



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 05, 2016  
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman President Mike Williams  
**The public hearing was called to order by Council Mike Williams at 5:30 P.M.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. An Ordinance to abandon and revoke the dedication of a portion of the W. Idaho right of way & resubdivide two unnumbered lots in Square 148 & 150 of the Cate Addition into Lots 148-A & 150-A located at 914 W. Idaho Ave & 809 General Patton request by Lawrence & Janet Watts and Nelie Durham in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned RS-11 (ROW-2015-11-00002); recommended approval with condition by the Planning Commission. Josh Taylor, presented item and stated that this is a strip at the end of W. Idaho that was never developed. He also stated that it removes the city from any maintenance.**

**There were no public comments**

**2. An Ordinance to approve surplus for the following vehicle(s) to be sold on GovDeals.com. (Ernest Peters)**

- **Unit # 573 -2004 Dodge Durango VIN# 1D4HD38N84F176096**
- **Unit # 101- 1954 Red Ladder Fire Truck VIN# J54K014104**
- **Unit # 623 - 2006 E350 12 Passenger Van VIN# 1FBNE31L06HA87849**
- **Unit # 434 – 1998 Kubota Tractor, model # L2900 B11573**
- **Unit # 435 - 1998 Kubota, serial # 11567 L2900**
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**Ernest Peters, presented this item and stated he's seeking approval of Council to sell on GovDeals.com**

**There were no public comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 05, 2016**

6:00 PM or immediately following public hearing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman President Mike Williams  
Regular session was called to order by President Mike Williams at 5:40 pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)
- III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
- A. President – Mike Williams**  
There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Jason Hood to reelect Mike Williams for a second term as President. Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (A) No Vote, Mike Williams (Y)
- B. Vice President – Johnny Blount**  
There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount to reelect Johnny Blount for a second term as Vice President. Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (A) No Vote, Mike Williams (Y)
- IV. PRAYER:** Bishop Soule
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Fire Chief John Thomas
- VI. REPORTS:**
- 1. Council:** Council President Mike Williams asked for a moment of silence in memory of Willie Grant Jackson former Council Member, Coach, & Teacher and Dr. Paul Vega.
- A. USDA SET GRANT:** Bishop Soule 42798 Scarlett Circle, Hammond Louisiana & Toni Jackson 13141 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, Hammond La. presented information to council concerning the economic development planning grant with federal funds. The region consist of East Feliciana, Washington, Tangipahoa, & St. Helena Parishes. Informed council that the essential components are housing, education, and transportation. They informed that are 40% through the process and invited the council to participate in the process. The next scheduled meeting in Tangipahoa will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Small Business Development Center.
- B. 2014-2015 Audit Report from Kushner LaGraize:** Ernie Golpi Managing Partner with Kushner LaGraize, informed council that the audit for the City of Hammond has been completed. He Provided a survey of the opinion, which is the best opinion which can be achieved. The Net Pension Liability is now being reported under new accounting standards. He also informed council that the General Fund balance had an increase and that there were no compliance findings on federal funds. There was one finding on internal control and no findings on compliance. Mr. Golpi, thanked the Mayor, Director of Finance for their cooperation. He also informed council that the finding was Related to the inability of software to provide financial statements. Mr. Gopli stated this was not Unusual, but is being addressed with the purchase of new software.

**2. Mayor: Expressed sympathy to the family of CB Fortgoston who died this week and others Willie Grant Jackson, and Dr. Paul Vega. Mayor Panepinto, informed council that sales tax was in and the month of November sales tax are down and stated hopefully December will be better. There will be 600 pounds of Rainbow Trout coming to Zemurray Park Pond. He also informed council that Hammond Police Department community outreach meetings will start January 7<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Center, January 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Chambers, January 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Governmental Building.**

**3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE**

**VII. Minutes of December 15, 2015:** After review it was motioned by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall, Mike Williams (Y).  
5-0 Motion Approved**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution for the approval to purchase Munis Property Tax and EnerGov Occupational License Software, from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$83, 385.00 for implementation services, and training. Samuel Richmond, presented this item and stated this is for a project that has been budgeted. This is to replace all the property tax software that is important to have payments to come in online and it comparative to the Munis Software.**

**Sal Nicolsi.** Questioned if this company is in this parish or out of the parish

**Samuel Richmond,** is based out of the state and is the same company who provides for government software.

**There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by second by Jason Hood for the approval to purchase Munis Property Tax and EnerGov Occupational License Software, from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$83, 385.00 for implementation services, and training.**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

**2. A resolution to approve the appointment of Desiree Dotey as the Recreation Director with an annual Salary of \$44,157 (Pay Grade 129, step 4), effective January 6, 2016. Mayor Panepinto, presented this item and stated that Desiree was with the recreation department for 2 yrs., 2013 to 2015. He stated she did a great job as the Assistant to Monroe Jones and she's a perfect fit, knows the community and she will be great for the department and his recommendation to council is to accept Desiree Dotey as the Recreation Director.**

**There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Jason Hood to approve the appointment of Desiree Dotey as the Recreation Director with an annual Salary of \$44,157 (Pay Grade 129, step 4), effective January 6, 2016**

**Desiree Dotey Thanked council for the opportunity.**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

**3. A resolution (1) approving the submission of an application for \$400,000 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle for Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; (2) agreeing to a cash match of up to \$200, 000; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant- related documents. Charles Borchers IV, presented this item and stated that their applying for a grant for new and larger, capable aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle for the airport. Mr. Borchers informed council he spoke with Chief, Mayor, Director of Administration, and the Airport Director concerning the purchase and he requesting council recommendation. Council Marshall asked where the funds will be coming from and Mr., Borchers informed him the Fire Millage.**

**There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard (1) approving the submission of an application for \$400,000 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle for Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; (2) agreeing to a cash match of up to \$200, 000; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant-related documents.**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

**4. A resolution (1) approving the submission of an application for \$41,625 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hammond Fire Department; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$4,625; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant-related documents. Charles Borchers IV, presented this item and informed council this is a purchase for a Gear Washer an industrial washer and dryer to wash the fire fighters gear. He stated this will also be replacing the radio equipment to be compatible to other emergency responders recommending approval from council.**

**There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard (1) approving the submission of an application for \$41,625 under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hammond Fire Department; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$4,625; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to sign all grant-related documents.**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

#### **IX. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to abandon and revoke the dedication of a portion of the W. Idaho right of way & resubdivide two unnumbered lots in Square 148 & 150 of the Cate Addition into Lots 148-A & 150-A located at 914 W. Idaho Ave & 809 General Patton request by Lawrence & Janet Watts and Nelie Durham in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned RS-11 (ROW-2015-11-00002); recommended approval with condition by the Planning Commission. (Josh Taylor)**

**There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Lemar Marshall to adopt an Ordinance to abandon and revoke the dedication of a portion of the W. Idaho right of way & resubdivide two unnumbered lots in Square 148 & 150 of the Cate Addition into Lots 148-A & 150-A located at 914 W. Idaho Ave & 809 General Patton request by Lawrence & Janet Watts and Nelie Durham in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned RS-11 (ROW-2015-11-00002); recommended approval with condition by the Planning Commission.**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

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**There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to adopt an ordinance to approve surplus for the following vehicle(s) to be sold on GovDeals.com**

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (Y)  
5-0 Motion Approved**

**X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**XI. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK  
I TONIA BANKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND  
FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **January 5, 2016**  
BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH

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TONIA BANKS, HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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MIKE WILLIAMS, HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT