

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNCILMEN
TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE REGULAR
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009
AT 6:00 PM**

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Merryville met in a public meeting at its regular meeting place, Town Hall, 530 Hennigan Street, Merryville, Louisiana

Mayor Charles E. Hudson called the meeting to order. Councilman Webb Stark gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members in attendance: Beaver Knighton, Cheryl Arnold, David E. Eaves, Webb Stark, and Carolyn S. Rhodes. Also in attendance: Keith Milam, Town Attorney, and Jennifer Hatfield, Town Clerk.

Amendments to the agenda: Additions to the agenda: 9) Resolution asking for \$ 35,000.00 to run a waterline down Sand Lake Road

Councilman Eaves made a motion to approve the addition of number nine (9) to the agenda. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stark made a motion to dispense with the reading of the June 8, 2009 regular meeting. Councilwoman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 regular meeting as published in the official journal. Councilman Knighton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hudson told the public that the Town of Merryville was assured that we would receive \$ 35,000.00 to run water down Sand Lake Road. Hydro Tech is in town working on our fire hydrants. We have received our new flood zone maps and are available for residents of Merryville to view. On October 17, 2009 the town once again will be asked to vote on whether or not they would like to sell the Nursing Home. A company named Paramount is interested in purchasing the nursing home. There is a group out of New Iberia that wants to bring a doctor and dentist to Merryville they are trying to purchase a building to place the businesses as of now. There will be a singing at the fairgrounds on July 18, 2009 at 6:30pm. It is \$ 40.00 per ticket with Mr. Johnny Lee as entertainment and dinner will be provided.

Councilman Eaves made a motion that a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure be adopted and Jennifer Hatfield be appointed as Citizen Complaint Office for compliance with the LCDBG program. Councilman Knighton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stark made a motion that the LCDBG applications will be submitted for the following: Street. Councilman Eaves seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Eaves made a motion authorizing the Chief Elected office to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application(s) and implementation of the project(s) and to hire Mr. Gary Fontana as the towns grant writer. Councilwoman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to introduce the ordinance for the Sewer Revenue Bond, series 2009. Councilwoman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stark made a motion to submit a resolution requesting financial assistance through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan fund. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Eaves made a motion to hire Mr. James Fowler as a full time patrolman with the Merryville Police Department. Councilman Knighton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stark made a motion to amend the Budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Rhodes made a motion to approve the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 Holiday Schedule for the town. Councilman Stark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Eaves made a motion to approve the Council Meeting schedule for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 fiscal year. Councilwoman Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Eaves made a motion to submit a resolution request \$ 35,000.00 to place a water line down Sand Lake Road. Councilman Knighton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business before the council, Councilwoman Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting and approve the bills by signature. Councilwoman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Charles E. Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Hatfield, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2010/2011 LCDBG APPLICATION

The Town of Merryville called the meeting to order on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm. The following information was presented at the public hearing:

- a) Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure;
- b) The approximate amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; \$ 32,450,000.00
- c) The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will principally benefit persons of low and moderate income:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Ceiling Amount</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sewer Treatment	\$ 1,000,000.00	November 23, 2009
New Sewer Collection	\$ 800,000.00	November 23, 2009
Existing Sewer Collection Rehab	\$ 800,000.00	November 23, 2009
Potable Water	\$ 800,000.00	November 23, 2009
Water for Fire Protection	\$ 500,000.00	November 23, 2009
Streets	\$ 600,000.00	November 23, 2009
Community Centers	\$ 800,000.00	November 23, 2009
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 700,000.00	February 15, 2010
Physical Accessibility	\$ 200,000.00	February 15, 2010

Any eligible applicant may apply for the following activities under the current LCDBG program; even those applicants previously funded under public facilities components of the LCDBG program.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Ceiling Amount</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Demonstrated Needs	\$ 250,000.00	NONE
LaStep	\$ 500,000.00	NONE
Economic Development	\$1,000,000.00	NONE

- d) The Plans of the applicant for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of Activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities;

If funded, adoption and implementation of a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

- e) The applicant's performance in prior LCDBG programs funded by the state;

Discussion of prior LCDBG programs (if applicable)

After the aforementioned information was presented, the hearing was opened up to discussion from the citizens. The following comments were heard and considered:

COMMENTS:

- 1) **The Town of Merryville received a \$ 1,000,000.00 to upgrade the sewer plant, will this be enough money or will more be needed ?**
- 2) **If the Town does not received enough money to cover the sewer plant then maybe the town should apply for money for the sewer plant, if we do have enough money then they would like to see work done on the streets in Merryville.**
- 3) **It should be the money for the streets that we should apply for.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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MEETING OFFICIATOR

ATTENDANCE ROSTER
FY 2010/2011 LCDBG APPLICATION

Community: Town of Merryville
Purpose: Public Hearing
Date: July 13, 2009

Project: LCDBG Application
Location: Town Hall
Time: 5:30 PM

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