

The ordinance failed.

Chairman Sharp told the council clerk invite Mr. Henry Harrison to the next meeting to discuss the Parish Farm Agent's request for funding.

Ordinance 05-373

Item No. 8 - Public Hearing - Chairman Sharp opened the public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the Parish Government to apply for FEMA/Federal grant funds for the purpose of debris removal from private property pursuant to Section 403 of the Stafford Act and to authorize the Parish President to execute and sign any and all document necessary to alleviate the immediate threat to life, public health and safety or property.

Winford Pittman asked if the contractor would be allowed to come on private property without the permission of the landowner.

President Taylor said that any landowner wanting debris removed from private property would have to sign a Right of Entry form giving the contractor permission to come onto the property.

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

Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Nassauer to adopt Ordinance No. 05-373. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Item No. 9 – Public hearing – Chairman Sharp opened the public hearing on an ordinance to levy an occupational license fee for each person pursuing and conducting a business, trade, calling, profession or vocation within Washington Parish subject to license under the Louisiana Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Chairman Sharp asked legal counsel what the term “calling” meant.

Mr. Gatewood was not sure what calling meant. Mr. Gatewood said the ordinance makes reference to Title 47; Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes and the parish should include Title 47 language.

Councilman Brown suggested the word “calling” be omitted from the ordinance and vote on it.

Someone from the audience asked if the ordinance is amended, would there be another public hearing.

Chairman Sharp replied no.

Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown to close the public hearing. All in favor the motion carried.

Councilman Brown offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Nassauer to adopt Ordinance No. 05-374. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 4 (Sharp, Wheat, Nassauer and Brown)

NAYS: 3 (Sumrall, Thomas and Miley)

ABSENT: 0 (None)