

JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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 Landreneau.

There was absent: None.

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 Alderman Jack and seconded by Alderman Perron to approve the minutes of May 8, 2007.

Motion Carried.

Alderwoman Alfred commended the Building Code Committee for doing a great job on the abandoned buildings and grass cutting in the City of Ville Platte. She stated that the Town was looking good.

Alderman Arvie also commended the Citizens for responding to the call to clean up Ville Platte.

It was moved by Alderman Perron and seconded by Alderman Arvie to approve the following liquor permits:

- 1) The Fire Department to sell beer for a softball tournament at the Northside Ball Park on July 20-22, 2007.
- 2) The Sacred Heart Booster Club to sell beer for a softball tournament at the Northside Ball Park on August 3-5, 2007.
- 3) Huck Finn's, Inc. for a retail liquor permit.
- 4) Just Drive Thru for a retail liquor permit.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Dardeau and seconded by Alderman Arvie to appoint the Ville Platte Gazette at the City's Official Journal.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Sam and seconded by Alderwoman Alfred 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 it 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 June 12th 2007, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Ville Platte, Louisiana this 12th day of June, 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 12th day of June, 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 12th day of June, 2007 at Ville Platte, Louisiana.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Motion Carried.

The Mayor informed the Council that copies of the financial statements and bills have been distributed to each of them for their review and informed them that a copy of the budget was presented by CPA Dana Quebedeaux with John S. Dowling & Associates with a public hearing to be held on June 26, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

At the request of the Police Chief and the approval of the Mayor, it was moved by Alderman Jack and seconded by Alderman Arvie to hire the following Police Officers, pending physicals and all legal requirements are met: Charus Richard and Shawn Guillory.

Motion Carried.

The Police Chief also informed the Council of the resignation of two full-time Police Officers, Chris Lejeune and Shane Beard, and informed the Council that both will remain on the force part-time.

The Police Chief also informed the Council that the Southside Park is being closed at 7:30 p.m. each day.

The Fire Chief informed the Council that testing of the fire hydrant is complete. He also informed the Council that the telephone system at the central station is not working. The Mayor advised that proposals are being reviewed and replacements should occur prior to July.

City Engineer's report – Engineer informed the Council, after a review of all bid documents for the FY 2006 LCDBG REHAB Grant, that the bid from Insituform Technologies, Inc. was not executed in triplicate, as required, and that the bid from Suncoast Infrastructure did not include Form 1421 and recommended rejecting both bids, thus having to re-advertise receipt of bids at the earliest possible date.

It was then moved by Alderwoman Alfred and seconded by Alderman Perron to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to reject both bids and re-advertise for receipt of bids.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Dardeau and seconded by Alderman Jack to authorize the Engineer to proceed with the application to USDA to change the majority of the water systems and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Alderman Jack and seconded by Alderwoman Alfred to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 061207

A resolution granting authority to take preliminary action regarding financing for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the waterworks system of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana; hiring of counsel in connection therewith and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council (the "Governing Authority") of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Review. The Governing Authority desires to take preliminary action to explore the possibility of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the waterworks system of the City (the "Project").

SECTION 2. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to assemble information and prepare reports for the City so that several scenarios for funding can be examined by the City and a financing plan for the Project can be proposed.

SECTION 3. Governing Authority Review. The Mayor and Clerk shall work with Bond Counsel and financial advisors to prepare and present to the Governing Authority several scenarios with regard to financing alternatives for the Project to make a sound and informed decision regarding the Project.

SECTION 4. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of legal counsel in connection with the project; accordingly, *Mahtook & LaFleur* (hereinafter referred to as Bond Counsel or Counsel), together with their affiliates and associated professionals, located in Ville Platte, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the election. If approved by the Governing Authority, Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental the purposes set forth herein; and (ii) counsel and advise the Governing Authority with respect to proposed waterworks system improvements. The fee to be paid Bond Counsel shall be limited to an amount not less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the Governing Authority subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee.

SECTION 5. Application to State Bond Commission. Upon determination of the parameters of such financing plan, application shall be made to the State Bond commission for consent and authority to approve the contents of a notice of intention; and other matters in connection therewith, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

YEAS: C. J. Dardeau, Donald Sam, Carol Alfred, Freddie Jack, Taranza Arvie, Mike Perron.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12th day of June, 2007.

Bill Jeanmard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Frugé, Clerk

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EVANGELINE**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing three (3) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on June 12th, 2007, granting the authority to take preliminary action regarding financing for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the waterworks system of the City, and providing for other matters in connection herewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of June, 2007.

Shelly Frugé, Clerk

Motion Carried.

Chip Holmes, YOU Director, informed the Council that the Summer Program is working well. He also made a formal request to apply again for grant monies from the Office of Youth Services to continue the Mentoring Program. It was moved by Alderman Jack and seconded by Alderwoman Alfred to allow the organization to apply for grant monies to fund the Mentoring Program and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

Motion Carried.

Mayor's report – The Mayor informed the Council about the Latoya Rideau Case and at the recommendation of the City Attorney, the city was offered a reasonable resolution and recommended accepting the Consent Decree. It was moved by Alderman Perron and seconded by Alderman Jack to accept the Consent Decree.

Motion Carried.

At the recommendation of the Mayor, it was moved by Alderman Perron and seconded by Alderman Dardeau to re-appoint David Ortego and appoint Edward Arvie to the Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

Motion Carried.

The Mayor also informed the Council that he received a response from the request to have a traffic light put at the corner of McArthur and LaSalle and after the state study was complete; the city did not meet any of the six (6) categories.

The Mayor informed the Council that the playground equipment has been installed at the Martin Luther King Center.

The Mayor also informed the Council that the City has notified 137 property owners of their abandoned property and/or vehicle and the owners have been very cooperative.

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

Motion Carried.

Bill Jeanmard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Fruge, City Clerk