

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT, April 12, 2017**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of French Settlement met at 16015 Hwy. 16, French Settlement, Louisiana on the 12th day of April, 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, Alderman Rhonda Lobell

Absent: Assistant Chief of Police Lawrence Callender (Callender was testifying as the French Settlement Emergency Manager on behalf of French Settlement before the "Restore Louisiana Flood Committee at the State Capital."

Also Present: Clerk Pam Melancon, Chief of Police William "Bill" Bliss, Captain Mike Durkin

A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guest Speaker: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Public Hearing: Ordinance #1 of 2017 – Pay of the Clerk. Said Ordinance having been introduced, notice of Public Hearing published, the title was read by Alderman Miller. The mayor opened the floor to public comments. Being there were no public comments, the mayor closed the floor. A motion was made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Carrier to approve Ordinance #1 of 2017, as presented. A yeas and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier, Lobell

Nays: None

Absent: None

Reading of Minutes and Statement of Finances

The motion to adopt the minutes and statement of finances for the month of March 2017, as presented, was made by Alderman Carrier and seconded by Alderman Lobell. This included: a. paying off the village Tahoe lease, \$13,073.44 b. closed out dormant checking accounts c. transferred \$60,000 from the Public Money Market Fund account back into the original LAMP savings account. A yeas and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier, Lobell

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

Reading of Communications: None

Police Department Report and Emergency Management Report

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen thanked Chief of Police William "Bill" Bliss for filling the interim Chief of Police position since January and until May 9, 2017. Report was presented by Captain Mike Durkin.

August 2016 Flood Update by Mayor Guitrau:

- FEMA has yet to make a final determination on the Municipal Building.
- The mitigation property owned by Livingston Parish, formerly Aydell's Automotive, has been cleaned up at the request of the mayor to LP HLS Executive Director Mark Harrell. She requested inmates to finish picking up the garbage still remaining on the property. This took almost two days to complete. People were using this parish owned property as a dumping ground even after the mayor requested two "No Dumping" signs be erected. Violators will be written citations.
- The work of entering volunteer information into spreadsheets has begun. The equipment used during the flood is also being entered and submitted for reimbursement.
- There were no life vests returned with the village boat so new ones will need to be purchased before it can be taken out onto the river.

Old Business:

Grounds Report - None

Road Report: a. Alderman Miller reported a pothole on Hwy. 16 north of Jr.'s Meat Market. b. Mayor Guitrau contacted and requested two solar powered stop signs be placed at the intersections of Hwy 16/42 and Hwy 16/444. The DOTD has to research the statistics of accidents at these intersections before making a decision.

Grant(s) and/or State Appropriation(s) Update: A few weeks ago the mayor contacted Mr. Parenti on the status of the fully executed signed agreement. She said we are now ready to move forward with the purchase of an illuminating street light at the intersection of Hwy. 42 and Hwy. 16. She will contact Entergy next to see if the cost has changed since the last quote. This grant is for \$9800 and must go toward said illuminating lights for stated intersection.

New Business:

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

Yeas: Miller, Carrier, Lobell

Nays: None

Absent: None

/S/Toni Guitrau, Mayor

/S/Pam Melancon, Municipal Clerk