

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY  
THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met for a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse in Convent, Louisiana at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Those present were Council Members Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Clyde Cooper, Donald Nash, and Council Chairwoman Vondra Etienne-Steib. Council Members Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. and Mason Bland were absent.

Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called the Public Hearing on the following items to order:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 19 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PREMISES, SECTION 18-207 DEFINITIONS, RELATIVE TO THE LENGTH OF TALL GRASS AND CHAPTER 54 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE II NUISANCES, SECTION 54-25 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, RELATIVE TO THE NOTICE ISSUED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER**

Council Amato explained that the changes were needed to address tall grass. President Dufresne said this is another mechanism to address tall grass complaints in a quicker manner.

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called for public comments.

The following provided public comment:

Barbara Washington, 8191 Pleasant Hill Street, Romeville, LA  
Gail LeBoeuf, 758 N. Ezidore, Gramercy, LA

Councilman Cooper said we need to make sure we are clear, that the council is not taking anyone's land, it's a tool to be used to allow the work to get done.

Chairwoman dittoed Councilman Cooper, saying that it is not the intention to steal anyone's property or take advantage of someone who may not be mentally capable of making those decisions.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-06, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 118 "WATERWAYS" OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 1 – "NO WAKE ZONES" AND REPLACE WITH SECTION 1 – "SPEED OF WATERCRAFT/IDLE ZONES"**

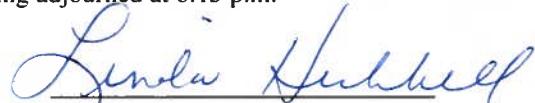
Councilman Louque explained that this ordinance repeals the current section, 118-1, which is a basic ordinance and enacts a more detailed ordinance governing idle zones as allowed by R. S. 34:851.27, maintaining the current idle zone that is established at the Blind River Boat Club and adds an idle zone by the Blind River Chapel.

After the council secretary read aloud the ordinance, Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called for public comments. No comments were received from the public.

Councilman Amato said he appreciates the work done by Councilman Louque on the ordinance. He said it will make it safer where there are large gatherings of boats.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
Linda Hubbell  
Linda Hubbell, Secretary