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N O T I C E

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on July 8, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), an electric public utility providing retail electric service to customers in fifty-eight (58) parishes of the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Certification to Deploy Natural Gas-Fired Distributed Generation and Authorization to Implement Rider UODG ("Application"). Through the Application, ELL seeks to make available Rider UODG to provide eligible customers a voluntary option to participate in an offering that will allow ELL to deploy company owned gas-fired generators on to customer sites. The generators will provide automatic backup power to the host customer during outages and during all other times be available to ELL to dispatch to the distribution grid. Host customers will be charged for backup electric service provided by the onsite generators, as more fully set forth in Rider UODG.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

TOWN OF JONESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
104 LILLY STREET, JONESVILLE LA 71343
JULY 13, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

On July 13, 2021@ 6:00 P.M. a regular town council meeting was held at the Townhall in the meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hiram Evans. Roll call by Anlynne Gardner, Town Clerk. Present were Council Members: Benny Vault Sr., Bruce Lofton, Josie Bullitts, Catina Branch and Loria Hollins. With Dona Manuel of Knight Masden Accounting on call for the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Catina Branch and the Invocation was given by Council Bruce Lofton.

Mayor Evans calls for any person(s) to identify themselves and agenda item in which they would like to comment in accordance with Act 850 of 2010:

- Tamiko Bloodsaw
- Jackie Rouse
- Dexter Jefferson

A motion was made by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. with a unanimous vote by Council to approve the minutes for the regular and emergency meetings of June 2021.

Recognition of visitors:

JCP Management report by Canaan Cotton for the water & sewer department. Cotton asks the Council to add the resolution for the CWEF grant needed with Mayor Evans signature.

Jared Taylor of Nawlins & Associates give the Council an update on the electrical plant providing information that the plant is over 60 years old, being 20 years over its life span.

Keith Capdepon of Bryant Hammett Engineering giving an update on the street repairs upcoming for the Town of Jonesville.

Terri Carter announces a movie night for the community children for ages 2-16. Free of charge to all. Also ask to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting in August.

Marcus Guillory of Pan American Engineers gives update on the Airport, Rescue Plan Act, Taxiway, for the Town of Jonesville.

A motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. to discontinue the employment of Town Attorney, Ruby Freeman beginning July 12, 2021. Vote caries to discontinue employment for Ms. Freeman.

A motion by Council Josie Bullitts and second by Council Loria Hollins to employ Smith, Taliaferro and Purvis Law Firm beginning July 13, 2021. Vote caries the employment of the Smith, Taliaferro, and Purvis Law Firm.

Chief Richard Madison receives a motion from Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. Authorizing him to reform the Town of Jonesville Police Dept. to a model that existed during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. With a unanimous vote to reform the Jonesville Police Department.

A discussion for the use of LA Department of Corrections inmates three days a week to help with the removal of debris, grass cutting, and employ a part-time DOC certified Officer as a guard. A motion by Council Catina Branch and second by Council Loria Hollins with a unanimous vote by Council for approval.

Mayor Evans receives a motion from Council to site an emergency need to remove debris from the winter storm in Jonesville and to expedite plans to move it to the Village of Harrisonburg Landfill by DEQ deadline. A motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Josie Bullitts. With a unanimous vote from Council.

Mayor Evans ask for a motion to add to the agenda: A motion to add items by Council Bruce Lofton

#20. LaSalle Community Action Association request assistance.

#21. LGAP grants and funds should be signed by the mayor.

#22. CWEF RESOLUTION updated with signature of Mayor Evans.

Discussion and a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to develop bid requirements and publish the same to remove debris near the dip on Front Street and on Airport Road. Giving the Mayor permission to select the lowest bidder. Motion by Council Loria Hollins and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. vote caries approval by Council.

A motion by Council Loria Hollins and second by Council Catina Branch to request bids for the Fiscal Depositor for Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026

A motion to authorize Mayor Evans to seek a six-month $50,000.00 line of credit from our Fiscal Dept. CLB Community Bank. Motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. using funds to repair current bucket truck and digger, pay contractor for debris removal. Vote caries for approval.

A motion by Council Josie Bullitts and Benny Vault Sr. to sign an agreement for Emergency assistance by and between LEPA member cities. Approved by Council.

A motion to appoint the Mayor Evans to serve on the LEPA Board of Directors and Council Member Loria Hollins to serve in the absence of the mayor. Motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Benny Vault Sr. Approved by Council.

A motion to approve the monthly bills by Council Catina Branch and second by Council Bruce Lofton. Approved by Council.

A motion on the Resolution to change the signature on all bank accounts at the CLB Community Bank and the Concordia Bank & Trust. Signatures of Mayor Hiram Evans, Mayor pro tem, Bruce Lofton, and Town Clerk, Anlynne Gardner. Motion by Council Benny Vault Sr. and second by Council Josie Bullitts. Approved by Council.

#20. LaSalle Community Action Association request assistance a motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Catina Branch. Approved by Council. Council Catina Branch with draws as a conflict in employment with a motion from Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault to except the withdrawal from Council Branch. Final motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. Approved by Council.

#21. LGAP grants and funds should be signed by the mayor, a motion by Council Loria Hollins and second by Council Catina Branch.

#22. CWEF RESOLUTION updated with signature of Mayor Evans. A motion by Council Loria Hollins and second by Council Bruce Lofton. Approved by Council.

Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Russell Purvis confirms that Ms. Freeman had updated his firm on all the Town of Jonesville pending litigations.

CPA Report by Dona Manuel of Knight Masden Accounting.

Chief of Police Report by Chief Richard Madison.

Superintendent Report by Mr. Roger Jones assuring the Council that he will have monthly reports to submit.

Council Member:

Benny Vault Sr. ------- None
Bruce Lofton------ None
Josie Bullitts-------- None

Catina Branch----------------Box fan drive, excepting fans until July 30th and distribution begins on July 31, 2021. Giving special thanks to the Jonesville Police Dept. Sheriff Dept. and all surrounding. The Town of Jonesville workers. The entire community.

Loria Hollins-------- Octoberfest!

Mayor's Report:

- Update on trying to find a bucket truck for the Utility Dept.
- Preparedness for the hurricane season

A motion for adjournment by Council Loria Hollins. Approved by Council.

ATTEST:
Hiram Evans, Mayor
Anlynne Gardner, Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be advised that I, Paul A Lemkie, III; attorney at law, have been appointed to represent Ricky Lane Sinclair and Colista Smith Sinclair in the matter of Lambert Recreational Properties, LLC vs. Ricky Lane Sinclair, Et Ux 7th Judicial District Court in suit # 30156, Parish of Catahoula. If you know of the whereabouts of either Ricky Lane Sinclair or Colista Smith Sinclair, please contact my office in Harrisonburg, La. at 318-744-5431.

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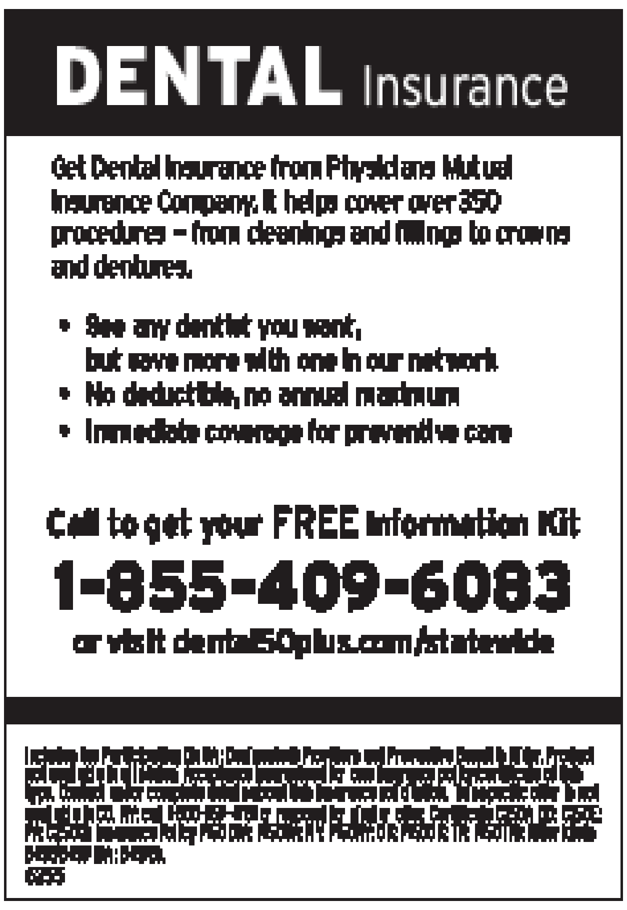

Analysis shows Louisiana has highest combined sales tax in U.S.

(The Center Square) – Louisiana has the highest combined sales tax rate in the country, according to a new midyear analysis by a national tax policy nonprofit.

The Tax Foundation analyzed state and local sales tax rates from January through June and found the Pelican State's 9.55% combined rate was tops in the nation.

Close competitors included Tennessee (9.547%), Arkansas (9.48%), Washington (9.29%) and Alabama (9.22%).

Rate increases in Evangeline, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, West Feliciana and other assorted small parishes attributed to the uptick.

While state sales tax rates are readily available, local rates involve cities, counties, parishes and municipalities. Researchers compensated for these variables by averaging differing local government rates and weighing them by population.

The result was a 5.1% average local sales tax rate in Louisiana, that when added to the state's 4.45% rate, leaves several million residents facing cost increases on many goods and services.

Tangible personal property items such as business equipment, furniture and automobiles are among the highest-taxed goods. A $25,000 car, for example, would cost an extra $2,387.

Groceries, prescription medicine and utilities such as electricity, natural gas and water are exempt from sales tax, according to the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

There are risks involved with exceedingly high rates, the Tax Foundation said.

"Research indicates that consumers can and do leave high-tax areas to make major purchases in low-tax areas," the analysis said.

On that account, Texas and Mississippi rank significantly lower – 19th and 22nd, respectively.

Online purchases also circumvent aggressive sales tax efforts. Additionally, high rates can discourage consumer spending to the point of perverse consequences.

"State and local governments should be cautious about raising rates too high relative to their neighbors because doing so will yield less revenue than expected or, in extreme cases, revenue losses despite the higher tax rate," the analysis offered.

An upside that should not be overlooked is transparency, researchers said.

Sales taxes generally are more transparent than other forms of government revenue collection, especially income taxes. Income tax brackets, graduated rates, confusing deductions and special interest carveouts are difficult for many taxpayers to follow and understand.

With sales taxes, however, they can "see their tax burden printed directly on their receipts."

Still, high blanket rates apply to low-, middle- and top-earning Louisianans the same.

"Sales taxes are just one part of an overall tax structure and should be considered in context," the Tax Foundation concluded, adding they "are something within policymakers' control that can have immediate impacts."