

Village of Napoleonville
Minutes of Special Council Meeting
October 16, 2023

The Village of Napoleonville held a Special Council Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023, at the Administration Building Meeting Chamber. The session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ron Animashaun, the Clerk being present.

Present: Mayor Ron Animashaun, Alderwoman Velma Jupiter and Alderwoman April Williams. A quorum to conduct business was declared present by Mayor Animashaun. Alderwoman Kia Converse entered the meeting chamber at 6:02pm.

Also present was Trina Animashaun, Kanani Chock and Robin Rushing.

Public Comments Open

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, Alderwoman Williams second “THAT” the Board open a public comment session. Upon a unanimous consent by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried and the public comment session was opened.

Derelict Structures & Ordinance Violations

The Mayor and Board addressed the status on each ordinance violation, derelict structure and the progress that the property owner(s) have made according to the Village’s Ordinance Chapter 11 Condemnation of Dangerous Structures by Village.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the property owner of 707 Franklin St, be given until January 22, 2024 to complete the repair and upgrades on the mobile home or he will be referred to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

The Board unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of Mayor Animashaun to request the property owner of 202 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. is given the time required to close on the sale of the property and to give an update at the meeting on January 22, 2024.

The Board unanimously agreed to allow the property owner of 201 Franklin St. to correct the issues noted on the structure analysis and require the property owner to attend the meeting on January 22, 2024 to give a status update on their property.

The Board unanimously agreed that due to the absence of the property owners of 219 Washington St, that the clerk should send a letter requesting their presence at the meeting on January 22, 2024.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the property owner of 504 Canal St be given a five-month extension to finish the repairs, provide email repair updates to the clerk and attend the April 22, 2024 meeting to provide a status of repair update. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Converse, that due to the absence of the property owners of 403 Jefferson St, that a second letter is sent requesting their presence at the meeting on January 22, 2024. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Converse, that the property owner of 410 Canal St. be given until January 22, 2024 to have the blighted structure removed or demolished, and if the structure is not removed, then a request for bids can be advertised for removal of the structure and any expenses accrued will be added to the 2024 ad valorem tax. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Jupiter, that the property owner of 608 Railroad St, 610 Railroad St, 311 St. Mary St. and 313 St. Mary St, that the property owner be given time to continue the repairs and attend the April 22, 2024 meeting to provide a status update on the repairs. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the Board requests that the property owner of 411 Assumption St. be asked to attend the January 22, 2024 meeting to review the structural analysis and to discuss the property ordinance violations. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the Board review the property repair status of 417 Philosopher St. at the January 22, 2024 meeting. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Executive Session- Closed

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the Board enter into a closed executive session to discuss the property at 611 Canal St. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried. The Board entered the executive session at 7:07 pm.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the Board return from the closed executive session. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried. The Board returned from executive session at 7:29 pm. Based upon the executive session discussion, the Board agreed that the owners of 611 Canal St. be granted the required permits through South Central Planning, so that the mandatory inspections can be performed, and that the Board has no more issues with the cabin. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned and Alderwoman Jupiter second, "THAT" the public comments session be closed. The Board unanimously agreed and Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Adjournment: Upon unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ron Animashaun, Mayor

Meshaun Arcenaux, Clerk