



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on May 3, 2016. In Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper's absence, Mayor Lemons called the meeting to order; Alderman Berrigan led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lemons moved to open the Committee as a Whole, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. All present were in favor. The Mayor asked the Aldermen to add two items to the agenda. Responding to the Mayor's request, Alderman Murphy moved to add a discussion of a request from the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority to sign an agreement with Gulf South Pipeline to the Infrastructure Committee Meeting agenda, seconded by Alderman Curtis. The vote was unanimous. Alderman Berrigan then moved to add a discussion to the Government Committee Meeting agenda, related to regulation of propane tanks, seconded by Alderman Curtis. The vote was unanimous. Alderman Curtis moved to close the Committee as a Whole, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver. All present were in favor.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2016 minutes, seconded by Mayor Lemons. Mayor Lemons advised the Aldermen that the first year of the Wholesome Wave grant concluded and that the Town is moving forward into the second year distribution. The Aldermen made inquiry regarding expenditures and asked that the financial clerk forward the end of the year report for their review. The Mayor then directed attention to instrument 2016-001, amending the regulation of propane tanks in the municipality. Mayor Lemons explained that the ordinance would allow retailers with proper federal and state approval to have a propane tank larger than 10 gallons on their premises for the sale of propane gas. Alderman Berrigan favorably recommended the acceptance of the ordinance at the next Town Council Meeting. Alderman Berrigan moved to close the committee meeting, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2016 minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. The Mayor explained that he met with Ken Drone, Managing Director of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, to discuss an increase in transportation charges assessed by Gulf South Pipeline. According to the terms of the agreement the price will increase from 58 cents to 95 cents per mcf in April of 2019. Discussion among the Aldermen involved points regarding whether there were other competitive storage/transportation options available. Mayor Lemons responded that the LMGA and town consultants from Black Belt Energy have recommended acceptance of the agreement as the Town's best alternative. Alderman Murphy moved the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposed agreement with Gulf South without recommendation to the next Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver. Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2016 minutes, seconded by Mayor Lemons. Alderman Blitch Welliver opened discussion of the 2015 Budget Amendment. The Mayor explained that the amendment addresses certain variations from budget projections compared to actual revenue and expenditures in 2015. Mayor Lemons went on to say that the auditors have provided preliminary data which will be consolidated and drafted into an ordinance for introduction at the next Town Council Meeting. A local resident asked that the Town provide a report on monthly reconciliations. The Mayor explained that the current reporting schedule is the best use of the Town's resources. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Alderman Curtis moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2016 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Mayor Lemons reported that he attended a meeting with Parish Councilman Rykert Toledano and other interested parties regarding the Harrison Rd. Extension. He noted that the Parish has not pledged financial support for the project. Following the Harrison Rd discussion the Mayor requested that the Petit Annexation Ordinance be deferred until the July Town Council Meeting. The Mayor explained that the annexation process requires a number of activities some of which are still pending. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees, seconded by Alderman Curtis.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2016.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Greg Lemons, Mayor