

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY  
THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

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, November 8, 2023.

On Roll Call, the following were recorded present: Alvin St. Pierre, Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Mason Bland, Clyde Cooper, Donald Nash, and Chairwoman Etienne-Steib.

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ST. JAMES PARISH RECREATION PARKS AND FACILITIES, SECTION 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, President Dufresne explained that six months ago the ordinance was adopted with the goal of having one ordinance governing all recreation parks and buildings. A few adjustments needed to be made to the ordinance and at the time the new website had not been released preventing us from holding a deposit. This amendment now has language about the deposits and a few minor modifications. Rick Webre, Operations Director went through the proposed changes. He and President Dufresne then answered the council members questions.

Nathaniel Jones, Lutcher, inquired about fees charged for non-profit organizations. Mr. Webre said the fees apply to non-profits, the fees apply to the event, and normally no fees are waived but they could be considered on a case-by-case basis.

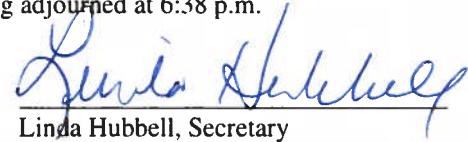
Herbrena Boudreaux, representing several organizations in the community. She provided remarks of an event that was planned but was cancelled and that vendors at the event needed occupational license.

Adam Koenig, Legal Advisor explained that his general opinion on a general matter to the council was that vendors that sell items or goods in this parish must have vendor's license. He also said that anyone who rents a park must abide by the contract.

Courtney Long, 1228 Dey Say Street, representing Gramercy Tigers, expressed his concern with the fees charged. Mr. Webre said that he doesn't have control over the park until the agreement is adopted. Councilman St. Pierre and Mr. Long then had a conversation regarding Gramercy Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman Bland and seconded by Councilman St. Pierre, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Linda Hubbell, Secretary