

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON MONDAY OCTOBER 11, 2021, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor  
Councilman Harold Stewart  
Councilman John A. Berthelot

Councilman Tim Riley  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Tyler Turner

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk  
Brandon Boylan, Finance Director  
Lisa Babin, Admin. Secretary

Matt Percy, City Attorney  
Sherman Jackson, Police Chief

A Public Hearing was called to discuss Ordinance change to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Barney Arceneaux opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4164: An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 22. ZONING. SEC. 22-2. Zoning Districts To approve the request of Juan Mendoza to rezone Lot RB-1, being approximately 1.633 acres from RC3-NC (Manufactured Housing) to R-6 (Single Family Residential), located on the East side of North Brown Street, approximately 52 feet South of the intersection of W. Bergeron Street and North Brown Street.

Ms. Jackie Ward stated that when she moved to this location in 2008/2009 she had asked for the city to help with drainage and was told that it was on private property, and that the city was not able to dig a ditch. She lives behind this lot and is requesting the owner of the property behind her; Mr. Juan Mendoza, to dig a drainage ditch at his expense on his property. She stated that the ditch she is requesting would lead to some culverts that are hiding and cannot be seen. She feels that if Mr. Mendoza digs this ditch it will prevent her property from flooding.

Remi Brown, former owner of the property where Ms. Jackie Ward lives, stated that when her home was built the drainage went away, and if she wanted a ditch she could put it on her property where it was before.

Juan Mendoza the property owner spoke of the request of Ms. Jackie Ward for him to have a ditch dug on his property at his expense. He stated that he has issues of her throwing her yard debris onto his property and he wants to build a fence to prevent her from putting anything on his property. He spoke of the reason he wants to build a fence and not a ditch on his property is so his five children could play in his field. He stated that if she wanted a drainage ditch, she could put it on her property.

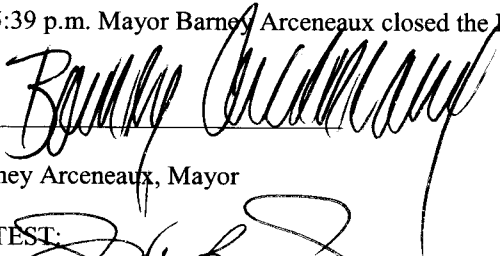
Scot Byrd spoke of this request being about re-zoning this property from a RC3-NC (Manufacturing Housing) to an R-6 Zone for (Single Family Residential). He stated that the time that drainage issues would come up for consideration and approval is the time when a building permit is taken.

Councilman Tim Riley spoke about going over to the property. He presented pictures for the Council to see that this property is holding water. He also commented that the city does not have a drainage ditch in a servitude allowing this property to drain into New River. He feels that if the city would do some drainage work to the property, it would improve the drainage.

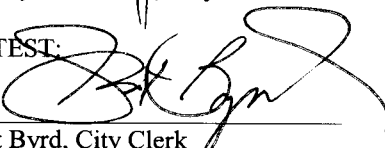
Remi Brown said that the water does not drain to New River.

Mayor Arceneaux stated that this Hearing was to discuss the re-zoning of the property.

At 5:39 p.m. Mayor Barney Arceneaux closed the Public Hearing.

  
Barney Arceneaux, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Scot Byrd, City Clerk