



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 8, 2023
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Carlee Gonzales (P), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent)

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute. Councilman Wells enters the meeting

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2023.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (absent), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y) Motion approved 5-0

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODCUTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

X. RESOLUTIONS: NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC, the approximate annual amount of \$70,000 for Police and Fire Uniforms. RFP 24-07 **Jana Soileau**, stated they received four proposals and Galls was the lowest. **Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west**, asked questions about the bidders.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC, the approximate annual amount of \$70,000 for Police and Fire Uniforms. RFP 24-07.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 for software/maintenance from 07/11/2023-07/10/2024. (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, stated this is for the GIS mapping system renewal.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the mayor to enter into agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 for software/maintenance from 07/11/2023-07/10/2024.

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3. A resolution to approve Off The Rails Sports Bar and Lounge located at 112 W.Thomas Ave. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is OTHH Investments, LLC.

Kasey Daigle, stated this is a name change from Olde Town Hatchet House.

Brianne Dubuisson, the owner was present and described changes to the restaurant.

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4. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor with Versa Arm blade for a total \$112,772.04 State Contract 4400025672 & State Contract 4400020868. (Whitney Statham)

Whitney Statham, stated that this was to replace two malfunctioning tractors.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked about the contract and if this was a local company.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the purchase of a John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor with Versa Arm blade for a total \$112,772.04 State Contract 4400025672 & State Contract 4400020868.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$15,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers IV, stated the grant is the state version of the grant and there is no match.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews supporting the submission of a \$15,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (abstain), Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution approving the purchase of a portable vacuum pump from United Rentals in the amount of \$53,668.26. The pump will be used to support sewer lift station operations during lift station maintenance and other downtime. The purchase will be made with \$53,333 in FY18 Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program project funds and \$335.26 in Water & Sewer Department funds.

Charles Borchers IV, stated he received three quotes and United Rentals was the lowest quote.

Guy Palermo, explained how the pumps would be used.

Devon Wells, asked about a warranty on the pump

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XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: School is starting and to be aware of the students and buses.

Council: Councilwoman Gonzales-Southeastern University will host a community forum about policing tomorrow at 5:30 pm in the TEC Building.

Councilman Wells, stated that the family of Lionel Jackson was present and the family and community are looking for answers. He asked about the cameras in the park, and would like for the charter review committee recommendations be put on the agenda. He asked what garbage companies get tax breaks and he stated he requested license plate readers and a police substation be put in District 3.

Councilman Andrews asked Councilman Wells to submit his request by email.

XII. ADJOURN:

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS
TRANSACTIONED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 8,
2023
BEING 3 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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