

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3).

The invocation was given by Mr. Burrell, and Mr. Lazarus led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the agenda be re-adopted to reflect the corrected spelling of the Broadband appointment.*

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the President closed the public hearing on agenda additions.

At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Francine M. Brown came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good Afternoon, everyone. My name is Francine Brown, and my address is 496 Meadow Parkway Drive in Shreveport, Louisiana. I am here today as Executive Director of Seniors First. I just wanted to introduce myself to the Commission. I started this nonprofit organization back in 2017. After the death of my parents within an eight-month span, I decided to do a case study on why seniors die suddenly like that, and I found that it was due to isolation, delayed access to transportation and other risk areas that we don't suffer from that seniors suffer from every day. Since that time, I've done more than 100 programs. I just recently co-organized the Cedar Grove pre-Juneteenth Celebration and Parade with Ms. Kimberley Jones back in June. I'm presently working with the Cedar Grove Mural, as appointed by the City, and also the Chairperson. I'm just here to introduce myself and let you guys know who I am. My commitment to the community is very strong, and I intend to keep doing things for seniors. Also, under the senior umbrella, it also incorporates people of other ages where I can benefit and make positive, immediate impacts in the community. Thank you so much for allowing me to make this presentation.

Francis Russell came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you for allowing me to come. My name is Francis Juanita Russell. I live at 10235 Cook Road, Bethany, Louisiana, 71007. The property at the end of Cook Road was sold to an organization that plans to put many homes in it for homeless people. It's called Settled Inn Village. I was told by Mrs. Lois Mayberry—I think she is the Chairman—this would be people with drug and alcohol problems...and she also used the word 'mental'. We are the undersigned property owners and the taxpaying citizens of Caddo Parish and the residents of Cook Road and surrounding communities do hereby register our collective opposition to the proposed development of this Settled Inn Village Community on Cook Road. I have a copy of petitions and a brochure that was passed out to the residents in the trailer park, and the homeowners were not notified. We agree these people need help, but we feel this is not the right location. It seems to be a safety [inaudible] and puts us at risk in the rural areas since we are further out from the police and fire department. I know if they have to the fire department or the Sheriff's Department for their input on this. Thank you for allowing me to say this.

Ken Epperson, Sr. came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good Afternoon. I just wanted to get the feel of how it is to stand before you as a citizen. My name is Kenneth R. Epperson, Sr. I reside at 3822 Treat Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71119. I'm here to speak in reference to about three items. The first is the annexation of some property by the Town of Greenwood. For some you may not know the historical context of annexation. Back in the 90s annexation was an aggressive tool that was used by various governmental entities. Once you had property that was developed and had some extensive economic and tactical value they will go out and aggressively annex it. So those laws were changed. Recently, the Town of Greenwood annexed about 49 acres that's directly adjacent from Deer Creek, Timberline, Colonial Heights and Western Hill Subdivision. The citizens felt that it was with malice. It was under the table. It was not morally correct, and we are doing some things to see if we can rectify that through the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the Attorney General, and the local District Attorney's Office. This send fear in the hearts of seniors, individual homeowners throughout the Parish of Caddo. If there's something they want to be done—a company or an entity that wants something to go their way and they can't get it through the normal process of zoning, they will use this particular deal. A number of my constituents have contacted me relative to Greenwood being desperate for tax dollars by doing such a dastardly deed as this annexation, and they were also highly dissatisfied with the voting of this body not

to allow the Parish Attorney to investigate the way that this process went out. My second deal is the Cook Road. The persons that came and spoke before you relative to that situation. We don't know what the process is with this new Parish Planning & Zoning Board, the Metropolitan Planning Commission—as Mrs. Francis stated to you, there's going to be a development down there. I went down and toured the area. The majority of that portion is not Parish road, it cuts off before we get there. So we want to know if there's a process that citizens will have an opportunity to have a say in what's going on. So today, I would like to ask the Parish Attorney—and I think Mr. Clark is here—if he would get with Mrs. Francis and her group and see if they can get some information relative to as what remedies they would have to have a say in that development. And thirdly, the Town of Greenwood has had issues with the water. I've been a resident for nineteen years. The water has been brown. They steady have boil bans. They steady having problems with the system. Many of you may know that we appropriated the \$750,000 in last year's budget to try to help them out. We have given them money in the past for their water system. There are too many issues with the Town of Greenwood's water system, and we need to do something to rectify that situation. So, I'm going to be getting with the Parish Attorney to see if there's something that we can do to make sure that there is transparency relative to the Greenwood water situation, and if we can have clean, dependable, potable drinking water, so we can have good development and growth in West Caddo Parish. Thank you.

### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to englobo and adopt the Regular Session Minutes July 7, 2022 and Special Session Minutes August 1, 2022* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Special Resolution of Remembrance & Respect Bishop Fred Caldwell, Sr.* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that Bishop Caldwell was a staple in District 12 and in District 2 with both of the Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Church facilities. Mr. Johnson said that he valued Bishop Caldwell's opinion, and he helped him throughout his political career.

Mr. Burrell said that Bishop Caldwell was his spiritual advisor and a “straight shooter”. He will be missed, he said.

Mr. Epperson announced that Bishop Caldwell's funeral will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenwood Life Center. He also said that he is a fine gentleman and spoke the truth.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE & RESPECT BISHOP FRED CALDWELL, SR.**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with deep regret the passing of individuals whose life and works have served as an example of the worthy values that benefit this community and this Parish; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Caldwell, Pastor of Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church in Shreveport, went to be with the Lord on July 22, 2022, at the age of 76 years old; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Caldwell was called into the gospel ministry on April 24, 1977 and preached his first sermon at Avenue Baptist Church on June 12, 1977. He went on to help Greenwood Acres' Pastor Milton McElroy Flynn in the Summer of 1981, then later becoming Pastor at Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Caldwell had many successes during his life, including authoring four book, building KSYB Radio Station, and founding Greenwood Acres Christian College; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Caldwell may be best remembered in the community for the love he had for his wife, Sister Mary K. Caldwell, and their two children, Timi D. Caldwell-Dixon and Fred A. Caldwell, II, as well as his sweet spirit and kind heart toward mankind. He spent his life preaching the Gospel, leading, and loving people; and

WHEREAS, he is also remembered for the warmth of his smile, his wisdom, and by his devotion to his family, his church and his community; he will be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal

session convened, that it does hereby express its deepest regrets at the passing of Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission does further convey to the family and friends of Bishop Caldwell its sincerest expressions of sympathy and consolation, and the prayer that they will be comforted in the knowledge of life that continues beyond this vale.

### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson thanked Facilities & Maintenance for providing ditty bag for the Back to School Bash in conjunction with Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene. He commended the employees who work at the Shirley Francis Compactor Site.

Mr. Epperson also announced that Pinchback Park is now open.

He also recognized former City Councilperson, Michael Corbin, who is in attendance today.

Mr. Epperson also asked that the following letter from the Town of Greenwood be a part of the record:

*The TOWN OF GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM is currently in violation of the treatment technique requirements for minimum disinfectant level as set forth by the state (Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code). Although this incident is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.*

*The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure and requires the disinfection of drinking water to kill disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. LDH has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risks of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes and destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet LDH requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.*

*We are required to monitor your water for the residual disinfectant level. This tells us whether we are effectively treating the water supply. During the compliance monitoring periods of (5/1/2022) through (5/31/2022), and (6/1/2022) through (6/30/2022), the TOWN OF GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM failed to provide the minimum residual disinfectant level in the treated water supplied to customers. The violation occurred because the treated water chlorine residual was less than 0.5 milligrams per liter in over five percent of the samples collected in the water system in two consecutive months. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.*

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly {for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

*In addition, specify the steps being taken to comply, as well as when the water system expects to return to compliance, must also be included in this notice.*

Re: Notice of Violation/ Tier 2 Public Notification of Non-Compliance  
Chlorine Treatment Technique (TT) Violation  
Community Water System  
Town of Greenwood Water System  
PWS ID #LA1017014  
CADD0 Parish

*For more information, please contact [Veronica Brown] at [318-938-7261].*

*This notice is being sent to you by TOWN OF GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM PWS ID# LA1017014.*

*Date distributed: July 14, 2022*

- Mr. Jackson thanked Parks & Recreation for all of their hard work during the safe summer events. He said that the Stoner Hill Reunion went very well. He also thanked Ms. Beauchamp, Parks &

Recreation, and the LSU Mobile Strike Team for all of their hard work for the Citywide Kickback.

- Mr. Chavez asked that the following letter be a part of the record:

*I received the draft resolution on electricity disconnections Tuesday, as well as the invitation to appear before the Caddo Parish Commission today, Thursday, August 4. Thank you for your initiative to help Caddo residents during this stressful summer of punishing heat and unusually high energy prices. I share your concerns and look forward to appearing before the Commission to discuss what we can accomplish together.*

*Regretfully, my schedule does not permit me to be with you today. If you could advise on an upcoming meeting date later this month, I will clear my schedule to attend.*

*As you may know, in 2007 the Public Service Commission adopted my rule on electricity and natural-gas disconnections during extreme weather (attached). The rule halts utility disconnections for non-payment when temperatures are at or below freezing in winter and in summer when the heat index is at or in excess of 105 degrees. SWEPCO and Panola Harrison Electric Cooperative have advised me that, based on this rule and the extreme heat we have recently experienced, the company has halted routine disconnections for non-payment since June 30.*

*The heat and humidity we have seen across our state this summer, combined with the abrupt rise in unregulated natural-gas prices, have stressed millions of Louisiana households. Members of the Public Service Commission aired their concerns about this urgent situation at our July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting held in your Shreveport chambers. Customers of Entergy, in particular, have faced monthly bills inflated not only by high usage but by recently imposed storm surcharges (I voted no) and Entergy's heavy reliance on gas to generate electricity. Since fuel charges are passed on to customers without markup by Louisiana electric companies, the mix of fuels a utility uses to make electricity is critically important to customers. I challenged Entergy's slow adoption of less costly and clean renewable fuels such as wind and solar. SWEPCO, on the other hand, has aggressively pursued wind and solar projects which will lessen the company's reliance on natural gas.*

*Please advise on an alternative date when I can appear before you and your colleagues to discuss what we can do together for our mutual constituents in this time of need. Contact Tutu Baker in my Shreveport office at 676- 7464 if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Sincerely,  
/s/Foster Campbell  
Foster Campbell  
Public Service Commissioner*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Doorbell Program

Mrs. Bryant clarified that the Ring Doorbell Program installation is ongoing and is currently in progress. She said that installations are going on right now.

- Wheelchair Ramp Program

Mrs. Bryant also announced that the Wheelchair Ramp Program will begin tomorrow, August 5. Caddo Council on Aging will be taking appointments for applications for that program.

Mr. Jackson thanked Administration and the Caddo Council on Aging for kicking off the Wheelchair Ramp Program. He said that these funds came from the CAFA program.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Atkins thanked the Commissioners for their dedication to the Commission meetings today. He said that there were several committee meetings prior to the Regular Session.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES**

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- Zoning Case 22-1-CTAP, Ordinance No. 6244 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to extend the notification area for mailed notices, to establish the provisions for the Neighborhood Participation Plan, and to

otherwise provide with respect thereto

- Zoning Case 22-11-P, Ordinance No. 6245 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of North Lakeshore Drive at the intersection of Fairlane Circle, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one to speak in favor or against the zoning ordinances and cases, the President closed the public hearing.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 6246 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 to provide an additional appropriation for Robinson's Rescue and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one to speak in favor or against the ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

### **ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Zoning Case 22-1-CTAP, Ordinance No. 6244 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to extend the notification area for mailed notices, to establish the provisions for the Neighborhood Participation Plan, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Alan Clarke, MPC, said that one of their charges is citizens engagement, and in order to be successful at this, they have to have continuing discussions with the citizens. He said enlarging the notification radius allows for more citizens to be aware of proposed zoning changes.

Mr. Jackson showed appreciation to the MPC for being open to extending the notification area. He said that this has helped mitigate some of the issues that arouse in the past with developers meeting the community and vice-versa.

Mr. Chavez said that this has been a huge success in his district. He thanked the MPC for the citizens participation program.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **ZONING CASE 22-1-CTAP, ORDINANCE NO. 6244 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO EXTEND THE NOTIFICATION AREA FOR MAILED NOTICES, TO ESTABLISH THE PROVISIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION PLAN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use in the Metropolitan Planning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended,

the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish a Neighborhood Participation Plan process and procedures within Article 15, Application Procedures, and shall be amended as follows:

**I. Article 15 is amended to read as follows:**

ARTICLE 15. - APPLICATION PROCEDURES

15.1– APPLICATION

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C. Mailed Notice

1. General Requirements

- a. Written notice will be mailed by the Executive Director no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in advance of the scheduled hearing date to all property owners within 300 1,500 feet of the property line of the subject property. The notice must include the date, time, place, and purpose of such hearing, the name of the applicant, and the address of the subject property. When a zoning map amendment is proposed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission or the Parish Commission, notification must also be mailed to the owner of the subject property.

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Article 15, Section 15.4 is added by substituting Exh. B hereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Zoning Case 22-11-P, Ordinance No. 6245 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of North Lakeshore Drive at the intersection of Fairlane Circle, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto to uphold the MPC’s decision. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).*

**ZONING CASE 22-11-P, ORDINANCE NO. 6245 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH SIDE OF NORTH LAKESHORE DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF FAIRLANE CIRCLE, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-7 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO R-A RURAL-AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located North side of North Lakeshore Drive at the intersection of Fairlane Circle, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-1-7 Single- Family Residential Zoning District To R-A Rural-Agricultural Zoning District:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Section 27, run south eight-nine degrees, twenty-seven feet east (S89°27'E) along the Section line for distance of four hundred thirty-nine and fifty-nine hundredths feet (439.59'); thence south zero degrees, thirty -three feet west (S00°33'W) nine hundred eighty-two feet (982') to the north right-of-way line of Lakeshore Drive; thence a simple curve to the right having a radius of one hundred seventy-six and eight tenths feet (176.8') for a distance of three hundred seventy-nine feet (379') to a point on the west line of said Section Twenty-Seven (27); thence north zero degrees, thirty-three feet east (N00°33'E) along Section line for one thousand three hundred forty-three and five-tenths feet (1,343.5') to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel containing twelve and eight-hundredths acres (12.08 acs.), more or less, Section 27, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

### **ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6246 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 to provide an additional appropriation for Robinson's Rescue and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know which part of the legislation was revised. He asked that the amendments be either italicized or highlighted moving forward. The Clerk of the Commission said that the funds are for a reimbursement that are tied to an increase.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this was on a reimbursement basis. Mrs. Bryant said that it is like the other NGOs.

At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **ORDINANCE NO. 6246 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR ROBINSON'S RESCUE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the mission of Robinson's Rescue is to eliminate euthanasia of dogs and cats in Northwest Louisiana via an aggressive, comprehensive spay and neuter program; and

WHEREAS, Robinson's Rescue, since its inception, has partnered with the Caddo Parish Commission to provide low cost, high quality spay and neuter surgeries for pets belonging to citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Robinson's Rescue's 2022 appropriation is \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to increase Robinson's Rescue's appropriation by \$10,000; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 Budget to provide an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for Robinson's Rescue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Riverboat Fund

NGO Appropriations – Robinson’s Rescue

\$10,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the cooperative endeavor agreement that governs the distribution of this money will specify that the funds of up to \$10,000 will only be released as a reimbursement for work that is in excess of the previous year’s services and documentation will provide the proof of eligibility and additional service.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Zoning Case Appeal 22-3-BAP, property located at 5247 Norfolk Road in Caddo Parish. Mr. Dana Wheeler, Applicant/Appellant. Request is for approval of a yard variance for a detached garage. The PZC voted to deny application as submitted and the homeowners has appealed. Public hearing and final passage August 18, 2022.*

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6247 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, General Fund, Oil & Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Detention Facilities Fund, Criminal Justice Fund, Health Tax Fund, and the Riverboat Fund, for the year 2022 to terminate completed or lapsed capital projects, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6248 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for relocation assistance and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6249 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay and the Oil & Gas Funds and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6250 of 2022, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road in the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Work Session Minutes August 1, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 37 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting Southwestern Electric Power Company, American Electric Power Company, Inc., and Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative to establish a moratorium on disconnection or shutoff of utility service to individuals, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Burrell introduced Ms. Tutu Baker with the Public Service Commission.

Ms. Tutu Baker stated that she is representing Foster Campbell’s Office today. She said that the letter that was submitted today was not exactly a letter of support, but more so that he appreciates the Commission’s concern regarding rising energy costs. She pointed out that Mr. Campbell proposed the first moratorium back in 2007, which stated that if the heat index was more that 105 for two consecutive days, there can be no disconnects in the summertime.

Mr. Jackson clarified that this resolution is a request, not a law.

At this time, Mr. Jackson’s motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES:

Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins and Taliaferro (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the recommendations of the Property Standards Committee with regards to 9562 Wallace Lake Road and 5136 Old Mooringsport Road be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

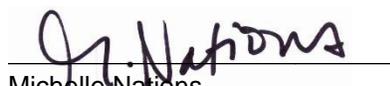
It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that the appointment of Manjit Sing to fill the seat on the Broadband Advisory Committee vacated by Kay West be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

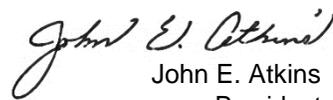
#### **COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Jackson announced that the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce will have its Ascension Underpass Mural Grand Opening at 5:00 p.m. today. He encouraged all to attend.

- Mr. Burrell said that Caddo Parish has been appropriated between \$13M-\$14M for broadband. He looks forward to get to work with the Broadband Committee with regards to this.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
John E. Atkins  
President