

DONALDSONVILLE COUNCIL  
CITY OF DONALDSONVILLE  
AUGUST 22, 2023

The Donaldsonville Council of the City of Donaldsonville met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 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  
LAUTHAUGHT DELANEY, SR.  
REGINALD FRANCIS, SR.  
MIKE SULLIVAN, SR.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brown.

A prayer and pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to amend the agenda to discuss the use of The Lemann Center for Dakota Bonadonna.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to amend the agenda to discuss the Assistant Fire Chief's pay raise.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to amend the agenda to discuss quotes for African American Museum.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Delaney to amend the agenda to discuss quotes for painting of the Lemann Center.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Francis to amend the agenda to allow Glen Price to discuss updates on new hospital.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

The public comment period was now opened  
Hunter Lundy announced his candidacy for Governor.

Myra Gros addressed the Council regarding Dakota Bonadonna's fight for Cancer and the rental of the Lemann Center for the "Bad to the Bone" fundraiser event taking place on September 24, 2023 at 11:30 AM.

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr, seconded by Mr. Francis to grant use of the Lemann Center for the amount of \$500.00, waiving all other fees.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to close public comments.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

The Finance Report was given by Sandra Cost Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin and seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to approve Eisner Amper (EAG Gulf Coast, LLC) as auditor for year-end Audit 2023

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Aucoin to approve Invoice # 203635; Donaldsonville Planning & Zoning T/M. Payable to McKim & Creed for professional services rendered through 8/1/2023 in the amount of \$2,487.50.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, SULLIVAN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Delaney to approve Invoice #203634; 9903 Sewer T&M. Payable to McKim & Creed for professional services rendered through 8/1/2023 in the amount of \$3,182.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis to approve Invoice # 203633; Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round (2). Payable to McKim & Creed for professional services rendered through 8/1/2023 in the amount of \$975.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, FRANCIS, DELANEY, SULLIVAN, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS  
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to approve Invoice # 203632; Donaldsonville Grants for Natural Gas, Sewer, Transportation and Drainage T/M. Payable to McKim & Creed for professional services rendered through 8/1/2023 in the amount of \$3,435.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FRANCIS, SULLIVAN, AUCOIN, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS  
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to authorize Mayor to sign and pay for Application Services Task Order No #232780. Payable to McKim & Creed in the amount of \$12,000.00.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS  
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Aucoin to authorize a pay rate increase for Asst. Fire Chief (\$5K more per year or the 3 year salary which is \$55,407.47).

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS  
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., to award contract in the amount of \$20,376.95 to J&C Marks to repair the internal damage suffered by the African American Museum as a result of Hurricane IDA.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DELANEY, SULLIVAN, AUCOIN, FRANCIS, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS  
ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr., seconded by Mr. Francis to award contract in the amount of \$20,800.00 to Supreme Rodrigues Construction LLC for the repairs at the Lemann Center.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SULLIVAN, FRANCIS, AUCOIN, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

Glen Price of Sunrise Community Group gave an update on the consideration of the new hospital in Donaldsonville. A community need assessment will be done by SSA Contractors. A resolution was passed to create a 5 Member Committee. Dr. Cherie Mitchell Levy was chosen as a member of the committee. Prevost is on the Sept 7th Parish Agenda. It was recommended by the Council that more West Bank members be included on the Committee.

Bayou Classic 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Roadshow – it was announced that the bus will be making nine stops. The City of Donaldsonville would like to welcome everyone to come out.

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

**ORDINANCE 2023-11**

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 “Occupational Licenses, Taxes and Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Donaldsonville, State of Louisiana to create Article VI “Food Vendors,” providing for definitions, providing for rules and regulations, providing for permitting, 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.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion. It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Delaney to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-11.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt Ordinance 2023-11.

The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: AUCOIN, FRANCIS, DELANEY, BROWN

NAYS: M. SULLIVAN SR.

ABSENT: NONE 4 YEAS, 1 NAY, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

The public hearing on the following ordinance was now opened.

**ORDINANCE 2023-12**

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville and more particularly Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville, Sections V 2 (C)(1) concerning petitions for placements of mobile

homes, providing for severability of all provisions, providing for the repealing of all Ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

All interested parties were given the opportunity to express their opinion. It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-12.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE, 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

It was moved by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan Sr. to adopt Ordinance 2023-12.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, NONE ABSENT AND THE MOTION

WAS

ADOPTED

The following ordinances were introduced. A public hearing will be held on this ordinance at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13**

An ordinance of the City of Donaldsonville, providing that the code of ordinances for the City of Donaldsonville, be amended by amending Chapter 7 Fire Protection and Prevention; providing for false alarms, providing for investigations of fires, providing for charges for use of equipment and services, providing for charges in addition to inspection of premises, providing for service charges; 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.

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

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND THE MOTION WAS

ADOPTED

s/Ashley Gaignard

Council Clerk