Broussard adopts a noise ordinance

Law modeled on Lafayette to take effect in 30 days

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Broussard has adopted its first noise ordinance.

The ordinance, modeled on one already in place in Lafayette, was formally adopted Tuesday night and will go into effect in 30 days.

"It is the same as the parish uses and theirs seems to be successful," said Police Chief Bronson Decou, who said his officers will now receive training on the proper way to monitor and enforce the ordinance from Tim Melanson, who handles these issues for the parish.

Decou said he doesn't get a lot of complaints about noise. "But when we do, this will give us something to stand on."

"I don't foresee us using it a lot," agreed City Attorney Don Landry.

The council also reviewed proposed zoning maps for various areas in the city.

The city adopted a zoning ordinance about six months ago and Bob Rose, who works with the city's planning and zoning board, said it is now in the process of establishing zones in two ways.

On the front end, each new development or annexation is zoned as it comes into the city.

Tuesday's zoning was on the back end - establishing zoning classifications for existing properties, including Albertson Parkway from the railroad to the Youngsville Highway which will now be zoned general commercial.

The only exception will be Waterford Ridge, a subdivision. While it and Boardman Estates are to be zoned R-5, the highest residential category, Rose said residents have asked that the sections of Waterford Ridge that front on Albertson Parkway be zoned for commercial offices.

The council also reviewed maps for the area around the Norco and Erason plants, which will now be zoned general industrial.

In other actions, Ivan Landry informed the council about the upcoming Le Festival du Bon Temps à Broussard, which will be held Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at St. Rose Lumber on the Ambassador Caffery Parkway Extension.

The festival will be from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and from 4 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, with numerous bands - including Grammy nominees Gino Delaplace and French Rockin' Boogie and Riddle Runners and the Hub City All Stars, among others.

Landry said this year's festival, which is designed to raise funds to purchase playground equipment for a proposed city park, will also include a zone for younger festival goers, as well as New Orleans Saints memorabilia and food from some of the best restaurants and caterers in the area.

"This is our third year. We try to make our festival as family-oriented as possible," Landry said.

For more information on the festival, go to www.bontemppestfest.org.

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