

Washington Parish Council
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
June 2, 2003
Minutes

Item No. 1 – Call to order – Chairman Rodney Brown called the meeting to order.

Item No. 2 – Invocation – Councilman Miley gave the invocation.

Item No. 3 – Roll call – Clerk Sylvia Forbes called the roll. Present were Kenneth Wheat, Clinton Miley, Charles Nassauer, Rodney Brown, Relton Sumrall, Marvin Thomas and Darwin Sharp.

None were absent.

Item No. 4 – Consent calendar – Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Sharp, to adopt the consent calendar that included approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2003 and adoption of the financial report. All in favor the motion carried.

Ordinance 03-319

Item No. 5 – Public hearing – Chairman Brown opened the public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the Parish President to enter into a contract with the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regarding a Mosquito Abatement Program.

There were no comments during the public hearing.

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

Councilman Nassauer offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Miley, to adopt Ordinance No. 03-319. A roll call vote resulted as follows: ---

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Item No. 6 – Ron Brumfield – Attorney Ron Brumfield representing Hall's Hardware addressed the council. Mr. Brumfield told the council that the southeast corner of the Hall's Hardware building was on parish property and had been there for about 60 years. The Act of Exchange will give title to Hall's Hardware the southeast corner the building is on and give to the parish the other corner of property. Mr. Brumfield said he would prepare the papers subject to parish attorney Dale Branch's approval. He asked the council to consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Act of Exchange that will be accepted by Hall's Hardware without warranty.

President Taylor said an ordinance would be introduced at the June 30th meeting and a public hearing held at the first meeting in July.

Item No. 7 – Public participation – Jerry Fortenberry, Washington Parish Ambulance Committee member, addressed the council. He said he was concerned about the amendment to the RFP voted on at the last council meeting requiring two helicopters be made available to the parish by the ambulance provider. He said he did not have a problem with the one helicopter being stationed within 25 miles of the parish line, but the requirement of the second helicopter within 60 miles concerns him. Mr. Fortenberry said he has been in other parishes where the helicopter is used in cases where it is not necessary and it is a very expensive. He asked the council to discuss and consider changing the requirement of the seconded helicopter.