

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:40 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Student Commissioner Cheyenne Morris, and Student Commissioner Clifton Walker led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk explained the Student Commissioner for A Day program.

The following students participated in the Student Commissioner for A Day program:

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
Addison	Boyd	Captain Shreve High School	Lazarus
Dylan John	Holmes	Huntington High School	Epperson
Suzie	Jordan	Huntington High School	Epperson
Wade	Smith	Evangel	Epperson
Lyndon B	Johnson, II	Northwood High School	Johnson
Mason	Welch	Northwood High School	Hopkins
Noah	Casas	Byrd High School	Chavez
Cameron	Wilson	Captain Shreve High School	Gage-Watts
Madison	Goree	Captain Shreve High School	Gage-Watts
Makayla	Monroe	Captain Shreve High School	Gage-Watts
Da'Kaiah	Patterson	Southwood High School	Gage-Watts
Ava	Richardson	Caddo Magnet High School	Gage-Watts
Clifton	Walker	Captain Shreve High School	Cothran
Lindsay	Lee	Northwood High School	Jones
Effienion	Sanders	Woodlawn Leadership Academy	Jones
Cheyenne	Morris	Woodlawn Leadership Academy	Jones
Braylen	Stapleton	Caddo Magnet High School	Young
Hannah	Kendrick	Byrd High School	Young
Ashleigh	Mitchell	Linwood Charter School	Burrell
Wellington	Watts	Walnut Hill	Gage-Watts

Mr. Hopkins announced Mason Welch was his Student Commissioner, but the student left early to attend a baseball meeting. The Clerk announced Hanna Kendrick was Student Commissioner for Commissioner Young and they had to leave early.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *to suspend the rules to consider agenda item 20.1 Appoint Mrs. Erica R. Bryant As Caddo Parish Administrator Effective Immediately Upon the Retirement of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., Salary to Be Determined by July 14, 2023.*

**Point of Order by Mrs. Gage-Watts** to determine if Mrs. Bryant was ready, which Mrs. Bryant acknowledged that they could wait.

Mr. Johnson withdrew his motion.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Public comment by Jennifer McKay in opposition of Ordinance No. 6321 of 2023.

**VISITORS**

- Student Commissioners for A Day in Recognition of County Government Month

Mr. Epperson announced he would have a reunion with his first Student Commissioner in June 2023.

The Commission and Dr. Wilson acknowledged and thanked the Student Commissioners for participation in the program. The Student Commissioners thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be Student Commissioners for A Day.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to suspend the rules to*

consider agenda item 20.1 Appoint Mrs. Erica R. Bryant As Caddo Parish Administrator Effective Immediately Upon the Retirement of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., Salary to Be Determined by July 14, 2023. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Appoint Mrs. Erica R. Bryant As Caddo Parish Administrator Effective Immediately Upon the Retirement of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., Salary to Be Determined by July 14, 2023* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Bryant spoke on her appointment as the next Caddo Parish Administrator.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *for a five minute recess*. Motion carried unanimously.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to return to regular order*. Motion carried acclamation.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Regular Session Minutes April 6, 2023* be adopted. Motion carried.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions*:

- *Special Resolution Recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian And Pacific Island Heritage Month*
- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Geneva Moore Day*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Christopher Coe*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing April As Fair Housing Month*
- *Special Resolution for Public Service Recognition Week*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing The 75th Anniversary of The Air Force Reserve*

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson called a Veterans Affairs Committee meeting for Monday, May 1, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts announced a clean up in the Mooretown area and requested any interested volunteers to contact her. Mrs. Gage-Watts will be participating in the Heart Walk on April 29<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. at Festival Plaza and invited participants to join her team The Heart Warmers
- Mr. Jackson called a Juvenile Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at either 11 a.m. or 12 noon. Mr. Jackson requested the Clerk to notify the Juvenile Services Citizens Advisory Committee on the scheduled meeting. Mr. Jackson clarified that the Committee would seek public input on millages. Mr. Jackson requested that Dr. Wilson update him on acquiring a catcher for a ditch cleanup and the plan on cutting vegetation. Mr. Jackson requested the Administration provide an update on the work of Caddo Ford.
- Mr. Young discussed the discoveries of the wastewater study results regarding methamphetamine. Mr. Young announced that the University of Alabama Medical School is planning to host a study clinic in Shreveport to treat the methamphetamine epidemic. Mr. Young invited the Commission to attend the clinic.
- Mr. Epperson requested that Attorney Frazier and Attorney Bernstein review the City of

Colorado Springs, Colorado ordinance regarding political sign litter.

- Mr. Chavez announced the Southern Hills Neighborhood Cleanup at 8AM and the cleanup starts at the Southern Hills Park. Mr. Chavez explained that Starbucks is providing free drinks Starbucks and Papa Johns is provided free pizza. Mr. Chavez called a Long Range Planning Committee meeting on Friday, April 28th at 3:30 pm.
- Mr. Johnson discussed the safe summer program activities in the Cooper Road area. Mr. Johnson requested that there be collaboration with law enforcement to locate meth in neighborhoods. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Clay Walker, Juvenile Services Director, discussed the juvenile detention population, which Mr. Walker responded that their juvenile population had decreased. Mr. Johnson requested Dr. Wilson provide a status update on the Courthouse Garden.
- Mr. Cothran acknowledged the Art Fest held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Burrell announced the Northwest University Health School held a health screening at the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES***

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6318 of 2023, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 and enact 6-1 Et, Seq. regarding temporary uses, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6319 of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to appropriate \$60,000 to a Grab and Go Feeding Program through Caddo Parks and Recreation*
- *Ordinance No. 6320 of 2023, an ordinance to authorize and levy a fee for each service or transaction of the Shreveport Field Office of the Office Of Motor Vehicles (OMV) – Department Of Public Safety And Corrections in the amount of \$4.50 per service or transaction, except for the procurement or renewal of motor vehicle registration; authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator, to enter into an agreement with the Department Of Public Safety And Corrections; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6321 of 2023, an ordinance amending Ordinance 6014 of 2020 which provided an appropriation of \$750,000 for the construction and improvement of Greenwood water lines, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Public comment by Jennifer McKay in opposition of Ordinance No. 6321 of 2023.

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

### ***ORDINANCES (for final passage)***

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6318 of 2023, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 and enact 6-1 Et, Seq. regarding temporary uses, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (12).NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6319 of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to appropriate \$60,000 to a Grab and Go Feeding Program through Caddo Parks and Recreation* be adopted.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6319 of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to appropriate \$60,000 to a Grab and Go Feeding Program through Caddo Parks and Recreation*
- *Ordinance No. Ordinance No. 6320 of 2023, an ordinance to authorize and levy a fee for each service or transaction of the Shreveport Field Office of the Office Of*

*Motor Vehicles (OMV) – Department Of Public Safety And Corrections in the amount of \$4.50 per service or transaction, except for the procurement or renewal of motor vehicle registration; authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator, to enter into an agreement with the Department Of Public Safety And Corrections; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Lazarus (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6321 of 2023, an ordinance amending Ordinance 6014 of 2020 which provided an appropriation of \$750,000 for the construction and improvement of Greenwood water lines, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson discussed systemic problems throughout the years and the purpose of the ordinance. Mr. Epperson addressed Mr. Young's enquiry about requiring a board in the ordinance. Mr. Johnson addressed Greenwood water issues and transparency.

**Call for the Question by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Jones. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Jones (7). NAYS: Commissioner Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance 6322 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-1-CTAP, an ordinance to amend volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to wireless telecommunications, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6323 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-2-CTAP, an ordinance to amend volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to data centers, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6324 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-3-CTAP, an ordinance to amend volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to surfacing requirements for parking lots, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6325 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-5-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located western corner of Colquitt Road and Jersey Gold Road, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-A Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

#### **ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6326 of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to appropriate funds for Safe Summer*

**Point of Order by Mr. Atkins**, to point out a clerical error on the ordinance, which the Clerk advised the error is not on the ordinance as advertised.

#### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Work Session Minutes from March 14, 2022* be ratified. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 21 of 2023, a resolution to authorize the acceptance of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire* be adopted.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 23 of 2022, a resolution urging the United States Congress to improve the United States Postal Service's reliability and timeliness of its deliveries, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Recognition of Col. (Ret.) Paris Davis, U S Army*

**Friendly amendment by Mr. Epperson** that Recognition of Col. (Ret.) Paris Davis , U S Army be advanced to the next Commission Regular Session. Mr. Johnson accepted the friendly amendment.

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Cothran, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **COMMUNIQUEs AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson discussed the \$750,000 appropriation to the Town of Greenwood.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Roy Burrell  
President