

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF MAY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:35 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, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Lazarus (1).

The invocation was given by Mr. Calvin Austin , and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment by Scott Brownsell regarding the formation of a committee of safety. A citizen gave a prayer, which the Chair addressed Chambers decorum. Public comment by Elizabeth Brownsell regarding committee of safety. Public comment by Brenda O'Brock regarding settlement announcement. Public comment by Christian Hancock regarding the affirmations of the Republic of the United States.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Regular Session Minutes May 4, 2023* be adopted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Special Resolution Proclaiming Memorial Day in Caddo Parish* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson discussed recognizing Memorial Day and announced the Veterans Memorial Program at Bill Cockrell Community Center on May 25, 2023 at 10 am.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, and Lazarus (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- *Special Resolution Recognizing National Maritime Day*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition Upon the Retirement of Judge David Matlock*

Mr. Epperson discussed the purpose of Maritime holiday.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, and Lazarus (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Gage-Watts called an NGO Committee meeting on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 12 noon.
- Mr. Epperson discussed drug shortages and requested that the Administration correspond with local medical facilities, Dr. White, LSU Medical Center and Dr. Reddy's to encourage an increased production of life-saving drugs within Louisiana. Mr. Epperson announced the Pines Road Area Business Association Inc. meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6 pm at the Gracepoint Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Epperson requested the Parish Administrator Dr. Wilson to provide an update from SWEPCO/AEP regarding Resilience Technology Park and to request the Industrial Development Board to provide an update to the Commission.
- Mr. Cothran discussed supporting graduating students. The Clerk and Mr. Cothran discussed the schedule of the ARP Committee meeting and the schedule of available dates for Committee meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance 6328 Of 2023, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the Code of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Public comment by Damian Watt on behalf of Louisiana Oil and Gas Association and Louisiana Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association regarding postponing Ordinance 6328 of 2023 for thirty days after June 12th.

There being no one else 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. Young**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Ordinance 6328 Of 2023, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the Code of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be delayed to August 3rd Regular Session.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *to delay Ordinance 6328 of 2023 until August 3rd and address Resolution 17 of 2022.*

Point of Order by Mr. Johnson, that Resolution 17 be heard before a final vote.

Mr. Epperson discussed the purpose of the substitute motion. Mr. Chavez the Administration to correspond with Bossier Parish regarding their ordinance study before the August 3rd Regular Session. Mr. Young and Attorney Frazier addressed the Parish's authority to regulate noise. Mr. Johnson reviewed Resolution 17 of 2022. Mr. Burrell indicated that the Natural Resources Committee suggested the oil and gas industry review the ordinance and draft a document for the Commission to review.

Mr. Jackson clarified that Resolution 17 of 2022 had been approved. Attorney Frazier indicated that a resolution could be addressed through a meeting but could not be written into an ordinance.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson. *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: None (0). ABSENT: Lazarus (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Jones (6). NAYS: Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, and Young (5). ABSENT: Lazarus (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6317 Of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures to appropriate funds for a Caddo Community Lighthouse Pilot Project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6329 Of 2023, an ordinance amending the Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures for the Capital Outlay and the Oil And Gas Fund in the amount of \$140,000 to provide an appropriation for the rehabilitation of the Village of Hosston's water stand pipe, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance 6331 Of 2023, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of property located at 4862 Dixie Garden Loop Rd, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson** seconded by Mr. Young, *that Work Session Minutes from May 15, 2023* be ratified. *Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 23 of 2023,*

a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Department Of Transportation And Development to select a location north of exit 245 on I-49 near Ida as the location of the proposed visitor information center, 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, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Jones, Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- *Resolution No. 24 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral And Energy Board and the Office Of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish Of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 25 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral And Energy Board and the Office Of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish Of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Cothran, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUEs AND REPORTS

- Mr. Chavez announced the annual Optimum Classic on Saturday May 20th.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Roy Burrell
President