



Parish of Ascension

Department of Finance

Clint Cointment
Parish President

Patrick Goldsmith
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

June 7, 2021 - 5:30 PM

**ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE (NEW)
607 EAST WORTHEY ROAD
GONZALES, LOUISIANA 70737**

MINUTES

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Cagnolatti. Councilman Alvin Thomas led the Committee in the invocation and pledge
- (2) **Roll Call** - All members were present with the exception of Councilman Travis Turner, Councilman Corey Orgeron and Councilman Aaron Lawler
- (3) **Chair's Additions** – Chairman Cagnolatti requested approval to add “Amendment No. 2 to Master Contract between CSRS and Ascension Parish Government to extend the original contract term by an additional 120 days through October 8, 2021 for an additional amount of \$80,000.00, for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$430,000.00” to the agenda. A motion to add the item to the agenda as Item #5-h was made by Councilman Chase Melancon, and was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

The motion passed with no objection.

- (4) **Public Comment** – Chairman Cagnolatti announced that anyone wishing to speak should sign in now.
- (5) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. **Ascension Economic Development Quarterly Briefing** – A presentation was made to the Committee by Kate MacArthur, President/CEO of Ascension Economic Development
 - b. **Discussion and Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Volunteer Ascension in the amount of \$25,000.00** – A motion to approve was made by

Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.

- c. **Discussion and Approval of Request for Contribution to Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in the amount of \$2,500.00** – A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion passed with no objection.
- d. **Request for Engineering Design Services per attached Proposal from ADG Baton Rouge, LLC for the new sewer line and lift station for Unit 2, and electrical design services of power for lift station equipment at the Ascension Parish Jail in the quoted amount of \$28,500.00 (design fees)** - Dean Thomason, Parish Project Manager presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- e. **Renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the LSU Agricultural Center and the Parish to ensure that Louisiana's Cooperative Extension Service continues to provide 4-H youth development programs both relevant and useful. Total Amount of \$50,000.00** - Camille Brady, 4-H Agent presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Michael Mason. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- f. **Amendment No. 1 to Contract for Professional Services between Lofton Industrial Services, LLC and the Parish of Ascension for additional services for the Jail, Recreation and Maintenance Department for an additional amount of \$78,000.00. Total contract amount not to exceed \$108,000.00** - Michael King, Recreation Director presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- g. **Monthly Contract Report** – Chairman Cagnolatti asked that the Committee members review the contract report and contact legal counsel with any questions.
- h. **Amendment No. 2 to Master Contract between CSRS and Ascension Parish Government to extend the original contract term by an additional 120 days through October 8, 2021 for an additional amount of \$80,000.00, for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$430,000.00** – Jerome Fournier, Planning and Development Director presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Michael Mason. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

(6) FINANCE REPORTS

- a. **Revenue and Expenditure Report** - Amanda Berot, Assistant Treasurer presented this item.

b. Bid/Quote Items: To Accept Lowest Responsive Bid/Quote as Follows:

1. Roddy Road (US61-LA 935) Clearing & Grubbing – Bid - La Contracting Enterprise, LLC, \$278,023.50 – Devin Russ, Procurement Manager presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Michael Mason. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

2. Roddy Road Intersection Improvements - Merritt Evans/Devall & Norwood Road – Bid - Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC, \$304,667.45 – Devin Russ, Procurement Manager presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dal Waguespack. The motion passed with no objection.

3. Department Relocation and Renovations Ascension Parish Governmental Complex-Renovating the Interior of the existing Clerk of Courts Office (2,600 sf) to provide new facilities for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OEP) – Bid - ASA Contractors, Inc., \$191,640.00 – Devin Russ, Procurement Manager presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Mason. The motion passed with no objection.

4. Ascension Parish Utilities District Water Risk and Resilience Contract – RFP - AARC Consultants, LLC – Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director presented this item. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Mason. The motion passed with no objection.

(7) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm on a motion by Councilman Dempsey Lambert, seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon.