**Town of Slaughter**

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 **MINUTES**

**Town of Slaughter**

**Public Hearing and Town Meeting**

**October 17, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER—**The Public Hearing for Ordinance’s entitled “Amending Town natural gas rates and fees, Amend P&Z penalties, Amend P&Z fees, and Amend P&Z definitions”. The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Janis Landry, who opened the hearing at 6:15 p.m., October 17, 2023, at the Slaughter Town Hall, 3337 Church Street, Slaughter, Louisiana. The hearing was closed at 6:30 and the meeting was opened. A quorum was present and due notice was given. Unless otherwise noted all motions passed by unanimous decision of the Board.
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge**
4. **Roll Call -** The following members were present: Steve Rader, Mona Almond, Nyki Paxton, Adele Fleming, Allen Hobgood
5. **AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA****:**
6. Resolution for Capital Outlay. Motion by Nyki Paxton, Second by Allen Hobgood, Motion passed. Add as Item K.
7. **PLANNING & ZONING:**
8. Stephen Hunt, 615 Hwy 19. Requesting approval of hair salon in 1037 sq. ft. building. Dimensions of property 60’ x 130’. Zoned C1. Has been approved for occupancy by the State Fire Marshal. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Hunt agreed to merge the (2) 30 ft. lots into (1) 60 ft. lot and install a privacy fence at the rear of the property. Board recommended to subdivide the property as designated by the town map – residential where apartment faces Poplar St., 40’ to 45’ frontage for small house facing Hwy 19 and remainder where other building sits. Property should not be subdivided through the middle of existing structures. Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Nyki Paxton, Motion passed. 4 yeas, and 1 nay by Steve Rader.
9. Stephen LaCour, L & L Land Surveying, 6701 Lemon Rd. Oscar Zeringue property owner. Requesting to resub divide tract Pt-A-1 into 4 new tracts. Zoned A-1 (Slaughter), Rural (EBRP). Per EBRP request, motion was made to recommend approval for new plot map. No Show
10. Daryl Pritchard, 4PJ Land Development, 331 West Ave. – No action taken. Requesting emergency P&Z meeting to approve plans for new office building and to re zone 0.59 lot to I-1, currently zoned R-3.

 **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request approval to buy gas meters. Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Adele Fleming, Motion passed.
2. Ordinance to amend Planning and Zoning Fees Section 28-68. Motion by Steve Rader, Second by Mona Almond, Motion passed.
3. Ordinance to amend Planning and Zoning penalties Section 28-67 with a change to a flat $500 fine on commercial and industrial section. Motion by Nyki Paxton, Second by Mona Almond, Motion passed.
4. Ordinance to Amend Planning and Zoning Definitions, “setback” Section 28-56. Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Adele Fleming, Motion passed.
5. Ordinance amending Town natural gas rates and fees procedure. Motion by Adele Fleming, Second by Mona Almond, Motion passed.
6. Status of detail for school traffic- Melissa Davis, School Board Representative. Discussion
7. Elected vs Appointed Chief discussion. Voting November 18, 2023
8. Executive Session- police staffing. Officer Charles Brown declined to have an Executive Session and discussion was held in open meeting.
9. Move Charles Brown from part time to full time officer. Motion by Nyki Paxton, Second by Adele Fleming, Motion passed.
10. Melissa Clark- Discussion on part time position at the next meeting with Melissa Clark present.
11. Resolution for Capital Outlay. Motion by Nyki Paxton, Second by Mona Almond, Motion passed.

 **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

1. **Maintenance Report** –Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Nyki Paxton, Motion passed.
2. **Fire Report** – Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Adele Fleming, Motion passed.
3. **Police Report** – Motion by Mona Almond, Second by Nyki Paxton, Motion passed.
4. **Paid Invoice Report** –**Financial Report** – Motion by Allen Hobgood, Second by Steve Rader, Motion passed.
5. **Minutes** – September 19, 2023. Motion by Mona Almond, Second by Nyki Paxton, Motion passed.
6. **Mayor’s Report** – LAMP information, Fuel usage spreadsheet

 **IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion by Nyki Paxton, Second by Mona Almond, Motion passed.

 10/18/23 Genique Henderson