

DONALDSONVILLE COUNCIL
CITY OF DONALDSONVILLE
DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Donaldsonville Council of the City of Donaldsonville met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. held in Council Chambers, 609 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, Louisiana with the following members present.

CHARLES BROWN, SR. Chairman
RAYMOND AUCOIN, Vice-Chairman
REGINALD FRANCIS, SR.
MIKE SULLIVAN, SR.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brown.
A prayer and pledge of allegiance was recited.
The public comment period was now opened.
Glen Price addressed the council regarding the code enforcement report.
It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis to close public comments.
The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., BROWN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to amend the agenda to introduce and vote on Ordinance 2023-20.

The vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, AUCOIN, BROWN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis seconded by M. Sullivan Sr., to amend the agenda to introduce Ordinance 2023-21.

The vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, BROWN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

Code Enforcement November 2023 Monthly Report given by Code Enforcer, Lionel Franklin

Public Works November 2023 Monthly report given by Superintendent, Spencer Harvey.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to accept the November 5, 2023, to December 5, 2023 Gas Report.

The vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, BROWN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

Road and Culture November 2023 Monthly Report given by Superintendent, Spencer Harvey.

Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office November 2023 Monthly report given by Lt. Jason Kling.

Wastewater November 2023 Monthly Report given by Dave Curtis of Curtis Environmental

Fire Department November 2023 Monthly Report given by Asst. Fire Chief, Travis Cedotal.

The following emergency ordinance was introduced, and an emergency public hearing was held on this ordinance on December 12, 2023 at this 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2023-20

The Donaldsonville Council, pursuant to Charter Provision Section 2-13 concerning emergency ordinances, hereby declares that there is an eminent need to prohibit the act of pile driving on the weekends, beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday evening through 7:00 A.M. Monday morning, in the City of Donaldsonville due to the effects on health, safety and property of the citizens in the City of Donaldsonville. The Donaldsonville Council specifically states that in an effort to minimize the effects of pile driving activities occurring throughout the City of Donaldsonville on its citizens and in effort to allow its citizens peace and quiet on the weekends, beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday evening through 7:00 A.M. Monday morning, as well as allow additional time for the citizens to mitigate any damage to their property due to the pile driving activity, the Donaldsonville Council invokes its authority, under the above mentioned Charter Provision, and adopts this emergency ordinance concerning prohibition of pile driving during the weekends, beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday evening through 7:00 A.M. Monday morning, to be effective for 30 days unless extended for an additional 30 days in accordance with Charter Section 2-13(C). It is the intent of the Donaldsonville Council to introduce a regular ordinance and in due course have a regular public hearing all in accordance with the Charter Provisions for adopting an ordinance without emergency powers, however due to the impending health, safety and property concerns of the citizens of Donaldsonville, the Council has decided that the risk to the citizens and the property within the Municipal Corporate Limits is too great and that said emergency ordinance is needed immediately. Therefore be it resolved that the act of pile driving in the City of Donaldsonville is hereby prohibited during the weekend, beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday evening through 7:00 A.M. Monday morning, and this ordinance is hereby adopted immediately and shall be published in full in the official journal as soon as practical.

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

Glen Price addressed the City Council regarding the emergency ordinance.

John Beck addressed the City Council regarding the emergency ordinance.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. and seconded by Mr. Francis to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-20.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS, AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. and seconded by Mr. Aucoin to adopt Ordinance 2023-20.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

Mayor, Leroy Sullivan Sr. recommended the hiring of Michelle Ashby for the Director of Community and Economic Development.

Michelle Ashby gave an introduction to the City Council.

It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Aucoin to approve the hiring of the new Director of Community and Economic Development, Michelle Ashby.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BROWN, AUCOIN, M. SULLIVAN SR., FRANCIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

MRI Material Resources, Inc. for the Pavement Preservation update will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 18, 2023.

The Demolition hearings were now opened.

A report was given on Lot 187, W ½ Sq. 12, 1406 McKinley Alley, belonging to Rachel Dabney.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to advise Attorney Spencer Long to move forward with demolition, giving the owners 90 days to demolish or the city of Donaldsonville will move forward with demolition and bill the owners.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

A report was given on 1311 and 1315 McKinley Alley Lots 119, 122, and 135, E ½ Sq. 10, C/V (c/o Solomon Gallen).

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion.

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to advise Attorney Spencer Long to move forward with demolition, giving the owners 90 days to demolish or the city of Donaldsonville will move forward with demolition and bill the owners.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, M. SULLIVAN SR., AUCOIN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED

Discussion for LaLa Field and Ascension Parish proposal to donate it to the City of Donaldsonville will be placed on December 18, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Leroy Sullivan Sr. asked for a \$120 donation for the purchase of turkeys for the City of Donaldsonville employees.

Discussion for Rose Creed Law Firm contributions to be used for the Lemann Center will be discussed at the December 18, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the sinkhole near pump station "A" and repairs.

The following ordinance was introduced, and a public hearing will be held on this ordinance on January 9, 2024 at this 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ORDINANCE 2023-18

An ordinance of the City of Donaldsonville amending Section 12.5-25 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville, regarding employee status, providing for repealing of all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability provisions; and providing for renumbering to be part of the code of ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville.

The following ordinance was introduced, and a public hearing will be held on this ordinance on January 9, 2024 at this 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ORDINANCE 2023-19

WHEREAS the Donaldsonville Council desires to update its Vacation Leave and Sick Leave policies to be more consistent, uniform and easily interpreted; providing for repealing of all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing severability provisions; and providing for renumbering to be part of the code of ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville.

Ordinance 2023-21 will be discussed at the December 18, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Project will be discussed at the December 18, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.

There being no further business before the Council of the City of Donaldsonville in regular session convened, a motion was made by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. and seconded by Mr. Aucoin that this meeting be adjourned.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: M. SULLIVAN SR, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DELANEY, 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

s/Ashley Gagnard
Council Clerk