

Catahoula Legals

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**TOWN OF JONESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
104 LILLY STREET, JONESVILLE LA 71343
AUGUST 12, 2021@ 6:00P.M.
MINUTES**

On August 12, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. a regular council meeting was held at the Town hall in the meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hiram Evans. Roll call by Anlyne Gardner, Town Clerk. Present were Council Members: Benny Vault Sr., Bruce Lofton, Josie Bullitts, and Catina Branch. Council Member Loria Hollins was absent. Also present was the town attorney, Russell Purvis. Dona Manuel, CPA was on phone call during the meeting to present her report and answer any questions needed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dot Chapelle, and the Invocation was given by Council member Bruce Lofton.

Mayor Evans called for any person (s) to identify themselves and agenda item (s) in which they would like to comment in accordance with Act 850 of 2010: None were identified to comment.

Mayor Evans ask for the Council to add to the agenda, item #23. A motion for a resolution to accept the lowest bid on the blacktop street project for the Town of Jonesville. A motion to add item #23 was given by Council member Bruce Lofton and second by Council member Benny Vault Sr., motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council member Catina Branch and second by Council member Josie Bullitts to approve the agenda. Motion was carried.

Recognition of visitors-delegations:

A motion was made by Council member Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr, to approve the report issued by hand-out for JCP Management to stand as:

A motion for a resolution to support the Glenn Ditch Project for the Town of Jonesville to seek matching funds for line of credit. A motion was made by Council member Bruce Lofton and second by Council Benny Vault Sr., Motion was carried.

A motion for resolution to support the renovation of the National Guard Armory for the Town of Jonesville Project, the project has been moved to a P-5 stage. A motion by Council member Benny Vault Sr, and second by Council member Catina Branch. Motion was carried.

A motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Catina Branch to add the CPA report and the bills to the agenda as #9 to the agenda. Motion carried.

CPA report was given by Dona Manuel, Knight Masden Accounting.

A motion to adopt a resolution/letter of support for a grant application to provide transportation service for the Town of Jonesville. Motion was made by Council Josie Bullitts and Catina Branch. Motion carried.

A motion to employ Sondra Redmon to the Town of Jonesville for the American Rescue Act as a consultant. Discussion by Council led to the motion being carried with a vote of 3-1:

- Vault---Yea
- Lofton-Yea
- Bullitts-Yea
- Branch-Nay
- Hollins-Absent

*A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST 26@ 6:00 P.M. FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. (LOCATION OF THE HEARING IS TO BE ANNOUNCED).

Sondra Redmon gives report on Economic Development activities and possibilities for the Town of Jonesville.

A motion by Council member Bruce Lofton and second by Council member Benny Vault Sr. to appoint Mayor Evans to serve on the Kisatchie Delta Regional District Board of Directors. Motion was carried.

A motion by Council Catina Branch and second by Council member Josie Bullitts to name the Catahoula News Booster as the Town of Jonesville official Journal. Motion was carried.

A motion to consider the request of Shelby Jenkins and Odell Jefferson on the movement of their mobile homes. Motion by Council member Josie Bullitts and second by Council Benny Vault Sr. Motion was carried.

A motion by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Catina Branch to a amend the mayors' request to open a line of credit at CLB Community Bank for the Town of Jonesville. The use of the line of credit is for the Bucket truck repair, removal of debris from the winter storm and any other emergency needs up to \$10,000.00 that may arise in the next ninety days. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council member Bruce Lofton and second by Council member Catina Branch to set a sixty- day moratorium/postponement on the IBTS as the town's home inspection service until the contract can be reviewed. Motion was carried.

Mayor Evans informs the Council Members that the Town of Jonesville is now partnered with Catahoula Health Center for COVID testing on employees when needed.

Mayor Evans informs the Council on the steps that are being taken to keep all protective measures on sanitizing all departments and staff members.

Discussion by Mayor Evans and the Council on how to clean -up the debris piles from old homes that have been demolished. Attorney suggests calling on Senator Womack for help in the matter of these clean-ups.

Mayor Evans informs and discuss the removal of hinges on the door of the vault at the old townhall. Decision made to secure the files that are in the vault.

A motion by Council Catina Branch and second by Council member Bruce Lofton to authorize Mayor Evans to sign the CWEF (RFP) and all associated documents and by the suggestion of Mayor Evans appoint Anlyne Gardner, Town Clerk to certify (witness) the signature. Motion was carried.

Jonesville Police Department report was given by Officer John Hawkins.

Mayor Evans asked that the police department make sure the school zones are monitored and controlled traffic near Park Street.

Superintendent report given by Roger Jones.

Council members:

Benny Vault Sr.- Fritz Street

Bruce Lofton- First Pentecost Church/Trailer in the park. Situation in abandon. Church will work with the Town Attorney on this matter.

Josie Bullitts- None (All concerns have been identified in the Superintendent Report.

Catina Branch-

- "Beat the Heat" fan drive was a great success.

Would like to give thanks to all of those that made donations. There were 55 blessed through this drive. The giving will continue with more donation continuing to come in and Wal-Mart is also donating to the drive.

- Potholes and limbs will get with Superintendent, Roger Jones.

Russell Purvis town attorney reports

- that the transition between his office and the office of Ms. Ruby Freeman are continuing.

- Working on the contracts for police department
- Explains the day-to-day operation and the Lawrason Act.

Mayor Report:

- Debris from the winter storm on Airport Road and Front, working on proposals to remove.
- Limb truck in poor condition.
- Making water is safe for drinking
- Grass cutting and the process on vacant lots
- Blighted property junk vehicles and the steps that will be taken
- Bucket truck

Motion for adjournment by Council Josie Bullitts and second by Council Bruce Lofton. Approved by Council.

ATTEST:

Hiram Evans, Mayor

Anlyne Gardner, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**Bradley R. Sweazy, Interim Executive Director
Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC)
2415 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(225) 763-8700**

Notice Issued: August 25, 2021

On or about September 3, 2021, the LHC will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program (LBPHC) is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. 4852) and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, approved December 20, 2019 (Public Law 116-94), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2019, approved February 15, 2019, (Public Law 116-16). The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2), with funding approved by the same Appropriations Acts, for the following multi-year program/project: Louisiana Housing Corporation's Lead Safe Housing & Healthy Homes Program (LSHHHP), for the purpose of identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards and associated minor rehabilitation on residential properties within 20 targeted parishes: Avoyelles, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Mary, and Webster. The proposed program would involve minor rehabilitation and hazard control activities within the homes of privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing of low and very low income families with children under the age of six with elevated blood lead levels (eblls): 10 µg/dL. LHC's LSHHHP plans to conduct lead hazard control activities on 175 residential units in the targeted parishes and also plans to provide Healthy Homes remediation to 60 homes. The LHC is requesting the release of \$3,300,000.00 in Healthy Homes funding.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/ are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been achieved in this Tier 1 review: Airport Hazards, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Air Quality, Endangered Species, Farmlands Protection, Noise Abatement and Control, Sole Source Aquifers, Wetlands Protection, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Environmental Justice. Site-specific environmental reviews will include compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Flood Insurance, Coastal Zone Management, Contamination and Toxic Substances,

Explosive and Flammable Hazards, and Historic Preservation. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Request for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at LHC, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70808, (225) 763-8700 and may be reviewed or copied weekdays 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the LHC's Environmental Department to the attention of Mr. Agaha Brass, Environmental Manager, 11637 Industriplex Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments received by September 1, 2021, will be considered by LHC prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The LHC certifies to HUD that Bradley R. Sweazy in his official capacity as Interim Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the LHC to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the LHC's certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the LHC; (b) the LHC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the LHC has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD and sent to the email address as follows:

**Karen M. Griego
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
LeadRegulations@HUD.GOV**

Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

**Bradley R. Sweazy
Interim Executive Director**

Nebo Water System Invitation for Bids for Used Equipment	
Nebo Water System will be accepting sealed bids for used/surplus equipment. Available equipment includes the following.	
EQUIPMENT DETAILS	OPENING/MINIMUM BID
TAYLOR GS 60 GENERATOR (3 PHASE, 120/240 VOLTAGE, 54KW, 1432 HOURS OF RUN TIME), AUTO TRANSFER SWITCH, 21'L X12'W X8' H METAL SHED/AWNING – SOLD AS ONE BUNDLE	\$10,000
EQUIPMENT DETAILS	OPENING/MINIMUM BID
12' X 20' PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDING (FINISHED INTERIOR WITH WIRING AND WINDOW UNIT) *BUILDING HAS NO RESTROOM	\$3,000
Bidders may bid on equipment as grouped in the description above. Equipment may be viewed by appointment by contacting Canaan Cotten at 318-744-0308.	
To be considered, please submit sealed bids to our office (119 Pine Street Harrisonburg, La 71340) no later than 5 PM October 12, 2021 or submit at the board of directors meeting at 6 PM on October 12, 2021 located at 2200 Nebo/Belah Road Jena, La 71342.	
Sealed bids will be opened publicly by the Nebo Water System Board of Directors at that time. Payments accepted from the highest bidder must be in the form of a cashier's check from his or her financial institution. If you should have any questions, please contact our office at 318-744-0308.	
Nebo Water System, Inc is an Equal Opportunity Provider 	