

**MINUTES  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mandeville City Council was called to order by the Council Chairman at 6:00 p.m. followed by roll call.

**ROLL CALL - present:** Jason Zuckerman, Jill McGuire, Rick Danielson, Skelly Kreller, Rebecca Bush

**Also present:** Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney, Keith LaGrange, Public Works Director, Joanna Anderson, HR Director, Kathleen Sides, Finance Director, Mayor Madden

**MINUTES:**

Adoption of the September 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the minutes were adopted 5-0.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Danielson reminded everyone of the KMB Fall Clean Up this Saturday. The fall concert series begins this Friday and runs through October. Night Out Against Crime is October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Trailhead and LPO is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Danielson asked if he could go to new business for a few people in the audience. With no objections he proceeded to new business #3 and #4.

3. Approval of the special event liquor for Biedenkopf Insurance Services – Grand Opening on Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. to be located at 743 Girod Street - Biedenkopf Insurance Parking lot (See attached map). Police Detail will be provided. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mrs. Biedenkopf explained she is worried about the pedestrian traffic on Montgomery & Girod. Mrs. McGuire explained on the application it looks like the police have barricaded that portion of the street. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

4. Approval of the special event for Mandeville High School -Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. from Lakeshore Drive to The Treen Center on Lafitte (See attached map). Police Detail will be provided A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mrs. McGuire explained this is bringing back the Homecoming parade that was over 20 yrs. ago. Principle Christian Monsen explained they are trying to bring back some old traditions and they will also be including the junior high. The football field is estimated to be finished for the 11/4 where they will play Covington and retire their first jersey. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-23; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES RELATIVE TO THE PAY SCALE OF THE NON-POLICE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the ordinance to codify the salary and compensation from the salary survey and the civil service recommendations. This was funded by the budget and includes the COLA

adjustment. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the ordinance passed 5-0.

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-24; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO APPROVE THE PAY SCALE RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION PLAN OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the same ordinance as it relates to salary but for the police employees. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the ordinance passed 5-0.

3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-26; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND SECTION 2-8 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE MANDEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Zuckerman explained this is the last of the 3 ordinances that were funded in this year's budget. Mr. Danielson explained we funded the money in the budget, but we have to amend the prior ordinance. Mrs. Sconzert stated the original ordinance read no additional increase in base salary or supplemental income. Mr. Danielson stated this is for an increase of \$7,465.50 which is a 7.9% increase in pay, 5.9% COLA and 2% merit, along with a housekeeping issue regarding life insurance. Mr. Danielson has the same issue as last year. There is ordinance 19-33 that set the salary for the term at \$94,500 for the years 2020 – 2024. He believes that should stay frozen. Mrs. Sides wanted to clarify what she put in the budget was not the 2%, only the COLA. That would be \$5,575.50. Mr. Danielson stated the amount listed on the ordinance is including the COLA and merit. Mr. Danielson stated his opposing has nothing to do with Mayor Madden or the job he has done, but there is an ordinance in place which is law, and a precedent has been set which was last year keeping the salary the same as done with the other legislative branches through Congress. Do we ignore the law but allow for others? He voted against this last year. Mr. Zuckerman explained as legislatures we could change laws. They just went through an exhausting process with the salary survey looking at everyone's compensation throughout the city and looking at the director's compensation. Everything they felt was fair passed in the budget. It does not seem right to single one person out in the city to not adjust their pay. He understands the prior council set something and if something needs to be righted or fixed, they have an obligation to do so. Mr. Danielson stated they did single someone out through the salary survey and the budget process twice. He stands by what they council voted against last year. Mrs. Sides explained the number is incorrect. In talking with the mayor his intent was to only include the COLA. The correct number is \$100,075.50. Mr. Zuckerman stated the council voted to fund this so to vote against it would be voting against what we already voted to fund. Mr. Danielson stated you provide dollars to appropriate, and you are going against an ordinance that is already in place which set the salary for the full term. The U.S. Constitution does the same thing, the state of Louisiana does the same thing. What we are saying is it is ok to vote against it last year but not this year. This is a law that is in place. Mr. Zuckerman does not understand why this adjustment is any different from others; we can amend or change ordinances. Mr. Danielson is just stating his feelings, we are ignoring what was done in 2019 which stated for the full term. Mr. Zuckerman is not ignoring the prior ordinance; he just does not agree with it and wants to change it. Dr. Kreller stated this has to do with the validity of the ordinances and the law. Yes, any council can change things, however, the past council passed this with a 5-0 vote. He does not see why it needs to be changed right now. This is the first one that he knows of that we are changing. Mr. Danielson stated you can dissolve, amend any ordinances. Mrs. Sconzert stated the last year's ordinance regarding this was approved 3-2. Mr. Danielson stated the addition

to the retirement was approved, but not the salary. Mrs. McGuire stated last year they did not have a COLA they had a merit raise that was kind of like a COLA but was called a merit raise. Therefore she voted against this because she felt it went against the ordinance. She is not against the COLA because its an allowance that everyone is getting across the board including employees that did not get a salary increase; they are getting a COLA and eligible for a merit raise which the mayor is not. She is for the COLA and not anything additional.

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to amend the dollar amount from \$101,966 to \$100,075.50; seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Dr. Kreller stated COLA is 5.9% this year and next year is anticipated to be as high as 10% so we will have to deal with this next year. Mr. Zuckerman stated with this COLA adjustment there will be people who report to the mayor who are compensated higher than the mayor. Mr. Danielson stated that happens at all levels. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the motion passed 3-2 (Danielson and Kreller against). Mr. Danielson stated back to the now amended ordinance. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken and the amended ordinance passed 3-2 (Danielson and Kreller against).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the liquor license for Prime Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Desi Vegas Smokehouse & Tavern to be located at 4250 Hwy 22 Suite 1, Mandeville A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mrs. Bush explained this is in Azalea Square in the old Chinese buffet spot. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

2. Approval of the special event Mandeville Elementary School PTA – Adventure Fest on Saturday, October 29, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. to be located at Mandeville Elementary School. Parade route approval A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mrs. McGuire explained this is their annual fall festival and encouraged all to attend. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

5. Substantial completion of the Erosion Control for WWTP Levees as of August 10, 2022. A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Dr. Kreller. Mr. Danielson explained this is the completion of the WWTP levees and the punch list is almost complete. Mr. LaGrange stated they have set aside \$6,200 for punch list items. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the application was approved 5-0.

6. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-38; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO EXECUTE A SUPERSEDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH STATE PROJECT NO. H. 007588 AND FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H.007588 FOR GIROD STREET LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING, PHASE 3 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A motion was made by Mrs. Bush and seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. LaGrange explained this is the continuation of the original project. This is the portion from Montgomery to Hwy 190. There is a 95/5 match however any additional costs will be an 80/20 split. With no further comments or questions, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**


Mr. Danielson asked for an update on the red clay project. Mr. LaGrange explained the red clay has been removed to the extent you can see the grass. At the next Council meeting he will be giving a presentation to the Council about fill and enforcement. He also stated there is a stop work order on Coffee Street. Mr. Siverd as soon as he hears about an issue goes to the property to evaluate.

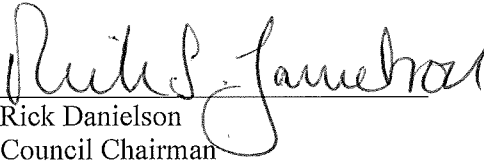
**FINANCE REPORT:**

Mrs. Sides stated she will give a more in-depth report next month. Year to date we have \$2.1 million more in sales tax revenues than last year. Mr. Zuckerman asked if there was a way to figure out if this is due to inflation or other growth. Mrs. Sides will research. She is also working to get the December quarterly budget meeting scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Mr. Danielson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Kristine Scherer  
Council Clerk

  
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Rick Danielson  
Council Chairman