

Ordinance 07-417

Councilman Sharp offered a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Brown offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Wheat, to adopt Ordinance No. 417. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Nassauer, Brown, Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat and Miley)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

President Taylor said he did not think the parish would need to enter into this agreement with the City. He reported he has met with the state hired contractor, IBTS. The parish is going to be able to tap into some grant funds for providing personnel for the permitting office. The parish will have to apply for other grants that are available for providing office space, equipment and supplies to get the office up and running. The parish cannot increase their permit fees during this time but can charge an administrative fee, so the parish can build up operating funds for when the grant money is used up.

Steve Mogabgab told the council that he would work with them on the fee schedules.

Councilman Sharp opened the agenda to include introduction of an ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nassauer and it carried.

Councilman Miley introduced an ordinance laid over for publication authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with IBTS to administer the implementation of the Louisiana Uniform Building Codes. The ordinance was laid over for publication and a public hearing to be held on January 22, 2007.

Item No. 12 - Citizens from the Reid Simmons, Bill Simmons, Dutch James & Watson Roads – A group of residents from the Reid Simmons, Bill Simmons, Dutch James and Watson Roads addressed the council requesting that there roads be moved up on the Road Rehabilitation Program for overlaying.

Louise Hart, spokesperson for the group presented the council with letters which were read by residents of the road and petition signed by the residents.

Public Works director said the parish will look at the road to see which plan, overlaying or a 3-shot application, would be best suited for the roads. It was also requested that the A. Miller Road be closed off to traffic.

Councilman Sumrall offered a motion to open the agenda to include introduction of an ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sharp and it carried.

Councilman Rodney Brown introduced an ordinance to amend Section 18-18 of the Washington Parish Code. This code deals with the discharging of firearms within Ward 4 of the parish. The ordinance was laid over for publication and a public hearing to be held on January 22, 2007.

Item No. 13 - Public participation – No one addressed the council during public participation.

Item No. 14 - Parish President's report – President Taylor reported that Parish Disposal, Inc. had been awarded the contract for garbage collection for the unincorporated areas of the parish. Theirs was the only bid received.

The land swap between the parish and the Town of Franklinton has been executed and the parish is working on execution of the Health Unit property.

The parish is wrapping up the 2005 audit and working on the 2006 audit with Mr. Legraize.