

MINUTES  
SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 27, 1987  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Van Sandt. All members were present with the exception of Council President Washington.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar.

**A. Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 1987 Meeting.**

**B. Proposed Ordinances:**

1. **Item No. 87-10-1221:** An ordinance annexing Orange Street, an unimproved Parish road, located north of Fremaux Avenue and west of Broadmoor Drive, which dead ends 317.6 feet north of Fremaux Avenue by the City of Slidell, (Berault/Singletary).
2. **Item No. 87-10-1223:** An amendment amending Ordinance No. 2100 Revenue Budget Fiscal Year 1987-88 and Ordinance No. 2099 Operating Budget Fiscal Year 1987-88, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).

**NOTE:** A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, November 24, 1987 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**C. Approval of ACHMRV Licenses:**

1. Clifford S. Wilson
2. Michael C. Shambra
3. Michael J. Dermid

**D. Approval of Electrician's Licenses:**

4. Alfred B. Collins, III
5. Victor J. Trenchard
6. James D. Huck

**E. Approval of Special Function Liquor Licenses:**

1. Slidell Newcomers Club

**F. Bids and Requests to Purchase:**

1. Restraint Cages for Police Vehicles  
Belsco, Inc. - \$303.82
2. Lightbars, Sirens, Spotlights for Police Automobiles  
Belsco, Inc - \$1,187.00

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Washington) | CARRIED |
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to bring the Unnecessary Noise Ordinance before the Council for discussion.

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Washington) | CARRIED |
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SUSPENSION OF RULES (CONTINUED)

Councilman Van Sandt made a brief statement regarding the events of Friday, October 23, 1987 in relation to the Slidell teen center, The Party Barge. He stated that the City of Slidell needs this type of establishment for its teens. He went on to inform the public that he was only acting as a mediator when he was called to the Party Barge. He also stated he was very sorry this incident occurred and the Slidell Police Department is also unhappy with the situation.

At this time, Councilman Van Sandt turned the meeting over to Councilman-at-Large Singletary. It was recommended that representatives of the Party Barge be allowed three (3) minutes each to speak, and they sign their names on the list at the podium in an orderly fashion.

Those appearing and speaking in favor of The Party Barge were as follows: Terry Channier, Sr., Shawn Bruno, Rene Aleman, Michelle Broyard, Scott Pichon, Chris Bertucci, Terry Channier, Jr., Mark Guidry, Mona Love, Rhonda Dean, Tony Whalen, Shirley Lewis, and Alice Burley. Also appearing was Cheryl Sheppard, the complaintant's daughter, who spoke in opposition to the noise at The Party Barge.

Mayor Caruso addressed the public. He stated he was very sorry for any inconvenience this matter caused. He added there was an oversight regarding a technical provision, and he could not foresee the implications of this matter. In conclusion he said the City Engineer could work with the Council to remedy this situation with the addition of an amendment to the Unnecessary Noise Ordinance.

Resolution R87-46, a resolution suspending the enforcement of Section 9-79 Unnecessary Noise Subsection (C) Prohibitions 1. Maximum Permissible Sound Levels of Chapter 9. Crimes - Miscellaneous\* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, and in the interim the provisions of Section 2.1901 of Appendix A-Zoning shall be adhered, was introduced by Councilwoman Williams. She also expressed concern over the type of noise meter which would be used. Councilman-at-Large Martinez stated he would vote for the ordinance only if Section 2.1901 Appendix A-Zoning was adhered to.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Resolution R87-46.

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At this time, 7:55 P.M., a five (5) minute recess was called. The Council returned at 8:03 P.M. to resume the meeting.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to suspend the rules in order to bring the Audit Report forward.

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Washington) | CARRIED |
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SUSPENSION OF RULES (CONTINUED)

Councilman Callahan introduced Rene Ordogne of the audit firm Arthur Andersen.

At this time, 8:05 P.M., Councilman Washington entered the meeting.

Mr. Ordogne gave a brief executive overview of all financial transactions of the City for the past year. He stated that the City was in compliance with all rules and regulations and had one of the finest municipal reports in the State. He added that the City maintains a significant cash and investment balance which doubled to over \$3 Million Dollars. Councilman Berault stated that the report contained a very good recommendation in that the City involve the Council Administrator in purchases. Councilman-at-Large Martinez suggested that the Finance Committee meet with the Council to adopt recommendations of the audit firm in the form of an ordinance. Mr. Ordogne also reminded the Council that it was very important to be sure that the City's bank provides adequate collateral on deposits as the F.D.I.C. insurance is not adequate. He advised the Council that banks provide collateral in the form of bonds and place them in other banks under your name.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to accept the Comprehensive Annual Report and Memorandum of Suggestions for Improvements of June 30, 1987, and make it part of our records.

ROLL CALL                      9 Yeas              0 Nays              0 Absent              CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 87-08-1206, an ordinance rezoning a parcel of property identified as lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 16 of Square 33 of the Prevost Addition (also known as Pine Park Place) from A-4 Transitional to C-2 Neighborhood Commercial, as petitioned by Ray and Betty Gatwood, was introduced. There was a brief discussion regarding the zoning of this property. It was determined that the item should be tabled until final recommendations are made by the Fremaux Zoning Committee.

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to table Item No. 87-08-1206 until November 24, 1987.

ROLL CALL                      9 Yeas              0 Nays              0 Absent              CARRIED

As advertised, a public hearing was held in connection with 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, an amendment amending Item No. 87-09-1209 by adding an amendment to subsection 8. Kevin Kiser, of the Regency, addressed the Council. There was a lengthy discussion led by Councilman Callahan concerning the number of games allowed per week and month. Councilman Callahan expressed his concerns that true charities playing bingo may suffer from the influx of nonprofit bingo corporations. His biggest concern was with commercial lessors. He stated that fifteen (15) bingo games per month was an adequate number of games for any establishment.

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SUSPENSION OF RULES

PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

As advertised, a public hearing was held on item No. 87-09-1211, an ordinance authorizing an inter-governmental agreement by and between the City of Slidell and the St. Tammany 911 Communications District. George Philips, Administrative Assistant of the Slidell Police Department, addressed the Council. He gave a summary of the functions of the 911 emergency system. He stated that this item would be voted upon in the November 21, 1987 election. He added that the City would maintain and operate this system through the Police Department. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman-at-Large Singletary inquired as to why this Resolution was introduced before voter approval was received. Mr. Philips stated that they wanted to give the 911 Board something to work with before the public vote.

Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 87-09-1211.

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| ROLL CALL | 8 Yeas | 0 Nays | 1 Absent<br>(Martinez) | CARRIED |
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TABLED ITEM

BID ACCEPTANCE

The bid of Dan Quirk Ford in the amount of \$12,278.45 which was previously tabled was introduced. George Philips, Administrative Assistant of the Slidell Police Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Philips advised the Council that the bid of Lamarque Ford submitted on this item, did not meet bid specifications. The Slidell Police Department recommended disqualification of the bid. No one from Lamarque Ford appeared to address the Council.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to accept the bid of Dan Quirk Ford in the amount of \$12,278.45.

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PROJECT APPROVAL

There was a brief discussion regarding the removal of a barge blocking the discharge lines of the City Barn Pump Station. City Attorney, Elaine Guillot assured the Council that there was no need for a public bid on this matter. Councilman Barthelemy requested that the City keep a record of the expenses in case the owner of the barge is located.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to authorize the City Engineer, on recommendation of the Mayor and Administration, to move the barge with the condition that we have a supplementary budget amendment to identify the source of funds.

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CHANGE ORDERS

City Engineer, Stan Polivick, discussed Fremaux Change Order #5, in the amount of \$41,276.97, with the Council. He said improvements would be made to add more 12" pipe to the project and to remove 8" and 10" pipe.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to accept Fremaux Change Order #5 in the amount of \$41,276.97.

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City Engineer, Stan Polivick, also addressed the Council regarding the Change Order for Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements Phase C, in the amount of \$6,625.55. He said this change order covers additional pipe placed on Ellenor Street and larger pipe placed on Harris Street. He added that the City was still under budget in this project.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to accept the Change Order for sidewalk and drainage improvements in the amount of \$6,625.55.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-09-1210, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a right-of-way agreement with Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the hearing was closed.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 87-09-1210.

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As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 87-09-1212, an ordinance amending Chapter 7. Buildings, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell; and Amendment A, an amendment amending Item No. 87-09-1212. Dean Born, Director of Permits, addressed the Council stating that this revision represents a change to the Standard Plumbing Code of 1985. Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, added that this ordinance and amendment provides automatic renewal of standards each time a new code is issued. It also eliminates the intermediate level of apprenticeships and establishes new testing procedures for licenses.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt amendment A of Item No. 87-09-1212.

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Councilman Berault left the room momentarily.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED)

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 87-09-1212, as amended,

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The Council was advised that a request for postponement of the condemnation hearing which was scheduled for the property located at 2330 First Street, Lot 13, square 23, Prevost Addition, owned by Jacqueline Carr, 1925 Corporate Square Boulevard was received. The City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, stated that the Mayor received a request from Ms. Carr for an extension in the matter. Councilman Barthelemy asked whether this was considered to be a Council Hearing or an Administrative Hearing of the Mayor. Ms. Guillot replied that it was up to the Council to decide whether to condemn the property. She added that the Council has to take action in order to table the matter.

Councilman Van Sandt, upon the recommendation of Administration and the Mayor, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to table the Condemnation Hearing of the property located at 2330 First Street, until November 24, 1987.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Caruso advised the Council that he would provide them with information on Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 1987-88.

He also gave a brief summary of the problems concerning the removal of the barge from the City Barn Pump Station.

City Engineer, Stan Polivick, informed the Council that the grant was approved by the D.E.Q. for the Water Treatment Plant. He said the City would receive a reimbursement of \$250,000.00 - \$300,000.00 for engineering fees already paid by the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to go into Executive Session in order to discuss Primo Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Brittany's.

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The Council entered into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. and returned to the Council Chambers at 11:00 p.m.

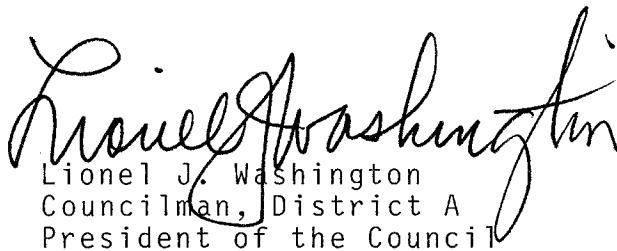
Councilman Berault, Seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, authorized the City Attorney to proceed with the appeal on the Brittany case.

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Since there was no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



Davis Dautreuil  
Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council

  
Lionel J. Washington  
Councilman, District A  
President of the Council