PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA –

No one from the public wished to speak on any of the foregoing public hearing items.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
January 8, 2018

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 8th day of January, 2018 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. Lionell Wells, Chairman, immediately following the public hearing held at 5:30 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Jeff McKneely and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Trent Forrest

The following members were present: Trent Forrest, James Bailey, Louis Joseph, Carlo Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, and Bobby Cortez

Absent: Harry Lavine

Item No. 5 - Cell Phones - Please Mute or Turn Off.

Item No. 6 - Adoption of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt the minutes of the regular meetings dated December 11, 2017 and December 27, 2017. Roll-call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Lavine)

Not Voting: None

Item No. 7 - Public Input - Anyone Wishing to Address Agenda Items which were not on Public Hearing – None

Item No. 8 - Election of Officers 2018-

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to elect Mr. Cortez as Chairman of the Council for 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Forrest to close nominations. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Lavine)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Joseph to elect Mr. Wells as Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Joseph to close nominations. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Lavine)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Joseph to appoint Miss. Kristen Pecararo as Clerk of the Council for 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Wells to close nominations. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Lavine)

Not Voting: None

The following were elected by acclamation:

Chairman- Mr. Bobby Cortez
Vice-Chairman- Mr. Lionell Wells
Clerk of Council- Miss. Kristen Pecararo

Item No. 9- Parish President's Report- Mr. Miller gave a brief update on the river dredging project, workforce, and Lee’s Landing. No action taken.

Item No. 10- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 18-01- An ordinance placing no truck route signs on Stein Road in District No. 6 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20 streets, roads, sidewalks and drainage. Article I, in General- Section 20- A motion was made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Vial to introduce T.P. Ordinance 18-01 and set public hearing for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Lavine)

Not Voting: None
Item No. 11- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 18-02- An ordinance placing no truck route signs and dead-end signs on Miller Lane in District No. 8 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20 streets, roads, sidewalks and drainage- Article I, in General- Section 20- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bailey to introduce T.P. Ordinance 18-02 and set public hearing for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Lavine)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 12- Appoint/Re-appoint- Hospital Service District No. 2- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Vial to appoint Mr. Randy Bracy to fill the expired term of Mr. Mike Sumrall. This term will expire January 2024. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Lavine)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 13- Appoint/Re-appoint- Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Bailey to table the foregoing item. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Lavine)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 17- Beer, Wine, and Liquor Permits- None

Item No. 18- Legal Matters- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to add to the agenda the matter of the discussion of right of way issues in Loranger. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Lavine)
Not Voting: None

Mr. Bruno discussed the issue of many right of ways in downtown Loranger being land locked. A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bailey to give administration the authority to hire special legal counsel to research the Loranger land matter as well as a Surveyor and Land Man if needed. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Lavine)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 19- Councilmen’s Privileges- None

Item No. 20- Adjourn

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial, the Tangipahoa Parish Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

S/Kristen Pecararo
Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez
Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council