**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON MARCH 12, 2018.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place the City Hall, Rayne, Louisiana, on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

There were absent: None.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, State of Louisiana, were duly convened as the governing authority of said City, by Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, who stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

There was a motion by Calise Michael Doucet to dispense with the reading of minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and motion carried.

YEAS: 5 – Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and duly resolved and adopted on **­­12th** day of **March, 2018.**

**Resolution**

**A Resolution (or Ordinance) in support of an application for the creation of the City of Rayne Cultural District**

**WHEREAS**, Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes Local Governing Authorities to create Cultural Districts as a mechanism for community revitalization through the creation of hubs of cultural activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development is authorized to develop standard criteria for cultural districts and to determine whether or not a proposed Cultural District meets those criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development has promulgated administrative rules which set for the procedure for Local Governing Authorities to submit applications to designate and certify a specified geographic area as a Cultural District; and

**WHEREAS**, the geographic area within the City of Rayne, Parish of Acadia, may meet the criteria for the creation of a Cultural District which area is generally comprised of the territory within the following boundaries:

The following description would be the preliminary boundaries of The Proposed Cultural District, within and near to The City of Rayne, Louisiana.

We would like to include all areas within The City Limits, as shown on the attached map. A further description of the area in question is as follows:

1. The Northern boundary would be along La. State Hwy. 35 North, and ending at The City Limits along said Hwy. Also the Northern boundary, would include La. State Hwy. 98 North, towards The Roberts Cove Community, We would like to include the area North of The City Limits until the intersection of Hwy. 98 and Vicksburg Road.
2. The Western boundary would be along West Jefferson Davis Ave., and ending at The City Limits along Jefferson Davis, and the intersection of Kahn Dr. Secondly, along American Legion Dr. and ending at The City Limits, also known as Zaunbrecher Road. Also, along La. State Hwy. 90 West, and ending at The City Limits, and further described as the area of Martin Petijean Elementary.
3. The Southern Boundary, would be along La. State Hwy. 35 South, and would end at the intersection of Hwy. 35 South and Elaine Street.
4. The Eastern boundary, would be along La. State Hwy 90 East, and end at the intersection of Hwy. 90 East and Leroy Breaux Road. Secondly to the East, the limits would end at the intersection of East Jefferson Davis Avenue, or also known as, La. State Hwy 98 East, and llama Road.

and

**WHEREAS**, within the boundaries of a state-certified Cultural District, several tax incentives may be available including (1) a sales tax exemption on the sale of certain original works of art, (2) individual income tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain owner-occupied residential or owner-occupied mixed use structures, and (3) income and corporate franchise tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain historic structures; and

**WHEREAS**, only a Local Governing Authority is authorized to submit an application for the designation and certification of a Cultural District; and

**WHEREAS**, a “Local Governing Authority” is defined by LAC 25:I§1101 as “the governing authority of the parish in which the Cultural District is located unless the district is located in a municipality, in which case “Local Governing Authority” shall mean the governing authority of the municipality. If the district is located partly in a municipality, “Local Governing Authority” shall mean the governing authority of the parish and the governing authority of the municipality”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rayne Cultural District is located partially within the municipality of City of Rayne and is partially located outside of any municipality and is located completely within the parish of Acadia and therefore the City Rayne Council would be the proper entity to submit an application for the certification and designation of the above described geographic area as a Cultural District.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Rayne does hereby:

1. Support and endorse the submission of an application Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, Tourism, Office of Cultural Development to designate the City of Rayne as a state-certified Cultural District; and
2. Direct all city employees to support and cooperate with efforts to compile all necessary information and data required for the application and all subsequent reporting necessary for the administration of the Cultural District
3. Request all affected citizens and businesses to support and promote activities consistent with the purposes of the Cultural District
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required for the creation and administration of the City of Rayne Cultural District

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5 – Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared adopted on this **12th** day of **March, 2018.**

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CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, City Clerk of the City of Rayne, LA, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Rayne, LA in regular session on **March 12, 2018.**

**BY:** ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK

The City Clerk, Mrs. Annette R. Cutrera, presented the City of Rayne Monthly Financial Update as of January 31, 2018 included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds to the Council.

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the City Council approved the reappointing of Terry Broussard as a member of the Youth Recreation board for a five (5) year term from 4/1/2018 to 3/31/2023*.*

YEAS: 5 – Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Rodney “Coonie” Richard address the City Council.

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the City Council approved a Street Dive for St. Joseph’s Life Teen to take place on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th on Hwy 90 / Texas Ave. Hwy 90 / Polk St. & on Hwy. 90 / Hwy. 35.

YEAS: 4 – Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, and Calise Michael Doucet.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 - James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the City Council approved recommendation by The Planning Commission approved, on a contingency of approval by the City Engineers- Mader Engineering, Mark Daigle as Director of Zoning and Planning, and City Attorney – Larry Richard. The Preliminary and Final Plat of the proposed development, current name I-10 Rayne Chevron, LLC., a commercial subdivision, North of I-10 and West of La. Hwy 35 containing approximately 6 acres, and wishing to subdivide 1 Lot, tract 1-A-2 (0.67 acres)for the construction of a Taco Bell restaurant. (Private, cost to developers, no cost to the City)

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the owner of the property located at 801 E Butler was given 90 days from March 12, 2018 to complete demolition and clean the property.

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the owner of the property located at 812 W Perrodin was given 90 days from March 12, 2018 to complete demolition and clean the property.

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the City Council approved the request by Chief Stelly to declare a 2007 Dodge Sport Utility Vehicle, VIN # 1D8HD38P07F563536 as a surplus vehicle.

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Eng. Report action items

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Curtrese L. Minix that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet carried.

YEAS: 5 – Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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