a brief discussion regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. City Engineer, Stan Polivick, supplied the Council with information on the E.P.A. grant. City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, advised the council that language should be added stating that the "bid would be awarded subject to matching funds from E.P.A."

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to accept the bid of Tudor Construction Company in the amount of \$4,848.000.00, subject to confirmation of a 75% grant by E.P.A. and D.E.Q.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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City Engineer, Stan Polivick, presented the Council a brief summary on the Water Well Installation bid. He stated that the low bid was submitted by Griner Drilling Service in the amount of \$302,503.00. He said he is working with the contractor to bring the cost of the base bid down. Councilwoman Williams asked whether we were considering the future chlorination of this well, and she was assured by Mr. Polivick that we were.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to accept the bid of Griner Drilling Service in the amount of \$302,503.00.

ROLL CALL	6 Yeas	0 Nays	3 Absent (Salvaggio) (Van Sandt) (Berault)	CARRIED
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11 LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS
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13 Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil addressed the
14 Council. He stated that the C.P.A. audit is complete and a report
15 has been prepared. Councilman Callahan suggested the auditors be
16 placed on the next agenda.
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18 Mr. Dautreuil also gave a brief update on the hazardous
19 waste clean up of Bayou Bonfouca.
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21 He also advised the Council of an upcoming Luncheon and
22 award presentation by NASA to Martin Marietta. He added that the
23 Chamber of Commerce requested a large turn out at this event in
24 order to show our support of Martin Marietta which is vying for
25 the space shuttle contract. He stated that reservations for this
26 luncheon/presentation could be made through the Council Office.
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28 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS
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30 Mayor Caruso thanked the Council for the manner in which
31 they awarded bids for the renovations of City Hall.
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33 He also gave a brief update on Operation Rainwater,
34 stating the W-14 project in Bon Village would be completed in
35 60-90 dry working days. He also added the Northside Lateral Canal
36 project, the W-15, is now completed. In addition, the Northside
37 Crossing is presently being culverted.
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39 The Mayor gave a brief comical dramatization regarding
40 an article in the Los Angeles Times news paper concerning Slidell
41 Officials' recent trip to Panama.
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43 SUSPENSION OF RULES
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45 City Engineer, Stan Polivick, requested a suspension of
46 rules in order to present two (2) contracts regarding the removal
47 of a barge at the pump station. After a brief discussion the
48 Council decided to postpone this matter for two (2) weeks, until
49 they could consider recommendations for funding.
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51 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS (CONTINUED)
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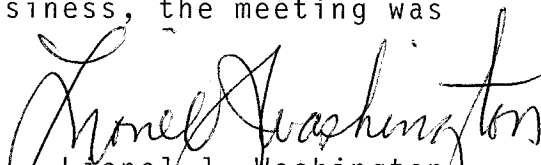
53 City Engineer, Stan Polivick, presented the council
54 with a brief update on the Black Water Problem. He said the final
55 figures are in and the cost of the chlorine gas and all equipment
56 for the five (5) sites is \$70,000.00. He stated that operational
57 cost will be \$60,000.00 per year for all five (5) sites. He also
58 stated that we presently have \$120,000.00 in the budget to cover
59 this expense. There was a brief discussion regarding the taste
60 and odor of the chlorinated water, and Mr. Polivick said he
61 anticipated no problems. He stated he would run a taste/odor test
62 on one well prior to providing chlorination to the entire City of
63 Slidell.
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65 City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, informed the Council the
66 Federal trial on the Sales Tax Issue has been postponed.
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68 Since there was no further business, the meeting was
69 adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
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Lionel J. Washington
Councilman, District A
President of the Council