

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
APRIL 10, 2000

Item No. 1 – Call to order – Chairman Kenneth Wheat called the meeting to order.

Item No. 2 – Invocation – Councilman Rodney Brown 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 and Darwin Sharp.

None were absent.

Item No. 4 – Adoption of Minutes – A motion was offered by Clinton Miley, seconded by Rodney Brown, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 27, 2000. All in favor the motion carried.

Item No. 5 – Adoption of Financial Report – No financial report presented.

Item No. 6 – Public Hearing – Chairman Wheat opened the public hearing on an ordinance increasing the maximum height for telecommunications towers from 250 feet to 500 feet and allow guyed wire towers on towers greater than 250 feet.

No one addressed the council during the public hearing.

Councilman Miley offered a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and all in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Marvin Thomas, to adopt Ordinance No. 00-234 increasing maximum height allowed on telecommunication towers. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Ordinance (see attachment)

Item No. 7 – Phillip Leinbach – Chairman Wheat recognized President of the Little Tchefuncte River Association Phillip Leinbach. Mr. Leinbach explained a group of about 90 members who live on the Tchefuncte River formed the Little Tchefuncte River Association to watch what goes on with the river and to protect it. He said they were in attendance to ask the council to endorse a resolution supporting the association's efforts to seek funding from federal, state and local sources for a comprehensive scientific study of land use and the plant and wildlife in and along the Tchefuncte River and all its tributaries. Mr. Leinbach said that St. Tammany Parish and Tangipahoa Parish had already endorsed the resolution and that they were not asking the parish for any funds. The funds are being raised from private sources. The Natural and Scenic Rivers Act of 1970 passed by the State of Louisiana protects the Tchefuncte River and its tributaries, which are any bodies of water that flow into the Tchefuncte. The Scenic Rivers Act prohibits channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction and clear cutting of timber within 100 feet of the river. Permits are required for all activities on or near system rivers that may be detrimental or have an adverse effect on the river.

Several of the council members said they would like to take a little time to research this information and the resolution before taking any action.

Item No. 8 – Introduction of an ordinance – Councilman Darwin Sharp introduced a ordinance authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Multi-Jurisdictional Consortium Agreement. The ordinance was laid over for publication and a public hearing to be held on April 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.