

2019-0208

INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION B

A resolution requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran provide the Parish Council with a complete written report regarding the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

- WHEREAS,** on January 24, 2019, the attached letter was sent to Parish President Larry Cochran requesting a full report regarding the use of public equipment on private property in Paradis, which as of today, he has failed to provide to the Council; and,
- WHEREAS,** on June 5, 2019, the attached subsequent letter related to this matter was sent to Parish President Larry Cochran, which as of today, he has failed to provide to the Council; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the March 11, 2019 parish council meeting, the following Special Matters To Be Considered By Council item was read by the Council Chairman; "Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana"; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the May 20, 2019 parish council meeting, the following Special Matters To Be Considered By Council item was read by the Council Chairman; "Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, was referred by the Legal Department to the District Attorney, who has since advised in a meeting held on May 8, 2019, his position remains that after careful review, he finds no criminal intent, would decline to prosecute and refuse any charges brought against the individuals involved, and it was his understanding this matter was referred to St. Charles Parish officials, which he believes is the appropriate agency to deal with this particular matter and its policies and procedure for employees going forward"; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting, a proposed resolution calling for the Chairman of the Council to appoint a Special Committee in accordance with Council Rule No. 32 to investigate the matter pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, failed to receive the required votes for passage; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting, a proposed resolution calling for the Parish President to conduct a formal investigation pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, failed to receive the required votes for passage; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting a suggestion was made to request a committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the matter pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property; and,
- WHEREAS,** at the June 19, 2019 Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee the matter was discussed regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana; and,
- WHEREAS,** only three councilmembers elected to attend the meeting; and,
- WHEREAS,** Parish President Larry Cochran and Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux, who were both requested to attend and to provide information on this item, did not attend the meeting; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Parish Council that Parish President Larry Cochran provides the Council with a complete written report pertaining to the matter discussed at the committee meeting regarding apparent misuse of public equipment on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Parish Council that the written report includes all of the information requested in the January 24, 2019 letter sent to Parish President Larry Cochran.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby request that Parish President Larry Cochran provide the Parish Council with a complete written report regarding the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property on July 1, 2018 in Paradis, Louisiana, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: HOGAN

NAYS: BENEDETTO, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER

ABSENT: BELLOCK

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY ON JULY 1, 2019.