

VILLAGE OF FOREST HILL, LOUISIANA
Public Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
September 10, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

On September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Elizabeth Jeter and the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Forest Hill, Louisiana conducted a regular meeting at the Forest Hill Town Hall, 138 Blue Lake Rd, Municipal Complex Room # 2, Forest Hill, Louisiana 71430.

1. Mayor Jeter called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call was as follows:
Present: Mayor Jeter, and Alderpersons Robinson, Carroll and Perkins. Quorum met.
Also present at the meeting: Police Chief James Carroll; Gregory Jones, attorney; Jason Murphy, Engineer.
3. John Ethridge led the invocation.
4. Jason Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.
5. Mayor Jeter welcomed everyone to the meeting.
6. Public comments – None.
7. A motion to adopt minutes of August 13, 2019 meeting as published made by Alderperson Robinson, second by Alderperson Perkins. Motion carried.
8. A motion to adopt the financial statement as presented made by Alderperson Robinson, second by Alderperson Carroll. Motion carried.
9. Unfinished business: None.

Attorney Greg Jones requested changes to the agenda: Motion to add Resolution 2019-09 to agenda made by Alderperson Robinson, second by Alderperson Carroll. Motion carried. Motion to amend agenda and move the Executive Session after Reports made by Robinson, second by Perkins, motion carried.

Mayor introduced District H Police Jury candidate Richard Clark.

10. New Business: Representatives from Waste Management were present to explain need for amending contract and increase in rates. Motion to amend our 5 year contract and remain perpetual with note of increased rates made by Robinson, second by Carroll, motion carried.

Attorney Greg Jones spoke on laws regarding public comments during Public Meetings, and why comments need to be limited to agenda items. It was noted that items can be added to the agenda with unanimous vote by council. After discussion, Mayor Jeter also advised she could add comment on utility bill that indicates citizens can submit in writing to Town Hall any concerns they have.

MPERS proposal: Greg Jones advised letter regarding proposal from MPERS regarding payments due, at no fault of the Village. He also advised that the proposal was agreeable with the exception of penalty clause. After discussion, motion to accept proposal, with penalty clause excepted, was made by Robinson. Second by Carroll; motion carried.

Need to amend Nuisance Ordinance: Motion made to amend the current ordinance to reflect citizen be invoiced based on costs of cleanup, at reasonable rate, and assess lien if not paid made by Robinson, second by Carroll, motion carried.

Probationary Period – Chief Carroll advised Officer Cummings has met all requirements and recommends end of probation period. Motion made by Robinson, second by Carroll, motion carried.

Resolution 2019-09 Adopt the Questionnaire from Legislative Auditor and Village's answer thereto. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-09 made by Robinson, second by Perkins, motion carried.

11. Police report presented.

12. Fire report: None.

13. Utility report: None

14. Engineer report presented.

15. Attorney Report: Advised by Secretary of State all paperwork for sales of alcohol has been received and will be on 11/16/2019 ballot.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Robinson, second by Carroll. Motion carried. Motion to end Executive Session and resume regular meeting made by Robinson, second by Carroll, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alderperson Robinson, second by Alderperson Carroll. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.


Elizabeth A. Jeter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laural Strange, Town Clerk