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**BOGALUSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
MAY 19, 2020 5:30P.M.**

PRESIDING: WENDY PERRETTE, MAYOR

**PRESENT: COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM
COUNCILMAN KELLIS
PRESIDENT IRVINE
COUNCILMAN DRUMMOND
COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS
COUNCILWOMAN KATES
VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS**

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Good afternoon. I call this emergency city council meeting to order. Meeting is for June 2nd, WBOX 92.9 FM and 920 AM radio station.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Next we going to have roll call.

COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM.....HERE
COUNCILMAN KELLIS.....HERE
PRESIDENT IRVINE.....HERE
COUNCILMAN DUMMOND.....HERE
COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS.....HERE
COUNCILWOMAN KATES.....HERE
VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS.....HERE

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Next we will have approval of the minutes from March 3rd, 2020; March 17th, 2020; March 24th, 2020; April 7th, 2020; April 21, 2020 and May 5th, 2020.

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM: I move that it be accepted.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Do I have a second?

BY COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS: Second.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Roll call.

COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM.....AYE
COUNCILMAN KELLIS.....AYE
PRESIDENT IRVINE.....AYE
COUNCILMAN DUMMOND.....AYE
COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS.....AYE
COUNCILWOMAN KATES.....AYE
VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS.....AYE

(MOTION CARRIES 7-0 FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 3RD, MARCH 17TH, MARCH 24TH, APRIL 7TH, APRIL 21TH AND MAY 5TH, 2020).

PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay next we have, we don't have no recognition of rewards. Next we have adoption of resolutions. The next resolution will be introduced by Vice-President Danielle Keys. Go ahead Councilwoman Keys.

BY VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS

A RESOLUTION of the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report. There should be a copy of that report in your packet.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Now we are going to open up the floor to public discussion. You can call the line at 732-4254. This is to discuss only the agenda item which is the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report only. We will wait sixty seconds for the phones to ring at the radio station. Please call 732-4254 at this time. We will wait approximately sixty seconds. Once again 732-4254 if you have a public discussion on this agenda item only.

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: 732-4254.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay being there are no public discussion, I move on to council discussion. Please take your phone off of mute when you want to speak and put it back on mute when you are finished.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: I have council discussion. This is Councilwoman Gloria Kates. In reviewing the application which was done on March 17th, yes it was done March 17th, I don't know if Mr. Hall is on but just wanted to know if there were any difficulties in completing the application considering we were under Covid-19 conditions.

BY PRESIDENT PERRETTE: I can answer that question. This is the Mayor, Wendy Perrette speaking and uh this is an annual report and this report was started prior to March 17th. Therefore, it was not a conflict. Covid-19 did not cause any type of disruption for us getting it done. That was actually the deadline and we were able to complete that without any problems.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Okay thank you Mayor Perrette.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Any other council discussion? Please state your name. Any other council discussion on this particular agenda item?

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM: If there be none, I move that the resolution be adopted.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Second. Councilwoman Kates.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay we have a motion by Councilwoman Graham and a second by Councilwoman Kates. We are going to have roll call next. I'll put my phone on mute for that. Go ahead Mrs. Ford.

COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM.....AYE
COUNCILMAN KELLIS.....AYE
PRESIDENT IRVINE.....AYE
COUNCILMAN DUMMOND.....AYE
COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS.....AYE
COUNCILWOMAN KATES.....AYE
VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS.....AYE

(MOTION CARRIES 7-0 FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT).

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Next we have a resolution introduced by Councilman Kellis.

BY COUNCILMAN KELLIS:

A RESOLUTION whereas, the Bogalusa City Council does hereby go on record supporting the Bogalusa Police Department Bureau of Justice Assistant Grant Application #2020-H1681-LA-VD in the amount of \$36,173.00 for the City of Bogalusa. This grant is fully funded to the city at no cost to the city. The grant will be to purchase cleaning supplies for the city. Disinfectants, sanitizers and protective equipment for the use of Covid-19 pandemic.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: At this time we will have public participation on this resolution. Is there any callers? The lines are now open 732-4254. We will wait about sixty seconds for the phones to ring at the radio station. The number is 732-4254. If I do not hear a ring at the radio station, we will move on to the council discussion. Only discussion for this agenda item will be discussed at this time by the public. This is public discussion for the agenda item that was discussed by Councilman Kellis. We will wait about sixty seconds.

BY PRESIDENT PERRETTE: 732-4254.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay we are now moving on to council discussion. Council discussion on the agenda item. If anyone has discussion, take your phone off mute and when you finish talking put it back on mute please.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: This is Councilwoman Gloria Kates. I do have council discussion. I did have an opportunity to look at the BJA website and reviewing the description for the 2020 corona virus supplemental funding program Councilman Kellis and I did note that they had. They have additionally utilization of these funds and I just didn't know if we were going to use outside of what was requested or were we just going to keep....we just going to utilize what Chief Knight submitted. There is also some additional usage for this grant. And my second question is I do have and it probably needs to be updated but I do have a list. It's from April, the police department, and I was wondering if we are are we planning to purchase for all of the employees in the police department. I'm counting like 35. Will this be for all of the employees within the police department?

BY COUNCILMAN KELLIS: You may have to ask the Mayor that. What I have is what the request is. The emergency supplemental funding. The only things I have listed in my request from Chief Knight of the Bogalusa Police Department is disinfectant sanitizer and equipment. That's all I have. You can get with Chief Knight and use if there is any other utilization.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Well I am just going to read you this....

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: That's okay. I can answer this question without you having to read that. It's for disinfectant. That is what we applied for. We are only asking for a letter of resolution and support from the council. We've already applied for it. This is to support what has been applied for. Cleaning supplies and disinfectant in the total of \$36,173.00. So whatever else it can cover is not what we applied for. So there's no need in possibly reading what it is because of the fact that you kinda got to pick what you going to be and what you going to do. You have to decide before you even apply for it. And then you can do it. But right now that will be what it is used for.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Thank you so much.

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: It will be used city wide. These products. The disinfectants with be used for city wide city hall not just the police department and jail. The city wide and city hall.

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Oh okay. Thank you.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay any other council discussion? Please state your name. Any other council discussion on this agenda item?

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM: Oneita Graham. Bring none, I move that this be adopted.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay do I have a second?

BY COUNCILWOMAN KATES: Second by Councilwoman Kates.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: We have a second by Councilwoman Kates. Roll call. I'll put my phone on mute.

COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM.....	AYE
COUNCILMAN KELLIS.....	AYE
PRESIDENT IRVINE.....	AYE
COUNCILMAN DUMMOND.....	AYE
COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS.....	AYE
COUNCILWOMAN KATES.....	AYE
VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS.....	AYE

(MOTION CARRIES 7-0 FOR SUPPORTING THE BOGALUSA POLICE DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANT GRANT APPLICATION #2020-H1681-LA-VD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,173.00 FOR THE CITY OF BOGALUSA).

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: Introduction of ordinances.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay can you hear me?

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: Yes.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Okay. Introduction of ordinances. We have an ordinance next by Councilwoman Kates. Introduction of ordinances by Councilwoman Kates. So go ahead and read the ordinance Councilwoman Kates.

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: I can do so.

AN ORDINANCE to approve the Planning and Zoning request to rezone from A-2 Residential to C-Commercial for a new business opening in the area. Introduced by Councilwoman Kates. This will be discussed and voted on at our next city council meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Next is an ordinance by Councilman Irvine.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE:

AN ORDINANCE to approve the low bidder LD Trucking for sand and clay gravel. This will be discussed at our next council meeting June 2nd, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE:

AN ORDINANCE to approve the low bidder American Pride for wash gravel. That will be discussed and voted on at our next meeting June 2nd, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Next we have an ordinance by Councilwoman Graham.

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Foster & Foster, Inc. related to the actuarial services for the City of Bogalusa Retirement System in accordance with the attached documents. This will be up for public discussion and hearing at our next meeting June 2nd. The next ordinance.

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM:

AN ORDINANCE setting ad valorem tax rates and levying such taxes for 2020, as required by law. This will also be at our next meeting June 2nd for public hearing and vote.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Next we will have administrative remarks by Mayor Perrette. Go ahead Mayor.

BY MAYOR PERRETTE: Thank you. I would like to let everyone know...I know that everyone is aware of the issue that took place over the weekend. And to just note that we requested assistance from the Governor, state and parish and federal assistance. That's where we are at on that. I just wanted to touch base and let you know that that has been applied for. I'll have an updated report at the next council meeting. That will be all.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Is that all of the administration? Anyone else from the administration wants to speak? Next we have council discussion. We are going to start with Councilwoman Graham.

BY COUNCILWOMAN GRAHAM: I have none thank you.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Next we got Councilman Kellis.

BY COUNCILMAN KELLIS: Okay everyone remember to stay safe. Listen to the radio. Listen to the mayor. She advises us from the Governor's office. From my understanding they are allowing you to meet about 25 now instead of 10. Most of our pharmacies are open now. And at the city. They are listening and they are using the safety measures put out by the mayor and the state. I just to remind everybody to be safe. This thing is not over yet. Don't go to sleep on it. That's about it.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Councilman Drummond.

BY COUNCILMAN DRUMMOND: I would just like to reiterate what Kenny said and everybody just stay safe. If you are not doing anything Saturday, come out and give Danielle a hand at the Bogalusa Cemetery. I hope to be there. Let's try to make it. That's all I have. Thank you.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Thank you Councilman Drummond. Councilwoman Douglas.

BY COUNCILWOMAN DOUGLAS: First of all I would like to say good evening and thank everyone for joining us. As we know, Memorial Day is coming up and let's try to have a safe Memorial Day. Thank you.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Thank you Councilwoman Douglas. Councilwoman Kates.

BY COUNCILWOMAN Kates: Thank you everyone. Good afternoon again and thank you for listening in. I do apologize for the technical issues I was having. I just want to continue to send up prayers for the bereaved families. I want everybody to continue to stay safe and continue to practice Covid-19 preventive measures as well. Let's speak out against the violence. The Mayor indicated we have a lot going on within the city over the weekend. If anyone knows of anything to contribute be sure to contact Bogalusa Police Department. Also I want to remind everyone about the absentee ballot application. There is a Covid-19 emergency application that's out there. Everyone stay safe. Thank you for your time.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Thank you Councilwoman Kates. Councilwoman Keys.

BY VICE-PRESIDENT KEYS: Good evening. I would like to thank everyone for tuning in. I would like to encourage to remain safe and keep the bereaved families as well as our city in their prayers. This Saturday we will have a cemetery cleanup. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. However, we are encouraging residents to come out anytime of the day that you can. And if you will, hash tag BBC 5-23 so that we can you know acknowledge your efforts of contributing to beautify our cemetery. Thank you.

BY PRESIDENT IRVINE: Thank you Councilwoman Keys. I would like to say good night and thank everyone on the call for joining us. I know we have other people on the call too. We want to thank you all for bearing with us through these times. Keep the City of Bogalusa in your prayers. I'm going to echo what other council members have said. This is a very interesting time and just lift up our city in prayers. Keep in mind we are also approaching hurricane season. Make sure you are prepared, well prepared for hurricane season for later this year. Anyway, thank everybody for joining us. Have a good night. Council meeting is now adjourned.