

Ville Platte City Council Minutes for May 27, 2022

City of Ville Platte Special Monthly City Council Meeting

126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA Minutes for May 27, 2022 held at 12:15 PM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte met in a Special Session in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 126 E. Main St. Ville Platte, LA on Tuesday, May 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM. The *The Special Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vidrine.*

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, Councilmen Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, Jordan Anderson, Councilwoman Christina Sam and Councilman Bryant Riggs, and City Clerk Hilda Edwards, and Dirk Deville,

Absent was: Eric Lafleur and Councilwoman Faye Lemoine, Chief of Police Neil Lartigue and Chris Soileau, Fire Chief.

Following the Invocation and Pledge, roll called by Hilda Edwards, City Clerk, and announced that a quorum was present. The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ville Platte were duly convened as the Governing Authority of the City of Ville Platte.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Listed (4 Minutes)

Agenda Items:

1. Resolution regarding Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Application

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Christina Sam and seconded by Councilman Jerry Joseph:

RESOLUTION 052722-1

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING MAYOR JENIFER VIDRINE TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) FUNDING THROUGH THE LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROGRAM AND TO GRANT MAYOR JENNIFER VIDRINE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID APPLICATION, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OBLIGATING THE CITY RELATED TO ENGINEERING NEEDS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID APPLICATION AND/OR PROJECT SHOULD GRANT BE RECEIVED. MORE SPECIFICALLY THIS RESOLUTION HEREIN CONFIRMS THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE IS AGREEING TO PAY ALL ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, THE Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) has made the City of Ville Platte aware of the Love Louisiana Outdoors Program grant opportunity through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, is acting in such capacity: Does hereby authorize Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to apply for Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funding through the Love Louisiana Outdoors Program and to grant Mayor Jennifer Vidrine signatory authority for the official signing of any and all documents associated with said application, including any and all documents related to engineering needs and costs associated with said application and/or project should grant be received. More specifically, the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte does herein confirm the City of Ville Platte is agreeing to pay all engineering and administrative costs associated with this project.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote being their own was as follows:

YEAS: Council members Jordan Anderson, Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, Christina Sam and Bryant Riggs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council member Faye Lemoine

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 27th day of May, 2022.

2. Resolution regarding \$50, 000 CWEF (Community Water Enrichment Funds) Grant Application

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Perron and seconded by Councilman Joseph:

RESOLUTION 052722-2

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said City do hereby enact the following resolution on this 27th day of May, 2022.

WHEREAS, The City of Ville Platte is applying for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF), a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to purchase a 250 KW portable generator for use as needed at each of the city's water wells located throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte has no funds available at this time to cover the cost for this project, this application would provide \$50,000.00 for the project cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Ville Platte by way of this resolution does hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for grant funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for these improvements.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote being their own was as follows:

YEAS: Council members Jordan Anderson, Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, Christina Sam and Bryant Riggs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council member Faye Lemoine

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 27th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST: Dirk Deville
Title: Chief of Administrative Officer

NAME: Jennifer Vidrine
Title: Mayor

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Joseph and seconded by Councilman Perron:

RESOLUTION 052722-3

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Ville Platte, Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, acting as governing body of said City do hereby enact the following resolution on this 27th day of May , 2022

WHEREAS, The City of Ville Platte is applying for funding through the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP), a grant program that has been made available by the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to purchase a 250 KW portable generator for use as needed at each of the City's sewer lift stations; and

WHEREAS, the city of Ville Platte has no funds available at this time to cover the cost for this project, this application would provide \$50, 000 for the project cost;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Ville Platte by way of this resolution dose hereby approve to submit an application to the Office of Community Development for grant funding in the amount of \$50, 000 for these improvements.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote being their own was a follows:

YEAS: Council members: Jordan Anderson, Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, Christina Sam and Bryant Riggs

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Council member Faye Lemoine

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 27th day on May, 2022

Mayor Vidrine then advised that she would like to take up item No. 5 (Bonds) next and so began the presentation of Item No. 5 (Bonds).

The mayor then advised that the Capital Recovery Service of Sustainability Partners would payout the outstanding bonds the City of Ville Platte has in the amount of \$8,659,000 saving the City \$211,164.00 and \$46,445.00 and provide the City of Ville Platte with an additional \$300,000.00 to be used as a match for the recent Delta Regional Authority Grant for Sewer Pumps awarded to the City and they would also include other monies in an approximate amount of \$41,000.00 of discretionary funds for a total of \$9,000,000.00. She further advised that the City of Ville Platte would begin making payments to Sustainability Partners beginning in August in the amount of 65,662 thousand dollars, After noting that all council members had been educated and had participated in a tutorial regarding the workings of this matter. Mayor Vidrine then called for a motion to allow Sustainability Partners Capital Recovery Program to payout the City's bonds, including the \$300,000.00 match with the approximate \$41,000.00 funding leftover which would be a total of \$9,000,000.00.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Christina Sam, seconded by Councilman Jordan Anderson, and without objection, motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Vidrine then took up Item No. 4 (Sewer).

Mayor Vidrine advised the council that Sustainability Partners build a new Sewer Plant for the City at a cost of \$13,198,532.00. She advised that the plant would still belong to the City of Ville Platte. The structure would still belong to the City of Ville Platte. All equipment with the new sewer plant would be state of the art and Sustainability Partners would not only build it but would maintain it, all maintenance anytime anything breaks would be on Sustainability Partners and not on the City of Ville Platte. Mayor Vidrine advised that the monthly payment for the new sewer plant would be approximately \$85,000.00. She did advise that it could possibly be less, noting that they included \$1,000,000.00 for contingencies. She advised that payment will not start for approximately 2 years, not until new plant is completely built. She advised this would remove the City of Ville Platte from DEQ's non-compliant list. She reiterated that we would have a brand new sewer plant that will stay maintained for years and years and years and she pointed out that right now repairs are costing the city of Ville Platte over \$300,000.00 a year and then in 4 months it is broken again. Mayor Vidrine then called for a motion to "sign the notice to proceed which means we are giving Sustainability Partners the authority to go ahead and start on the sewer plant."

Motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Joseph, seconded by Councilman Mike Perron, and without objection, motion was passed unanimously.

ATTEST; Dirk Deville
Title: Chief Administrative

NAME: Jennifer Vidrine
Title: Mayor

Adjournment

With there being no other business, Mayor Vidrine called for a motion to adjourn. A motion by Councilwoman Sam and seconded by Councilman Joseph to adjourn.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM

Approved By:

Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor

Attest By:

Hilda Edwards, City Clerk