
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, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

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

There were absent: Curtrese L. Minix

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 Kenneth J. Guidry to dispense with the reading of minutes of the May 08, 2017 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and motion carried.


NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

The following resolution was offered by Kenneth J. Guidry and seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and duly resolved and adopted on 12th day of June, 2017.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING CHARLES E. “CHUCK” ROBICHAUX, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARCHON INFORMATION SYSTEMS, L.L.C., D/B/A CIVICSOURCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ONLINE AUCTION AND SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, each year tax title to immovable properties are adjudicated to the City of Rayne for the nonpayment of ad valorem property taxes, and

WHEREAS, these adjudicated properties remain on the adjudicated property tax roll until such time as these properties are redeemed by the full payment to the City of Rayne of all taxes due and full payment to the City of Rayne of any applicable recorded liens assessed to the property by the City of Rayne, or are sold or transferred as indicated hereinafter, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rayne does not have adequate resources to market and satisfy all legal requirements to process the sale of adjudicated property to parties that desire to purchase same, and
WHEREAS, the City of Rayne cannot offer any warranty of title or title insurance on the property sold to the parties who purchase adjudicated property through its current process, and

WHEREAS, many of these adjudicated properties are abandoned and contribute to blight, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City of Rayne in the sale of adjudicated property is to encourage the redemption of these properties, to bring these properties back into commerce and productive use, to return these properties back to the active tax rolls, to stimulate economic development, and to increase property tax and other tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rayne is of the opinion that an online sale and auction of adjudicated property, with the promise of title insurance, will increase the redemptions of adjudicated property and increase the number of sales of adjudicated property in the City of Rayne, thus fostering the goals of returning these properties to commerce and productive use and will provide the buyers of these properties a chance to purchaser property with title insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rayne that:

Section 1. The Mayor, Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, on behalf of the City of Rayne, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a professional services agreement with Archon Information Systems, L.L.C., d/b/a CivicSource for the establishment and administration of an online auction of and due diligence efforts to sell adjudicated properties in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws and with title insurance.

Section 2. The Mayor, Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, on behalf of the City of Rayne, is hereby authorized to execute an act of non-warranty cash sale in which the Mayor, Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, on behalf of the City of Rayne conveys unto the high bidder at public auction or to eligible adjoining landowner all right, title, and interest in and to a property adjudicated to the City of Rayne and to execute any and all other documents needed in connection therewith.

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


NAYS: 

ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix
This resolution was declared adopted on this 12th day of June, 2017.

Charles E. Robichaux, MAYOR

Annette R. Cutrera, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, Clerk of the City of Rayne, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on June 12, 2017 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

ANNETTE R. CUTRERA
CLERK
CITY OF RAYNE

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot, to appoint the Rayne-Acadia Tribune as the legal journal for the City of Rayne for 12 month from 7-01-2017 through 6-30-2018.


NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, to approve the entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Acadia Parish School Board.


NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

Mayor announced the Firework Hours for the July 4th Holiday which will be July 1st – 5th until 9:00 PM.

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, to approve a request by David Lalande to resign from Chairman of the Planning and Zoning and Commission Board.


NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, approved the request to appoint Jerry Bergeron as a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board.


NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the City Council approved recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission Board for Ms. Lynette Scott to open a Sno-Cone Stand at 803 Malvern Ave, which is zoned as R-3.

NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion **TO LAY ON TABLE** by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the request for an appeal by Nathan Joubert against the decision to re-zone the property described as 400 and 402 North McGown Street, from its current C-2 zoning back to its original R-3 classification.
NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, the owner of the property located 714 Holt Ave, was given **30 days from June 12, 2017** to provide Council with a plan of action or it will automatically need to be demolished.
NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the City Council approved a request by Chief Stelly to donate the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FALP71W37X13430, a surplus vehicle to the Erath Police Department.
NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the Council approved the request by Chief Carroll Stelly to suspend the Occupational License for Asian Spa until the investigation is completed and the Chief makes further recommendations.
NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

**NOTE: Still on the Table** (Laid on the Table May 8, 2017) - the request for a Liquor License Permit for Joubert Palace owned by Lillian B. Senegal located at 400 N. McGown Street,

Nita McCall had addressed the City Council about a drainage concern around Edith Street.

City Attorney Joy Rabalais addressed the City Council to give them an update on the outcome of the Mandamus Trial May 30 – 31, 2017 brought by Theresa Richard vs. City Clerk – Annette Cutrera as custodian of the City’s records. The City prevailed. She also updated the Council on the outcome of the Defamation of Character counter lawsuit brought by the City Clerk – Annette Cutrera versus Theresa Richard. Ms. Richard prevailed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Calise Michael Doucet that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and carried.
NAYS: 0    ABSTAIN: 0    ABSENT: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix

Charles E. Robichaux, Mayor

Annette R. Cutrera, City Clerk