**Village of Elizabeth**

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

Public Council meeting was held 11/13/23 at 6:30pm at the Elizabeth Community Center, 210 East Main Street, Elizabeth, LA. The notice of Meeting having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Green at 6:30pm. Opening prayer led by Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

**Mayor, Council and Staff Present Council and Staff Absent**

Mandy Green, Mayor Crystal Hunt, Code Compliance

Mea Dillehay, Council Steven Self, Asst Fire Chief

Ken Kelly, Council

Stacy Weldon, Council

Denise Lee, Clerk

Shane Ware, Police Chief

Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

Mike Holmes, Attorney

1. Mayor Green requested to add Resolution 100-2023 Advertise for Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements. Mayor Green asked if any public comments on this addition. No comments. Ken Kelly made a motion to add Resolution 100-2023 to agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor. Mayor Green asked if any comments on agenda items. No comments. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with addition. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
2. Mea Dillehay made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/9/23 meeting. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
3. ENGINEER’S REPORT
	* 1. In reference to **Resolution 96-2023-** Council to award bid for Water Well Rehabilitation project, only one bid received and opened at MMLH October 24, 2023.The bid was extensively higher than the amount approved for the grant. Mayor Green recommended for the council to reject the bid due to significantly over amount of grant and readvertise for bids. Stacy Weldon made a motion to reject bid. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
		2. Glenn Turner, village engineer, gave update on grants in process for the village.
		3. Ken Kelly made a motion to pass **Resolution 100-2023** which allows the MMLH to advertise for bids on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
4. CODE COMPLIANCE
	* 1. Public hearing 511 Pine Street, Parcel No.0550000707 for possible condemnation(D.Deshotel) not held due to no receipt of signed certified notice. Ken Kelly made a motion to move the public hearing to December 11, 2023 meeting at 6:30pm. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor. Certified notice will be reissued.
		2. Public hearing 517 Pine Street, Parcel No.0550006540 for possible condemnation(C.Gordey & B.Gordey) opened. Billie J.Gordey came forth and stated that she and her husband was the owner of this community property. She stated that Mr. Gordey had passed away. She also had 2 daughters present. The daughters spoke up and stated they did not want this property, but it was stated by council and the attorney that Ms.Gordey was the owner and was responsible for the property. Ms. Gordey stated she has no plans for the property. Attorney stated that council could proceed with condemning the house on the property due to condemnation report by engineer. Ken Kelly made a motion to condemn the property and give owner 30 days have a plan for removal of the condemned property. Ms. Gordey will come back before the council at the December 11, 2023 meeting. She may ask for an extension as needed. Council stated that if plans were not put into place in a reasonable time and property brought into compliance, the Village would proceed to clean the property at the expense of the property owner. If not paid, this would be applied to their advalorem property taxes. Stacy Weldon seconded. Mea Dillehay-yea Stacy Weldon-yea Ken Kelly-yea

Owner will be mailed a Notice of Condemnation, a copy filed at the Allen Parish Clerk of Court and a Notice placed on front door of condemned home.

* + 1. No public hearing held on 509 Pine Street, Parcel – 0550015450, on recommendations of property compliance by engineer. No receipt of signed certified notice that was issued. Public hearing to be held December 11, 2023 at 6:30pm council meeting. A Certified notice will be reissued.
		2. Properties to clean requesting council approval:
			1. 200 Poplar St., SW Eaves Construction, LLC, Parcel-0550003100, will reissue notice.
			2. 415 Live Oak (backyard), SW Eaves Const.LLC, Parcel- 0550011001, will reissue notice.
			3. 311 Cedar, S.Henry, Parcel 0550006271-Stacy Weldon made a motion for Village to move forward with cleaning property. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.
1. MAYOR’S REPORT

 **\*Old Business**

1. There was one bid for 307 Cypress Street property received. Bids was marked with 307 Cypress Street Bid on front on envelope and consisted of name, address, phone number and email address. Mayor read the bid aloud for the amount of $8,610.99. Ken Kelly made a motion to pass **Resolution 99-2023** to award bid to Jeb and Diana Moore. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
2. Public hearing held on amendment to **Ordinance 12-18 Property Maintenance** which amends section 4.F. to $275 preparation and filing fee and add a section that requires a Release by Obligee of Record and Request for Cancellation to be filed upon liens being paid. No comments. Hearing closed.
3. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt amendments to Ordinance 12-18 to become **Ordinance 12-18A**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Mea Dillehay- yea Stacy Weldon- yea Ken Kelly-yea

 **\*New Business**

* + 1. Bids on 2012 Dodge Charge surplus property to be accepted until December 11, 2023 at 12noon. Minimum bid set at $3500.00 Post name and “Dodge Charger” on front of bid.The Village of Elizabeth shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids and remove the item of movable property from sale prior to opening of bids. Any questions, please call the Elizabeth Village Hall at 318-634-5100, Monday-Thursday, 8am-3pm, closed 12n-1p for lunch and Fridays, 8am-12n
		2. Ken Kelly made a motion to pass **Resolution 97-2023** Sewer rates for Elizabeth Recreation District for the Pool which allows the village to charge the Elizabeth Recreation District the new base commercial rate for sewer. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
1. VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT
	* 1. Mr. Mike gave update on Elizabeth Clinic- 1) Breech Notification and 2) Approval of New Terms for the Lease. Mr. Mike went over the proposed term sheet for lease amendments. Council discussed and made changes as recommended. Ken Kelly made a motion to issue the letter of decision to terminate the lease between the Village of Elizabeth and Oakdale Community Hospital with option to negotiate an amendment to the existing lease to avoid having to quit the premises. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
		2. Ken Kelly made a motion for council to enter Executive Session to discuss MPERS threatened litigation and settlement of same. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Session held and closed. After session held, Ken Kelly made a motion to pass **Resolution 98-2023** allowing Mayor and Village Attorney to negotiate and enter into a settlement with LA Municipal Police Retirement System(MPERS) to resolve alleged outstanding liability for past due contributions allegedly owned by Village of Elizabeth to MPERS. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
2. POLICE CHIEF
	* 1. Chief Ware gave monthly report. He stated he would like to speak at the school grades 7th-12th on homecoming and the safety of it. Chief Ware stated that he would like to impose a revised village-wide curfew 10pm – 5am during homecoming week -November 27 – December 3, 2023. Curfew shall be enforced by the Elizabeth Police Department and Allen Parish Sheriff Department.
		2. Public hearing held on amendment to increase traffic fines in **Ordinance 44-2023 Enforcement of Traffic Violations by Automated Means.** No comments.Hearing closed.
		3. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance 44-2023 **amendment to become Ordinance 44-2023A.** Mea Dillehay seconded. Stacy Weldon-yea Mea Dillehay-yea Ken Kelly-yea
3. FIRE CHIEF
	* 1. Chief Sweat gave monthly report.
		2. He stated he would like to order the Fire Department tshirts. Previously only one quote was received. Council members stated to bring other quotes and see the best deal prior to ordering shirts.
		3. Council discussed purchasing 15 handheld digital radios. Chief is waiting to receive another quote. Will decide at December 11, 2023 council meeting.
		4. Chief Sweat also stated that the Fire Department would like to sell BBQ baskets at Christmas in the Country as a fundraiser.
4. COUNCIL
	* 1. Ken Kelly made a motion for Council to approve expenses for October and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
		2. Ken Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

Approved by: /s/Mandy L Green, Mayor Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk