

AUGUST 14, 2007
VILLE PLATTE CITY COUNCIL
VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana met in regular meeting at the Ville Platte City Hall, 126 East Main Street, Ville Platte, Louisiana on August 14, 2007, immediately following the public hearings.

There were present: Mayor Bill Jeanmard, Alderwoman Carol Alfred, Aldermen Taranza Arvie, C.J. Dardeau, Freddie Jack, Mike Perron, Donald Sam, City Clerk Shelley Fruge, Administrative Assistant Rita Jack, City Attorney Eric LaFleur and City Engineer Ronnie Landrneau.

There were absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD 5:30 P.M.
RESOLUTION FOR MILLAGE RATES
MULTI-HOUSING ORDINANCE
LCDBG

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte were duly convened as the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte by the Mayor, who announced that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

It was moved by Alderwoman Alfred, seconded by Alderman Arvie to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007 and special meeting of July 17, 2007.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Arvie thanked Mrs. Hilda Edwards for doing a great job on abandon buildings and properties. He stated that he is concerned about the abandon houses that have been there for a long time and asked to encourage landowners to clean up their property and help clean up the town.

Alderman Perron stated that the water department is working overtime 7 days a week to repair the many water leaks.

With the recommendation of the Mayor, It was moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderman Arvie to approve the following liquor permits: 1) David Deville to do business as 3D Quick Stop and Kuntry Kitchen, Lakethia Ben to sell beer at the Northside ball field at a softball tournament, Sang Van Mgyuen to do business at EVN Market, Felicia Joseph to sell beer for Ville Platte Quarterback Club at the Martin Luther King Center and to postpone the liquor permit for Trevor Brady to do business as the Pub on 112 Laran Street until Alderman Arvie can speak to the residents in the area.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Perron introduced the following ordinance with public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2007.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (EIB)

An ordinance approving amending the policy and procedure of the Ville Platte Police Department Extended Illness Bank and adding all employees of the City of Ville Platte and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

It was moved by Alderman Perron, seconded by Alderman Jack to approve the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE #071007-1

An Ordinance to adopt specific permitting requirements for the development of multi-family housing projects in the City of Ville Platte.

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte recognizes the important value of affordable quality housing to its citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte wishes to promote the development of affordable housing for all of its residents and to provide whatever services and support that it can in furtherance of reaching that important policy including improvements to the city's infrastructure and public utility systems;

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte recognizes that it must continue to improve and upgrade its delivery of public services including gas, water and sewerage treatment and to do so must secure and maintain its customer base;

WHEREAS, Multi-family housing is herein defined as structures divided into rental units of any number whether individual units or in group structures. Multi-family housing units and developments who are granted a resolution in support by the City of Ville Platte or whose development receives any type of specialized financing through either a Federal or State housing program, including but not limited to such programs that provide grants and/or reduced rates of interest to the developer, tax credits or tax rebates, or any other financial incentive shall not be provided a permit to construct unless said facility or building exclusively provides home heating systems powered by gas from the gas department by the City of Ville Platte.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, in legal and regular and/or special session, acting as the "Governing Authority" of said City, after a public hearing with legal notice, adopt a Multi-Family Housing Unit for the board of aldermen districts of the city of Ville Platte in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Public hearing for said ordinance was held at 5:30 p.m., August 14, 2007.

A vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Alderwoman Alfred, Aldermen Arvie, Dardeau, Jack, Perron, and Sam.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

William "Bill" Jeanmard, Mayor

Shelley Fruge, City Clerk

Motion Carried.

Mayor informed the council that the millage rate tax resolution that had been approved needed to be placed differently on the agenda. He informed the council that there were no changes to the millage tax rate for the year of 2007 and needed approval from the council. It was therefore moved by Alderwoman Alfred, seconded by Alderman Arvie to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) and (C) of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B)(1) and (2), a Taxing of authority is required to adopt Resolution No. 1 to approve its millage rate(s) after reassessment but not in excess of the prior year's maximum authorized millage rate(s).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Ville Platte of the Parish of Evangeline, Louisiana, in a public hearing held on June 13th, 2006, which hearing was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23 © of the Constitution, that the following adjusted millage rates(s) be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said city for 2007, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

VILLE PLATTE ALIMONY---7.00
VILLE PLATTE STREET & DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE---10.01
VILLE PLATTE FIRE & POLICE---4.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Evangeline shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2006 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said city shall collect taxes in accordance with the law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Alderwoman Alfred, Aldermen Dardeau, Sam, Jack, Arvie and Perron.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting held on August 14th 2007, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Ville Platte, Louisiana this 14th day of August, 2007.

DONNA VEILLON, TAX COLLECTOR

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EVANGELINE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared.

Bill Jeanmard, Mayor

Who, after first being sworn, did depose and say:

That he is the duly authorized Mayor of the City of Ville Platte.

That a public hearing was held in accordance with the open meetings law at R.S. 4.21, et seq. to adopt the millage rate(s) for the 2007 tax year.

(1) That the public written notice of the agenda, date, time, and place of the hearing was posted on the building where the meeting of this taxing authority are usually held at least 24 hours before the meeting.

A quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 14th day of August, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ville Platte City Hall. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the approval of two-thirds of the members present.

Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Mayor
P.O. Box 390
Ville Platte, LA 70586

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 14th day of August, 2007 at Ville Platte, Louisiana.

NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTARY ID OR BAR ROLL #

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Jack, seconded by Alderman Arvie to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderman Sam to authorize the City to enter into and execute any and all documents required by the FARM SERVICE AGENCY OR NRCS to conduct any business deemed necessary.

Motion Carried.

Mayor informed the Council that he received two petitions for annexation. Lola Fontenot requested to annex 15.39 acres bordering south Ville Platte on the Te Mamou Rd. Mr. Gervis LaFleur , Executive Director of the Evangeline Community Action requested to annex 3 (three) acres of the 15.39 acres requested by Lola Fontenot. It was then moved by Alderman Alfred, seconded by Alderman Sam to accept the petitions for annexation.

Motion Carried.

At the recommendation of the City Attorney, Alderwoman Alfred introduced the following ordinance with public hearing to be held on September 11, 2007, at 5:45 p.m.

An ordinance to consider annexing 15.39 acres bordering south of Ville Platte on the Te Mamou Rd.

It was moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderwoman Alfred to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the renewal franchise agreement with the Village of Chataignier with necessary changes.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Jack, seconded by Alderman Arvie to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute a cooperative agreement with the Ville Platte Housing Authority and/or Non-Profit of Ville Platte Housing Authority for any new construction pertaining to fees paid to the city to assist in the cleaning of properties and other services.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Jack, seconded by Alderman Perron to authorize the Mayor to negotiate, sign and execute a cooperative renewal agreement with the Ville Platte Chamber of Commerce.

Motion Carried.

City Treasurer Rod LaFleur informed the council that there have been no significant changes. He informed them that the city received interest check from Allstate for \$33,000.00 in which 60% went into the General Fund and 40% was put in 1984 Sales Tax.

Aldermen received a copy of the monthly bills and financial statements.

**Police Chief Neil Lartigue announced that the Ville Platte Police Department responded to a total 698 compliants for the month of July. He also reported the resignation of Police Dispatcher Latisha Lazard.

With the approval of the Mayor and the recommendation of the Police Chief , it was moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderman Sam to hire Christal Devillier as a Provisional Dispatcher and Daniel Mayeaux as a Provisional Police Officer provided all requirements are met.

Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Ted Demourelle informed Council that the Ville Platte Fire Department responded to 23 calls for the month of July.

Engineer Report—City Engineer informed the Council that he reviewed the bid for Suncoast, Inc. for the Sewer Rehab project in the amount of \$292,375.50 and found it to be acceptable.

It was moved by Alderwoman Alfred, seconded by Alderman Sam to approve the Procurement Plan for the 2008-2009 LCDBG Sewer Rehab Grant application.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Sam, seconded by Alderman Perron to approve the Citizen Participation Plan and all necessary amendment to meet the 2008-2009 guidelines.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderman Arvie to authorize the Mayor, clerk and staff to sign and assist in all necessary documents for the 2008-2009 Sewer Rehab Grant application.

Motion Carried.

**Mayor's Report-The Mayor announced the opening of 4 new business in Ville Platte for month of July.

Mayor also stated he would like to move with the abandonment of the Jan Theatre and ask for direction. City Attorney suggested that the Fire Chief and City Engineer inspect the building again. They informed the City Attorney that they have no way of entering the building to inspect. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Arvie, seconded by Alderman Sam to move forward with the abandonment process of the Jan Theatre.

Motion Carried.

Mayor informed the council that Fathers for Better Youth want to lease the Southside baseball field at the Martin Luther King Center. It was then moved by Alderman Dardeau, seconded by Alderman Sam to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Fathers for Better Youth.

Motion Carried.

Mayor informed the council that the Fire Insurance Rebate Check in the amount of \$32,296.28 have come in and it have been approved and authorized by the Council to give the entire rebate to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Ted Demoruelle informed the Mayor and council it would be used to purchase equipment for the Fire department.

Mayor informed the council that the water and street department is working hard in the heat and is doing a fine job.

Mayor stated he wanted to congratulate the Ville Platte 10 years old Dixie Youth for coming out second in the World Series and he would be doing something for them in the near future.

It was then moved by Alderman Jack, seconded by Alderman Sam, that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

William "Bill" Jeanmard, Mayor

Shelley Fruge, City Clerk