

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
MATHEWS, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M., TO BE HELD AT THE OLD WAL-MART BUILDING, 4876 HIGHWAY 1, MATHEWS, LOUISIANA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the Governing Authority of said Parish by Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 5:03 p.m.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Jerry Jones, Vice-Chair
Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman
Mr. Louis Richard
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Daniel Lorraine
Ms. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

ABSENT: None

Chairman Delatte announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Rodney Doucet. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The first item on the agenda was the Public wishing to address the Council. *No one requested to speak.*

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The next item (1) on the agenda was an emergency ordinance to change the location of Polling Precinct: Ward 7, Precinct 4 and Ward 3, Precinct 3; to further establish the effective date of same; and to provide for other matters thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4380 POLLING PRECINCT CHANGES - SANDRA BARRIOS BUILDING

The next item (2) on the agenda was an emergency ordinance to change the location of Polling Precinct: Ward 2, Precinct 6; to further establish the effective date of same; and to provide for other matters thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 4381 POLLING PRECINCT CHANGE - LAFOURCHE PARISH COURTHOUSE

The next item (3) on the agenda was an emergency ordinance approving an agreement between Clearbrook and Lafourche Parish Government for the rental of the Old Wal-Mart Building in Mathews and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones. Mr. Lorraine stated that he had looked at the agreement prior to the meeting, but he was just handed another one replacing the original one he had received; in that he did not have a chance to go through it. He questioned if the building would be rented monthly or yearly. President Randolph replied that it was a six month lease. Mr. Lorraine next asked if it was possible that they would be addressing the other building during this lease. President Randolph responded as yes, that they have. Mr. Lorraine then asked if the other building was not ready in six months, if they have to rent this one again for another six months. President Randolph replied as no, explaining that it would then be month by month. Mr. Lorraine expressed that was the only concern he had; questioning if it was indeed \$20,000 a month. President Randolph replied that it was. Mr. Lorraine made some comments in regards to purchasing old Wal-Mart buildings. President Randolph then stated that it has been on the market for a while, but the Act of Sale had just gone through today for this particular company; in that the Parish was just a little bit too late. A discussion continued in regards to the timeline and of the building being purchased; and of the other building being repaired. Mr. Toups asked if the Parish was going to be able to recoup any of the money; with President Randolph replying as "FEMA". The ordinance then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas, (0) nays, and (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Gouaux.

ORD. NO. 4382 RENTAL AGREEMENT - CLEARBROOK - OLD WAL-MART BUILDING

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (4) on the agenda was a resolution approving the grant offered by the State of Louisiana, Department of Labor naming Lafourche Parish Council Office of Community Action as the sub-grantee, to receive and administer the Community Service Block Grant Funds to provide assistance to low income families in Lafourche Parish in accordance with state requirements and subject to recommendations of the Community Action Advisory Board; and authorizing the Parish President to sign the certification of authority designating the authority to the Lafourche Community Action Agency Executive Director to receive and administer said funds to provide services and programs in accordance with the provisions of the Community Services Block Grant Act of 1981 and amendments. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

RES. NO. 08-295 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Council Chairman Michael Delatte, Council Clerk Carleen Babin, and Parish President Charlotte Randolph signed the Emergency Ordinances, making them effective as of September 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Toups, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council **Emergency Meeting of September 18, 2008 adjourned 5:18 p.m.**

MICHAEL F. DELATTE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL