

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Ordinance 06-387

Item No. 10 – Public hearing - Chairman Sharp opened the public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the Parish President to enter into a lease agreement with Washington Habitat for Humanity.

No one commented during the public hearing.

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

Councilman Miley offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-387. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Item No. 11 – Resolution - Councilman Brown offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Wheat to adopt Resolution No. 06-353 supporting Temple Inland to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Sharp reported that he had spoken to Senator Nevers about SB 639 and Senator Nevers said the bill does provide for expropriation powers but the Economic Development Commission cannot expropriate property without council approval. He asked the council for a resolution of support for SB 639 creating the Washington Parish Economic Development Commission.

Councilman Brown offered a motion to adopt a resolution of support. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nassauer. Chairman Sharp called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: 3 (Nassauer, Brown and Sharp)

NAYS: 4 (Wheat, Miley, Sumrall and Thomas)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

The motion failed.

Item No. 12 – Winford Pittman – Mr. Pittman asked to be pulled from the agenda.

Item No. 13 – Public participation - Before public participation began, Chairman Sharp told the audience that he would not tolerate what happened at the last meeting. If necessary, they would be asked to leave the chambers.

Lorraine Bourn, 43106 Highway 38 said over the last few weeks a lot has been said about expropriation and our freedom and individual rights. This is a country of freedom and individual rights, but those rights are always tempered by the common good and majority rules. Men and women in the armed services follow the order of their superiors even though they do not always agree, but for the common good they do as they are told. Far too many have made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country. If it was announced that the parish was going to build a reservoir without anyone being displaced, would it have been acceptable to our parish residents. Washington Parish desperately needs economic development. I read in the paper where many long time residents would be displaced because of the reservoir in order to surround the area with homes for the rich. We need rich people in this parish to build big expensive homes and pay lots of property tax so we may have better ambulance service and build a new library instead of closing them. I've heard that only about 30% of the residents pay property tax. With the increased tax base, the quality of life for all will be enhanced. I am not facing the prospect of having my land expropriated, but if it comes to that in the future, I hope that I