

## PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Public Hearing on this date with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Craig A. Mathews, J Ina, Rodney Olander, Scott Ramsey, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to receive written and/or oral comments and to adopt the following ordinances:

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit on Grace Street in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith, and providing penalties for the violation of same.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2117 setting the salary of the Clerk of the Council of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Tillman Infrastructure LLC, represented by Jon Mitchel with Towersource LLC)

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An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments). (Lillian & Harry Rebaradi)

Clerk of the Council, Lisa C. Morgan provided a correspondence from Attorney Wendell Clark to Council Members relative to a proposed cell tower in Glencoe, Louisiana.

Attorney Wendell Clark appeared before the Council on behalf of SBA Structures, LLC to discuss an Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Tillman Infrastructure LLC, represented by Jon Mitchel with Towersource, LLC) and also discuss an Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Tillman Infrastructure LLC, represented by Jon Mitchel with Towersource, LLC).

Mr. Clark informed that SBA Structures operates an active cellular tower that services AT&T and Verizon that is located 0.544 miles from the proposed tower site. He also stated that St. Mary Parish’s ordinance does not state how far apart service towers have to be.

In response to several Council Members inquiries, Mr. Clark stated that the dense population does not justify an additional tower providing the same service and that it will not enhance service or provide expansion of service to the area. He also stated that there are no known health issues of having multiple towers in the same area and expounded on regulated rates.

Several Council Members expounded on the lack of cell phone service during Hurricane Ida and the benefits of having multiple towers.

Jon Mitchel, representative for Tillman Infrastructure, LLC stated that he does not know what service will go on the tower and that it is an opportunity for the landowner.

In response to Mr. Olander's inquiry, Mr. Mitchel stated that the proposed site is the Port of West St. Mary.

In response to Mr. Hebert's inquiry, Mr. Clark stated that different Parishes have different specific rules and that AT&T did not approach them before submitting the application.

There being no further business, Mr. Bennett moved for adjournment. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.