
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.


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 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:

a) 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.

b) 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 Zaubrecher Road. Also, along La. State Hwy. 90 West, and ending at The City Limits, and further described as the area of Martin Petijean Elementary.

c) The Southern Boundary, would be along La. State Hwy. 35 South, and would end at the intersection of Hwy. 35 South and Elaine Street.

d) 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 Ilama Road.

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 25:1 § 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:

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

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.
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.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Rodney “Cooney” Richard addressed the City Council regarding the progress on the Hope Recovery Center.

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the City Council approved a Street Drive 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.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 - James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot ABSENT: 0
Reason: A member of Life Teen Group

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, on a recommendation by the Planning Commission, the City Council 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)

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.

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.

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.
On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Curtrese L. Minix, the City Council approved to award a construction contract for the “Barbara Street Pump Station Improvements & Sanitary Sewer Force Main Extension” project to CDG Energy, LLC, Alexandria, LA which submitted the lowest bid as directed by the Louisiana Bid Law.

The following resolution was offered by Curtrese L. Minix, seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and duly resolved and adopted on 12th day of March, 2018.

**Resolution**

**MWPP Resolution**

WHEREAS: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has directed the City of Rayne, Louisiana to perform a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) audit on its Wastewater Treatment Facility located on W. Jefferson Davis Avenue and;

WHEREAS: The City of Rayne, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure discharge compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Rayne, Louisiana hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) that it has set forth through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the following actions necessary to attain and maintain permit discharge compliance contained in LPDES Permit Number 0039055:

1) The City of Rayne expects to continue the rehabilitation of public leaks through an ongoing smoke testing/repair maintenance crew.

2) The City has a notification program for private leaks. Private property owners are informed of defects discovered on their property, instructed to make repairs, and the repairs are monitored and cataloged.

3) A post-rehabilitation flow monitoring study has been conducted to determine the effects of past rehabilitation efforts. The post-rehabilitation flow monitoring results will be used to design and construct any required pump station upgrades, detention facilities, interceptors, and/or relief lines, etc. to reduce bypasses in the collection system when funding becomes available.

4) The City received bids for the Barbara Street Pump Station Improvements and Force Main Extension Project, a construction contract will be awarded and construction is expected to begin before June 2018.

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


NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

Cordell Grand, from LEPA, addressed the Council regarding the causes for the high cost factor of March utility bills, the freezing temperatures in mid-January were the culprit.

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.


NAYS: 0  ABSTAIN: 0  ABSENT: 0

CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR

ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK