

September 12, 2023

TOWN OF KROTZ SPRINGS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Krotz Springs, State of Louisiana, met in regular session, at the regular meeting place, the town hall, Krotz Springs, Louisiana at 6:30 P.M., August 8, 2023.

There were present: Craig Burghdoff, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

There were absent: Larry Martinez

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Krotz Springs were duly convened as the governing authority of said town by Mayor Carroll Snyder, who then stated that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Keith Ardoin, and duly seconded by Nyssa Godwin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 8, 2023. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Craig Burghdoff, and duly seconded by Cindy Stelly that all outstanding bills be paid. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Nyssa Godwin, and duly seconded by Keith Ardoin to approve the Financial Statements and Reconciliation Worksheet. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Susie Snyder said all is good in town.

Maintenance Supervisor Nina Snyder absent.

On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Craig Burghdoff to release Attorney Morrow & Morrow as the town attorney. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Craig Burghdoff, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Larry Martinez

On motion of Cindy Stelly, and duly seconded by Craig Burghdoff to retain Attorney Christopher Granger to represent the Town of Krotz Springs. This will be effective immediately (September 12, 2023). The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Craig Burghdoff, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Larry Martinez

Mayor Carroll Snyder and the council agreed to opt in the temporary housing and assistance program.

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Mayor Carroll Snyder informed the council that the Town of Krotz Springs is still having an issue with who has ownership of the property that is used for the dump site where the town burns limbs. Mayor Carroll Snyder stated that he met with a family that seems to think they own it even though the town has bought the property twice. He stated that the town is trying to keep this out of litigation and settle ahead of time. Mayor informed the council that he has been in contact with a surveyor from out of the parish. Mayor Carroll Snyder stated that when he meets with the surveyor and it is set in stone that he will survey the property, Mayor will contact the family that is saying they own the property. The town has the option to buy the rest of the property on the north side of the track. Once the property is surveyed at the owner's expense and appraised, the council will determine if the Town of Krotz Springs will purchase the property.

On public comment Andre Lanclos addressed the Mayor and council. He said to Mayor Carroll Snyder, "What you just told the council and everything, have you considered the full situation?" Mayor Snyder asked, "What are you talking about?" Andre replied, "You left out from the beginning about y'all claiming our property." Mayor Snyder said, "no you're the only one that ever said that we claimed your property. Andre asked Mayor Snyder if he wanted the letter sent from his attorney sent by Taylor Basset?" Mayor Snyder stated that he couldn't depend on Andre's attorney because we could never depend on him before. He (Andre's attorney) asked the town to quitclaim some property that you said that is you all's attorney. Andre spoke up and said "you have copies of it. Your attorney contacted mine and I am paying for it. It's on my list of things." "That you turned it over to Taylor Basset the week before the last meeting when I contacted all of yall." Mayor Snyder replied, "I don't know where you get this that we turned it over to an attorney." Andre stated, "I will just let yall see, it's a partial copy." Mayor Snyder replied, "We talked to an attorney, we have an attorney on hand." Andre then asked, "So you didn't turn it over to him?" Mayor Snyder asked the council, "Whenever we went into executive session, did we turn it over to an attorney? Does anybody remember that?" Cindy Stelly replied, "no". Keith Ardoin replied, "We took no action." Mayor Snyder then told Andre that the town took no action. Andre then asked Keith Ardoin if he made a motion to turn it over to an attorney and Cindy Stelly if she seconded the motion. Cindy Stelly replied, "I don't think we did." Mayor Snyder said we can look at the minutes and see. But regardless that is irrelevant to what is going on. Keith Ardoin then said I can tell you there is no attorney working on it. Cindy then asked, "when was the motion made, last meeting?" Mayor Snyder replied, "when we went into executive session." Andre stated the meeting before last. Cindy Stelly then replied, "well we wouldn't have made it an executive session because that is illegal. You can't do that in executive session." Andre then stated that he wanted to work this out fair and square, the minute I got this from my attorney, I called each and every one of yall. He told Keith Ardoin that Keith claimed he couldn't talk to him about it. Keith Ardoin replied, "I wasn't going to talk to you about it." Cindy Stelly stated, "Well that's been months ago." Andre stated that it was the week before the town meeting that he came with his parents. Cindy Stelly then asked if it was the July meeting. Andre said "It was whenever me and my parents came, meeting before last. Nyssa was absent." Andre then pointed out on the letter he was holding and said that's on my bill that I have to pay. Carroll then said July 6th, ok. Andre stated that's the week before the meeting. Carroll then asked, "So we didn't do anything at the meeting then?" Andre said I brought it to the meeting, before I could say anything" Then Carroll said yea we brought it into executive session because the majority of

the council didn't know anything about it. Andre then stated "You have people that were here that heard it too. This was done the week before the town meeting. Carroll then said, "Well we have a recording of it, I don't know who you're talking to that said they heard it but." Andre said, "Well if you have a recording, it should be on there." Cindy stated that we have minutes that were typed up. Andre then said, "Every time I try to do something and work the right way, we either get slandered or lied to about it." Mayor Snyder then stated, "We are not dealing with you on the property anyway. We are dealing with the Eschette family." Andre said, "Oh yes you are, you sent this." Keith Ardoin stated, "No we are not." Carroll then said, "We aren't dealing with you anyway, the property we are on is the Eschette property." Andre asked if Mayor Snyder knew that before. Whose property it was for? Mayor Snyder replied, "well yeah it was supposed to be the town's property if you go look at the courthouse. Keith Ardoin then stated, "In 2009 we gave you what we thought was our property. And it wasn't our property." Andre then asked, "Okay, so y'all knew that?" Mr. Keith then asked, "Are you bound and determined that we discontinue our Thursday limb service? It is a dis-service to our town people, what you're doing. Andre replied, "Me and my family" Keith Ardoin then stated, "Andre, you're telling people that we are trying to take your property. Andre, we don't want anymore of your property, we don't want that property." Andre then asks, "What does that letter right here say Keith? (Andre proceeds to read the letter from his attorney) The attorney for the town of Krotz Springs is Taylor Bassett. He called me to say that the town disputes your claim that your family has been in possession of 1.592 acres, to the contrary, the town claims that it has been in possession of the property for more than thirty years. The town will not resign the quitclaim deed that you all gave to us right here. So, you're saying you challenged our right to it." Keith Ardoin then states, "In 2009 we gave you two acres, why didn't your attorney catch that other one point something?" Andre replied, "Why didn't your attorney catch it?" Keith said, "Why didn't you, you sat at that table?" Andre replied, "I was not here. I didn't have anything to do with it. It was my dad; he didn't catch it." Keith said, "You sat on the council for four years." Andre replied, "Not then, you did, your name is on the paperwork." Keith replied, "you knew all along." Andre said, "no, no I did not, I just found this out when this started happening. Whenever my dad died, we had it resurveyed. It was totally wrong." Keith replied, "And then you told us you don't like any of the surveys." Andre replied, "No sir, I told you that I didn't like anything, the description that was lied to about." Mayor Snyder asked, "Who lied?" Andre replied, "Well all that is fraud." Mayor Snyder then said, "Well I mean, your attorney drew everything up." Andre said, "Yeah with yall attorney, they didn't know." Mayor Snyder replied, "Well maybe you need to get another attorney, the town is not trying to steal your property. You're telling people that, and it's totally untrue Andre and you know it. I don't know why your being like that, but it is totally uncalled for." Andre said, "Why don't you get back the minutes from the last year or so when Glenda came up here, whenever we thought that was her property, what the map said right here. You said you had paperwork, you claimed that you had ownership for over thirty years. You said yall was taking it, well you knew you didn't own it." Mayor Snyder said, "I never said we were taking it, I said we were going to protect the town's interest and any property they have." Andre said, "You're protecting the town's interests but everything.

we are getting right here, I had to hire an attorney because of this. I didn't go get an attorney to try and say all this stuff right here. Mayor Snyder replied, "Your property is one hundred yards away from the property we use. That's what we don't understand, the other day when we met with you, you said our property is where Mead is, so you don't know." Andre replied, "What do you know?" Mayor Snyder stated, "I don't know, you should know more than you know, I mean didn't you tell us that (yall property is where Mead is), Andre said "That's what the attorney said." Mayor Snyder said, "That's what I am talking about, you need to get another attorney is what it seems like, you know." Andre replied, "This has been in the town's possession since yall are claiming whatever, so whatever. Ok so, why wouldn't you know where your property is at? And why would you claim that you gave property to my dad that he already owned, and had it fenced in? He owned it already. He had it fenced in already." Mayor Snyder asked, "Why did he want a quitclaim on it?" Andre replied, "Yall came to him claiming that..." Mayor Snyder then replied, "No no no, I wasn't mayor then." Andre said, "I don't care if you were or not, I am telling you what happened. Why would he go to the town for any other reason. The town went to him claiming that his (_____) was on the property" Mayor Snyder replied, "That's not the story I got." Andre said, "Well I'm sorry dude." Mayor Snyder said, "I don't know but we aren't going to sit here and argue back and forth with you over this piece of property that is a dump. Okay. So, we are going to deal with the Eschette family on it and whenever it is resolved, if you like it, good, if you don't, it's still good." Andre said, "well I'm saying that I don't intend on losing an inch of my property. I am going to have to pay them whatever (_____) but you are the one that put claim to it right here." Mayor Snyder replied, "Yeah, if that's what you think, that's good. I'm good." Andre said, "It is in black and white, I'm paying August bill for it." Mayor Snyder replied, "Well I am good with that, blame it on me. Like I said we are not dealing with you on it, we are dealing with the Eschette family on it." Andre replied, "Apparently you are dealing with me on it because you sent this letter. Mayor Snyder said, "Alright, any other public comment, anyone else has anything.

On other business due to baseball program, with Suzanne Belleau and Larry Martinez coaching a team Mayor rescheduled the October 2023 town meeting for October 9, 2023 (Monday).

On motion of Cindy Stelly and duly seconded by Keith Ardion that the town meeting be changed to Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30pm. The motion was carried by roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Craig Burghdoff, Cindy Stelly, Nyssa Godwin, Keith Ardoin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Larry Martinez

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On motion of Craig Burghdoff, and duly seconded by Cindy Stelly, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Carroll Snyder, Mayor

Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk

I, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Krotz Springs, held September 12, 2023.

Suzanne Belleau, Town Clerk

