

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the agenda be expanded and Resolution No. 44 of 2022, a resolution to urge and request the Caddo Parish Planning Board to review and make recommendations regarding the placement of mobile homes as a Use By Right in R-A Zoning Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be added under Resolutions.

Mr. Johnson said that this would alleviate the issues that was heard during the Work Session. He also mentioned that if a property is R-A, then notice requirements are not needed for installing mobile homes on the property. Mr. Johnson said that this resolution would make it a case by case basis.

Mr. Young wanted to know if there was any other zoning category that a person could put a mobile for use by right. Mr. Johnson said that he is not aware of any.

At this time, the President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against adding Resolution No. 44 to the agenda. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Constance Green came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon! Hi there, thank you for allowing myself as a visitor to speak today. My name is Constance Green. I reside at 4475 Rice Road in Shreveport, LA 71119. I need to be brief because I certainly don't want you to ask me to take a seat because I've passed my three minutes. I'm here today because Rice Road is a community, that I call it that represents a lot of growth for this City. There has been a lot of new construction on Rice Road—I would say in the last five years, but recently we have had a trailer put on our road from a landowner that owns about 30-40 acres of land. Back in 2014, we were present with this same information and this same problem with regards to a mobile home or trailer park being placed on that same property. What the property owner has thus done at this point is circumvented that law and placed a trailer as his homestead—I suppose. He currently lives off the Ellerbe Road location. the residents of Rice Road are very very upset. We—and the new homes that have recently been built—probably average between—all of them are six figures from \$400k to \$1M+. Therefore, we're here today to oppose the trailer that has been placed on Rice Road. We want to use an example of the Railsback Community that recently made great news for Shreveport, Louisiana. Nationally, there is a \$3,850,000 home for sale. You know that is what Rice Road is trying to do. We raise our children. Our children will be property owners. Our children want to come back, but they certainly don't want to thrive in a community where you have half million dollar plus homes and right next to it are trailer parks or a trailer. One more thing I was to say is what inspired me to buy these 50 acres is Thurgood Estates. Mr. Thurgood Marshall from Atlanta. Ghandi says, 'you create the dream that you desire to see.' I dream of a Shreveport thriving. I dream of a Shreveport having homes where people will want to come here and live here in residences that they see their value grow. Whom would put a trailer and devalue the property of property owners that pay huge tax paying dollars to this City? On behalf of the Rice Road residents, again, my name is Constance L. Green, and thank you.

**COMMISSION SITS AS A TAX BOARD OF REVIEW
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

At this time, in keeping with State law, the Commission would designate itself as a Board of Review to hear protest, if any, of the 2021 tax assessments. During the next two weeks, the Board would hear any protests received. He then asked Mr. Charles Henington, Assessor for Caddo Parish, to come forward.

Mr. Henington presented the following letter:

Dear Members of the Board of Review:

As Assessor in and for the Parish of Caddo, this is to certify that the assessments on property located in and/or assessable in Caddo Parish have been listed and assessed in accordance with Title 47; Section 1992.

It is further certified that the said assessments have been exposed for public review for 15 calendar days beginning August 18, 2022 and ending September 1, 2022.

Said certification of the above is hereby given to the Board of Review as required by Title 47; Section 1992.

*/s/Charles R. Henington, Jr., C.L.A.
Assessor Caddo Parish*

Mr. Henington said that there are several appeals, and he will work with the Commission Clerk's Office to facilitate that hearing.

VISITORS

- Shreveport City Marshal James Jefferson

Marshal Jefferson came before the Commission to discuss the truancy program that his office launched. He instructed his deputies to stop the children who are roaming the streets to see why they are not in school.

Mr. Burrell congratulated Mr. Jefferson on his newly appointed position.

Mr. Chavez also congratulated Mr. Jefferson on his newly appointed position. He wanted to know how has the reception has been from the people. Marshal Jefferson said that they have been receiving several phone calls and emails. He further said that they are taking this truancy problem very seriously.

Mr. Taliaferro appreciates Marshal Jefferson's tenacity and professionalism. He wanted to know the steps of enforcement from the Marshal's Office. Marshal Jefferson said that the first incentive is that they will not take that parent to jail, but that may not be so on the second or third time around.

- Sherron Bihm of Robinson's Rescue

Ms. Bihm thanked the Commission for the funding they have provided to Robinson's Rescue over the past few years. She also said that Robinson's Rescue is able to perform spay/neuters for \$38-\$68, and they have not changed their prices in fourteen years. Ms. Bihm also talked about the SNIPP program for Caddo Parish residents, which is spay/neuters and vaccinations completely free of charge. 95% of the funding provided by the Caddo Parish Commission is for the surgeries; the remaining 5% is for education and outreach. She also announced that they have performed about 80,000 surgeries since Robinson's Rescue's inception.

Mr. Young wanted to know how many animals does she estimate that the spay/neuters prevented from being born. Ms. Bihm said that prevented millions of animals, and that is a tremendous impact that this has made to the community.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Regular Session Minutes from August 18, 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for the TBL National Champions Shreveport Mavericks*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Grambling State University President Rick Gallot*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Northwestern State University President Marcus Jones*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing September as Hunger Awareness Month and appreciating the efforts of the NWLA Food Bank*

- *Special Resolution Recognizing September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION
TBL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SHREVEPORT MAVERICKS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has observed with pride and satisfaction as the Shreveport Mavericks of TBL, The Basketball League has built a dynasty of dominance in men's professional basketball in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Mavericks have emerged as TBL's Nation Champions having conquered the Albany Patroons 137-132 in a best of three championship series on June 7th. This TBL National Championship title is just the latest in a wildly successful team history with a record of 110-17 over the past 4 seasons including a 66 game winning streak and it become the 5th National Title to be held by the Shreveport Mavericks.

WHEREAS, the Mavericks' victory also provided an opportunity for players like lead scoring and 3 Point Champion Bernard Parks, Paul Harrison, Tyrone Jordan and Patrick Myers to shine under the leadership of the legendary coaching of Steve Tucker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 8th day of September, 2022, that it does hereby heartily commend and congratulate Coach Tucker and the team members of the SHREVEPORT MAVERICKS for the continuance of their winning tradition and their devotion to excellence, and for the exemplary manner in which they represent their City and their Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does wish for the Shreveport Mavericks much continued success in the game of basketball, as well as in the business of life for which their teamwork experiences have so successfully helped to prepare them.

**Special Resolution of Recognition
Grambling University President Rick Gallot**

**Special Resolution of Recognition
Northwestern State University President Marcus Jones**

**PROCLAMATION
HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Caddo Parish where 16% of people face hunger in Louisiana and one in every 4 children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo of Louisiana is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo of Louisiana is committed to working with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana distributed more than 15,000,000 pounds of food in 2022 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action - including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations - to ensure nobody has to make an impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 8th day of September, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2022 as:

'HUNGER ACTION MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, More than 70,000 Americans have sickle cell anemia. And about 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to the provision of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 8th day of September, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2022 as:

'NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- *Parks & Recreation Department Update to Commission*

Mr. Patrick Wesley, Parks & Recreation Director, presented a video to the Commission. He thanked the Commission for allowing the Parks & Recreation Department to provide several programs to the children over the summer.

Mr. Jackson congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department for all of their successes over the summer. He also suggested looking into the Department of Justice's BERN grant with regards to the Grab & Go program.

Mr. Burrell also commended the Parks & Recreation Department for all of their hard work over the summer. He then talked about utilizing the Stewart Bell Stadium. Mr. Wesley said that they are already running some of their little leagues at Galilee.

Mr. Hopkins also congratulated and commended the Parks & Recreation Department for all of their hard work throughout the Parish. He said that they have done an excellent job.

Mr. Jones also commended the Parks & Recreation Department for the outstanding job that they have done throughout the Parish. He said that there is some much interest in all of the programs, not just sports. He asked that soccer and baseball be promoted more. He also suggested more musical instruments.

Mr. Taliaferro thanked Parks & Recreation for touching the lives of children and all people throughout the Parish.

Dr. Wilson also commended the Parks & Recreation Department for all of their hard work

and making it work with one of the smallest budgets within the organization.

- **COVID**

Dr. Wilson said that there have been six positive infections within the organization, and one positive infection within the agencies.

- **Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Wilson provided a Legislative Priorities sheet to each Commissioner and asked that this be submitted back to him by September 28, 2022.

- **Free Rabies Clinic**

Dr. Wilson announced that there will be a free rabies clinic on September 24, 2022.

- **Bond Rating**

Dr. Wilson also announced that Standard & Poor's will be reviewing the Parish's bond rating. He believes that the Parish will be re-affirmed for their AAA Bond Rating.

COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Burrell said that Mr. Coleman addressed the public with regards to stopping the demolition at the Fairgrounds Fields, which is owned by the City of Shreveport. He understands that Caddo Parish has no direct investment in the Fairgrounds Field property. Dr. Wilson said that he was taken aback from the email that was sent this morning. He further explained that Mr. Coleman approached him a few weeks ago about the Parish putting funds toward the Fairgrounds Fields. His response to him was to come before the Commission and present his case. Mr. Burrell understood, but would have liked to know about it then. He further stated that he will be sponsoring a resolution to the State to preserve the field.

- Mr. Young wanted to know if the Independence Stadium was a Shreveport property or Parish property. Dr. Wilson said that it is a Shreveport property.

He then asked about the status of the tranquilizer guns. Dr. Wilson said that the officers are being trained now on deploying the guns.

- Mr. Johnson announced that the NGO Committee is scheduled to meet on September 15 at 12:00 noon. The ARP Committee will meet on September 19 at 2:30 p.m.

- Mr. Jackson would like to remove some of the Legislative Priorities. He also cautioned to submit priorities and not a wish list.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Atkins encouraged the Commissioners to submit their Legislative Priorities as soon as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

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

- *Zoning Case 22-15-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6253 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 south side of Mt. Zion Road, approximately six hundred feet east of Linwood Avenue, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial 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 ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6251 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022, relative to a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, to provide for its permanent status and membership, to provide for its authority, to remove the termination date;*

and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Mr. Brian White came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I just wanted to ask that the ordinance that it be an odd number, instead of an even number of members. I think even the parish board, I was before them a couple of days ago—was wishing that it be an odd number instead of an even for the sake of breaking a tie. Also, when this Commission created this, this came out of an issue for property management by the citizens. It went all the way to the State, and law was passed to change authorities. I would ask that also your consideration—one of the things that was promised as part of this was a unique set of ordinances for areas outside of Shreveport. I don't know if that's ever happened. I would ask that be a part of their Charter.

- *Ordinance No. 6252 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$1,207,096 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6254 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to appropriate funds for a Remembrance Garden at the Caddo Parish Courthouse and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6255 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*

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (For Final Passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Zoning Case 22-15-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6253 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 south side of Mt. Zion Road, approximately six hundred feet east of Linwood Avenue, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Chavez said that this area is slowly moving to light industrial, and this is following suite.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ZONING CASE 22-15-P, ORDINANCE NO. 6253 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 SOUTH SIDE OF MOUNT ZION ROAD, APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED FEET EAST OF LINWOOD AVENUE, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-A RURAL- AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL 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 on the south side of Mount Zion Road, approximately six hundred feet east of Linwood Avenue, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended R-A Rural- Agricultural Zoning District To I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District:

5-.00 Acers. - Lot 185 Suburban Acres, Section 1, T16N, R14W, 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. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Ordinance No. 6249 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay and Oil & Gas Funds and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted as amended.

Mr. Chavez said that this has been discussed during committee with amendments that are amenable to everyone.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6249 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND THE OIL AND GAS FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Arkansas (RMHCA) engaged the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service graduate program to conduct research in Shreveport/Caddo Parish to determine the need of a Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the research overwhelmingly highlighted the need for housing to facilitate access to healthcare of infants and children; and

WHEREAS, the RMHCA board has made the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Louisiana a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the economic study for the Ronald McDonald House indicates an annual economic- impacts of \$1.8 million a year; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Louisiana not to exceed \$167,000 per year for three years, contingent on monies being raised to support the project from private, non-public resources;

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 Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
Ronald McDonald House	\$167,000
Transfer from Oil and Gas Fund	\$167,000
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$167,000
Fund Balance	(\$167,000)

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. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6251 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022, relative to a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, to provide for its permanent status and membership, to provide for its authority, to remove the termination date; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto as amended* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins said that the Attorney General ruled that any changes made to the UDC has to start with the Parish Planning Board, then those changes come to the Commission for final adoption. He also said that this ordinance would also make the zoning board for the Parish the same as the Parish Planning Board.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6251 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6200 OF 2022, RELATIVE TO A PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS PERMANENT STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS AUTHORITY, TO REMOVE THE TERMINATION DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Act 294 of 2020 removed Caddo Parish from the Shreveport Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission effective January 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 17 authorizes local governments to adopt regulations for land use and zoning;

WHEREAS, that section also authorizes creation of commissions to implement those regulations;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 provides for the adoption of home rule charters by local governments and the exercise by such home rule charter governments of all powers and functions not denied them by the constitution or by general state law and of all powers and functions granted to local governmental subdivisions by other provisions of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the state statutes regarding planning and zoning by local governments provide for the establishment of a planning and zoning commission with between five and nine members;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022 established a temporary Parish Planning and Zoning Commission with a termination date of June 30, 2022 or until zoning issues are resolved;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes it necessary to provide for the continued existence and effectiveness of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to remove the termination date from the planning and zoning commission established by Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022 is amended as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission is hereby created as provided herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of six members. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be residents of the unincorporated area of the Parish that is subject to the Parish's Unified Development Code. Members of the Parish Planning and Zoning Commission shall serve terms of four years. The initial six members shall serve terms of one, two, three, and four years such that one initial member serves a one-year term, one initial member serves a two-year term, two initial members serve a three-year term, and two initial members serve four-year terms. The terms of the initial members shall be assigned by random drawing. The Parish Commission may only remove any member of the commission, after public hearing, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission may by rule or bylaw

provide for such officers and establish such rules and procedures as it deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission shall be created and be in existence as of March 3, 2022. The Commission shall hear all planning and zoning matters and make recommendations to the Caddo Parish Commission as all current zoning ordinances require, and shall assume all duties and authority as provided by state law of a planning and zoning commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Planning and Zoning Commission shall be authorized to and shall perform any and all duties and responsibilities of a Zoning Board of Appeals as outlined in the Unified Development Code. And any decision of the Parish Planning and Zoning Commission prior to the effective date of this ordinance which, under the Unified Development Code is a decision within the authority of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is hereby ratified.

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, including Ordinance No. 6071 of 2021, are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6252 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$1,207,096 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this was ERAP1 or ERAP2. Mrs. Barnett said that this is ERAP1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6252 OF 2022

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE US TREASURY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,207,096 FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) made available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo distributed over \$43 million of ERAP from the US Treasury and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been reallocated ERAP funds from the Treasury \$1,207,096.49; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 Budget in order to appropriate said grant proceeds.

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund</u>	
Revenues:	
Federal Grant	\$1,207,096
Expenditures:	
Grant Programs	\$1,207,096

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. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6254 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to appropriate funds for a Remembrance Garden at the Caddo Parish Courthouse and to otherwise provide with respect thereto as amended* be adopted.

Mr. Atkins clarified that there is an existing garden in place that will be refreshed on the west side of the courthouse, so the funding amount will be reduced for up to \$75,000. The wording has not been agreed to for the historical marker.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know the funding source for the garden and the plaque. Dr. Wilson said that it would come from the Oil & Gas Fund, but it will be maintained by the Facilities & Maintenance Fund.

Mr. Hopkins said that the Committee as a whole voted favorably for this ordinance. He said that this plaque would recognize all people who were lynched in Caddo Parish, and that the Commission would agree on the wording of the plaque prior to it being placed in the garden. He also said that the marker will have a QR code as a teaching tool for visitors and students.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if anything was going to be done on the Texas Street side. Dr. Wilson said no because there is too much shade.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6254 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REMEMBRANCE GARDEN AT THE CADDO PARISH COURTHOUSE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to build a remembrance garden on the courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, the garden will include a historical marker commemorating those individuals lynched in Caddo Parish, known and unknown; and

WHEREAS, garden should include daffodils, daisies, white tulips, hyacinth, forget-me-nots and sunflowers; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Oil and Gas Fund and Capital Outlay Fund up to \$75,000 to appropriate for the construction of the garden; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will adopt a resolution stating the agreed upon language for the historical marker prior to the construction of the garden.

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 Oil and Gas and Capital Outlay Funds for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfers to Capital Outlay Fund	\$75,000
<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
Transfer from Oil and Gas Fund	\$75,000

Remembrance Garden Construction

\$75,000

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. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6255 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* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Lazarus (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6255 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF THE DEDICATION FOR AN UNNAMED ROAD IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road has been received by the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road and finds that portion of the unnamed road is no longer needed for Parish of Caddo public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road and finds that the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road located in the Parish of Caddo be, and the same is hereby, closed and abandoned, and only to the extent, that said road was used as a public road; said portion of an unnamed road more specifically described as follows:

All of that portion of the dedication of an unnamed road located between Blocks 13 and 25, Caddo City Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo as shown in red hash marks on the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying that portion of the dedication for an unnamed road to be closed and abandoned, shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the property described hereinabove shall revert to the adjoining property owners or their successors, heirs or assigns subject to the reservation of an easement for utilities.

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 immediately 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 22-18-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6256 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, approximately one thousand and seven hundred feet east of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- Zoning Case 22-19-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6257 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 south side of Kay Lane, approximately eight hundred and seventy-five feet east of Youree Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6258 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Caddo Council on Aging, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that the Work Session Minutes from September 8, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 43 of 2022, a resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans in Caddo Parish, Louisiana be adopted.*

Mr. Epperson said that this is in conjunction with NACo's Veterans Affairs Steering Committee. He is also asking that the courthouse be lit up in green during the same time. Mr. Atkins suggested that a press release be sent to the media as to why the courthouse is lit up green during this time.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS
IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish citizens appreciate and respect the men and women who have served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans, Caddo Parish hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Caddo Parish encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to authorize Administration to create a request for proposals for Amazon TIF Planning* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Commissioner travel reimbursement to Louisiana Broadband Summit* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to adopt the recommendations of the Alcoholic Beverage Committee from their September 6th, 2022 hearing: Elsie's Truck Stop- 1st Offense- \$250, First and Last Stop- 1st Offense- \$250, JR's Saloon- 1st Offense- \$250, Licksillet Liquor- 2nd & 3rd Offenses- \$650, Longwood General Store- 1st Offense- \$250, Magnolia Clubhouse- 1st and 2nd Offenses- \$650, Cowhands Tobacco- 1st Offense- \$250, S & A Truck Stop- 1st Offense- \$250, Super S Crawdaddy's- 1st Offense- \$250, and Tobacco Country- 1st Offense- \$250.*

Mr. Epperson asked that this be reviewed further to hold the person who sales to underage persons more accountable. Mr. Hopkins agreed.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission then moved onto the next New Business item, *Discussion of Orphan Wells*.

Mr. Epperson would like everyone to remain vigilant on the processes of the orphan wells. All of the holes that we are drilling in the ground now, 20-30 years down the road, those will be your orphan wells, said Mr. Epperson.

Mr. Burrell said they are working closely with their consultants on this matter. He asked for a map of the orphaned wells.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if the funds are going to be released to local governments or DNR. He also pointed out that North Caddo has a map of all the oil and gas wells in north Caddo Parish. Mr. Atkins said that the DNR will be selecting the wells and those will be plugged. He also pointed out that this has not been confirmed, but is his understanding.

Mr. Epperson requested that Administration look into this further.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that the authorization and use of previously approved funding for Jerry Stephens Boxing Event to be held in November* be delayed to the first meeting in October. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

DANGEROUS DOG APPEAL

- Appellant: O'Dell Family
Cases No. C06506623, C07079696 & C07088758

Mr. Kelvin Samuel, Assistant Animal Services Director, came before the Commission and

stated that the Animal Services Board would like to deem Bane as a “Dangerous Dog”. The O’Dells would like to appeal the decision made by the Animal Services Board.

Ms. Sarrah Walton met with the dog prior to the meeting. She said that the dog was scared, but not aggressive. During the meeting, the owners of the livestock presented evidence of Bane being in their fence line and attacking the livestock. The owners of Bane (the O’Dells) stated that the owners of the livestock did not have a full fence. The owners of the livestock did not want to deem the dog dangerous, but had to in order to hold the O’Dells accountable for following the steps to protect their livestock. She further explained that the dog is not dangerous to people, but is to livestock. Ms. Walton also said that this is not the first time this has happen. They also breed the sheep for food.

Mr. Young wanted to know if there was any doubt in Ms. Walton’s mind that Bane injured the sheep. Ms. Walton said that there was not. Mr. Young then wanted to know if the O’Dells contested this. Ms. Walton said that there is video of the O’Dells actually reaching into the sheep’s pen and pulling Bane out.

Ms. Walton also pointed out that Bane is a Curr mix, and those dogs are bred for this reason. She said that the board felt that this was irresponsible ownership on behalf of Bane.

Mr. Young wanted to know if Ms. Walton feels that this breed is a dangerous breed, and therefore needed to be confined. Ms. Walton disagreed and said that any dog needs to be confined onto their premises.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if Animal Services had possession of Bane on the 29th. Mr. Samuel said that they did. Mr. Hopkins pointed out that there are three reports listed, with one being on the 29th. Mr. Samuel said that Bane is still at the facility.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if this breed of dog is bred specifically to kill sheep. Ms. Walton disagreed. Sgt. Bailey, Caddo Parish Sheriff’s Office, said that the way animals move puts them in different drives. The way that sheep move brings out that the prey drive in the dog. He further said that this type of dog is bred to herd livestock.

Mr. Chavez then wanted to know if the O’Dells have Bane as a pet or to herd livestock. Sgt. Bailey said that Bane is a pet. Mr. Chavez also asked how many sheep were killed. Sgt. Bailey said that four were killed on the second incident.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if Bane will stay with the owners if he is deemed dangerous. Mr. Samuel explained that he will stay with the O’Dells, but they have to follow certain stipulations and lives with it for the duration of its life. Those requirements can be found in the Code of Ordinances, Animals & Fowl, Section 8-67. There is a fence requirement, fee, signage, muzzle requirement, etc.

Mr. Taliaferro asked Sgt. Bailey if he was still K-9; Sgt. Bailey said no. Mr. Taliaferro then wanted to know when he was K-9 if his dog went home with him; Sgt. Bailey said that it did. Mr. Taliaferro then asked if the dog was dangerous to his family. Sgt. Bailey said that one of the dogs was. Mr. Taliaferro then asked when he is in the field, what does he ask the people around him to do. Sgt. Bailey said to be still because it would initiate the prey drive and distract the dog from the initial target.

Mr. Taliaferro said that the Animal Services Board deemed the dog dangerous because they could only choose from “dangerous” or “vicious”. Ms. Walton agreed.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if there were levels of “dangerous” before deeming a dog “vicious”. Mr. Samuel said that dogs are labeled dangerous based on the severity of the bite or attack. He then read aloud the definition for dangerous dog. Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know what would happen if a similar situation happened again. Mr. Samuel cautioned that a vicious dog would be euthanized.

Mr. Young referred to the definition of a dangerous dog and wanted to know if a sheep was considered a domesticated animal. Mr. Samuel said that it is. Mr. Young then asked if Bane fits the definition of a dangerous dog as stated in the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances. Mr. Samuel said that he does.

Mr. Young wanted to know if a dog has to be deemed dangerous in order for an owner to fix their fence. Mr. Samuel said that they do not. Mr. Young then pointed out that the first incident happened a year ago, and the fence was not fixed. He said that this is now a habit, and when it harms their neighbor—its negligence. Mr. Young also said that if the dog is deemed dangerous and has to wear a muzzle, the next time it gets out, it will not be able to bite anyone because of the muzzle.

Mr. Young explained that if the Commission does not deem this dog dangerous, then they will be releasing back into the public a dog that fits the definition. He also said that the Commission is supposed to protect people and their property, not the dog. Mr. Young said that he will vote to deem this dog dangerous today.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if there were other options to require the dog owner to fix their fence. Ms. Walton said that the dog would need to be deemed dangerous for them to follow the dangerous

dog requirements as listed in the Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. O'Dell said that they are repairing their fence this week. She also said that they have not seen video of Bane killing the sheep. She further explained that there is a picture of a dead sheep and a video of her husband picking up Bane. Mrs. O'Dell said that two weeks prior to the incident, the sheep were out of their property. She also said that there are coyotes and other dogs. Mrs. O'Dell also said that there was no blood on Bane's face. Mrs. O'Dell does not feel that there is substantial evidence that their dog did this.

Mr. Young wanted to know what time the attack happened. Mr. O'Dell agreed that Bane was on their property and was at-large, but does not agree that he attacked the sheep. Mr. O'Dell said that the attack was at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Young then wanted to know what the weather conditions were at the time of the attack. Mr. O'Dell said that it was after it rained, so the ground was wet and Bane pulled his leash and got loose from his daughter. Mr. Young wanted to know if anyone saw a coyote. Mrs. O'Dell said that nobody saw a coyote. Mr. Young wanted to know if there was an alibi for Bane. Mr. O'Dell said that there is not, aside from them walking Bane down the driveway.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if Bane is known to jump fences. Mrs. O'Dell said that they have never seen him jump a fence. Mr. Taliaferro then wanted to know if that was the only way Bane could get in the sheep's pen. Mrs. O'Dell said that there is a fence around the property where the sheep are, and said that it is a barbed wire fence, but not hog wired. Mr. Taliaferro said that Bane could get in through the slip wire. Mrs. O'Dell agreed. The O'Dells also pointed out that they have not seen any of these photos.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the sheep's owner have requested restitution for the sheep that were killed. Mrs. O'Dell said that they have not approached them about restitution.

Mr. O'Dell pointed out that they have several animals, and Bane has never harmed those animals.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if the O'Dells have an estimate and date set to install the fence. Mr. O'Dell said that it would be Tuesday or Wednesday.

Sgt. Bailey said that Bane would not have any blood on his face because there is not a lot of blood when the dogs grab the throat of the sheep.

Mr. Young wanted to know if the sheep owners were present. Sgt. Bailey said that they are not.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to remove the dangerous dog label, but keep in place the following corrective actions: 1. Fence in property where the dog will be within the next 20 days; 2. Make use of extra collar and leash when leaving property; 3. Pay half the cost of all boarding fees for the past 11 days; 4. Spay/neuter within the next 20 days; and 5. Pay for the cost of the sheep that we know was at the same the dog was removed from their property.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Johnson, and Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Young, *to deem the dog, Bane, dangerous.* Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson, Johnson, and Young (4). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Atkins commented that Mr. Hopkins' motion passed, so the O'Dells would need to deal with those stipulations as quickly as possible.

Attorney Frazier would like to have on the record that the O'Dells are agreeing to the requirements as laid out in Mr. Hopkins' motion. The O'Dell family agreed to those stipulations and they understand that the dangerous ruling would be reinstated if inspection is made and these are not being followed.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the board took out the time to hear the case and follow the policy. He would like the Commission to be consistent in following the policies.

Mr. Young said that he is disappointed that the Commission did not follow the law as it was written.

Mr. Samuel said that the O'Dells will get Bane back tomorrow. He will have officers follow up to ensure that the requirements are followed. Mr. Johnson said that Bane should go back to the O'Dells once all stipulations are completed.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson invited everyone come out to the Northwestern vs. Grambling State University football game that is being held this weekend.

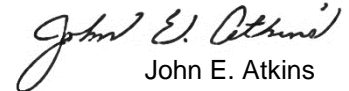
He would also like to discuss the RFP regarding the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund with Administration.

- Mr. Young invited everyone to attend the Centenary Book Bazaar that will be held this weekend.

- Mr. Burrell attended the Broadband Summit that was held in Alexandria. He will provide a synopsis to all of the Commissioners. It is his understanding that some of the internet providers has sued the State. He asked that Administration follow up with this suit.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President