

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT, February 8, 2017**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of French Settlement met at 16015 Hwy. 16, French Settlement, Louisiana on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017 at 6 p.m. in regular session convened. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toni Guitrau with the following members present:

Alderman Teresa Miller, Alderman Danette Carrier

Absent: Alderman Rhonda Lobell

Also Present: Municipal Clerk Megan Bostwick, Chief of Police William "Bill" Bliss, Assistant Chief of Police Lawrence Callender.

A prayer was offered by Alderman Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Guest Speaker:** Candidate for French Settlement Chief of Police Waylon Stafford. The election is March 25, 2017.

**Reading of Minutes and Statement of Finances**

The motion to adopt the minutes and statement of finances for the month of January 2017, as presented, was made by Alderman Carrier and seconded by Alderman Miller. A yeas and a nays vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

**Reading of Communications:** None

**Police Department Report and Emergency Management Report**

Report was presented by Chief of Police William "Bill" Bliss:

- Chief Bliss stressed concern for the continued speeding through the school zone. Officers will continue to patrol the school zone as much as possible out of safety concerns.

**August 2016 Flood Update:** The move of all town documents and computers from the St. Joseph Catholic Church into the temporary office space (storage facility) was made today. Tonight is the first night the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are meeting in the temporary office space. Until FEMA makes a final determination on the Municipal Building, this will be the temporary town hall. It houses the clerk's office, a small meeting room for meetings and court, a police office, and two restrooms.

**Old Business**

**Grounds Report:** Ms. Kim Aydell, President of the French Settlement Historical Society, brought to the attention of the Mayor and Board the drainage issue with the grounds in front of the museum.

**Road Report:** Alderman Miller reported a pothole at the intersection of Mecca Road and Hwy. 16.

**Grant(s) and/or State Appropriation(s) Update:** The mayor will contact Mr. Parenti on the status of the fully executed signed agreement.

**New Business:**

**Alderman Miller proposed Ordinance #1 of 2017 – Pay of the Clerk.** A Public Hearing will be held on March 8, 2017 at 6 pm at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Carrier and seconded by Alderman Miller. A yeas and a nays vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

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/S/Toni Guitrau, Mayor

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/S/Megan Bostwick, Municipal Clerk