

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

FEBRUARY 25, 2026
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
5:45 P.M.

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Public Hearing on this date with Chairperson Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Rodney Olander, David W. Hill, James “Jimmy” Davis, Jr., Mark Duhon, and Dean Adams. Absent were Leslie Rulf, Jr., Patrick Hebert, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive written and/or oral comments relative to the following Ordinances:

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. (Wilson Ferguson, Jr.)

Donald and Shelia Oliver, residents of Chatsworth subdivision, appeared in opposition to the Specific Use to place a church on the property. Mrs. Oliver expounded on concerns and restrictions of placing a public entity in a residential area. She submitted a plat of the area and stated they submitted a petition from neighbors in opposition to the Planning & Zoning Commission and to the Council a few weeks ago.

In response to Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Mrs. Oliver stated there is no other church in the area.

An Ordinance declaring multiple tax adjudicated properties as surplus property and authorize the Parish to proceed with the process for advertising and sale of such adjudicated properties.

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. (Freddie DeCourt)

There were no written and/or oral comments were received regarding the above ordinances.

There being no further business, Mr. Olander moved for adjournment. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson