

Youngsville Chamber Luncheon Minutes

11/12/19

Prayer and Pledge

Round Table Introductions

Chief Rickey Boudreaux-Coffee with the Mayor & Chief from 8-10 am at McDonalds tomorrow. Keep an eye on your Christmas packages. Let neighbors know if you are expecting a package.

Mayor Ritter- City Update-Bonin Road reconstruction is causing some traffic issues. Temperature is delaying the project for a few days. He appreciates your patience. Parts of Chemin Metairie and Bonin Road are in Youngsville City limits, but parts of it are not in the city of Youngsville's jurisdiction. They did submit federal grants to widen Bonin Road and are in the lead for that grant. The roundabout at Détente and Chemin Metairie is also going well.

Royville is coming to Youngsville. Lynn Guidry, Marc Berard and Ashley Davis are the design professionals in charge of the project. This is not a new project. The developers of Sugar Mill Pond offered land for a new city hall between the years of 2007-2010 and that was rejected. It was decided the center of town needed to be in the heart of our community. In 2015, there was money in the budget for a new city hall, but the city council and the mayor wanted to spend those funds where they were better needed. The city then purchased the land on Jacques Street and moved the house off of the lot. That house is being preserved further down Hwy 92.

Lynn Guidry, architect of Royville, stated that you can do anything you want with your land so long as you don't adversely affect the land around you. Zoning is important and works well in Youngsville except for the downtown area. Royville was the original name of Youngsville and the downtown area is called the Royville District. They are trying to revitalize this area. They are keeping most of the trees and contacted an arborist to make sure the current trees thrive and grow. Building A is currently under construction. They are trying to use pre WWII construction materials on these buildings. Focus is on pedestrian traffic instead of vehicle traffic. Mixed use – some residential and some commercial business. They are avoiding using vinyl and using real wood and stucco.

Marc Berard –Youngsville Municipal Complex @ corner of Lafayette and Iberia Street. They will be keeping the current oak tree. It will consist of City Hall and the Police Department. City Hall will be a 2 story building, council chambers will be one story and Police Department will be 2 story. Police Dept will be 6,000 sq ft. The council chambers will be 1,800 sq ft. City Hall will be 2,500 sq ft. They are increasing square footage for all departments. This building will create an image of the city. It is a Coastal Contemporary design. It takes some design elements from Sugar Mill Pond.

Mayor Ritter – We see our population in the very near future at 30,000. Want this building to be designed to be versatile and grow with the city. Because we have a site plan focused around the oak tree, it is a better design. Jacques Street is being rerouted and Entergy is instrumental in helping with utility relocation. It will be a wonderful project that will highlight the city of Youngsville.

Shop the Sweet Life and Movie in the Park-November 30th-if you are interested in providing a discount or participating, please email Jessica at the Chamber.

City Council Meeting-Thursday at 6 pm

Christmas Social – Monday, Dec 9th, Acadiana Bar & Grill – Graduation of the first Leadership Youngsville Class

Ribbon Cutting-Business First Bank-Thurs, Nov 14th-4:30-7:00 – Ribbon cutting at 5:00, food and drinks provided.

Don't forget to vote on Saturday

Serenity Spa Door prize – Allison Landry with Lamar. Chamber members get 15% off of any product or service.

Andrew Stevenson will be at our council meeting this Thursday night. He is from Youngsville and was on the roster for the Washington Nationals in the World Series. He will be receiving a key to the city. Mayor Ritter has only given a key to the city out once before.

Thanks Gary Williams and David Mitchell for helping with set up.

Meeting Adjourned.