

MINUTES FOR TOWN OF JACKSON

A public hearing was held on September 9th, 2024 beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department located at 1631 Charter Street, Jackson, LA 70748. All board members present.

The ordinances entitled “Adopt Ordinance Amending Article 11-Flood Hazard Reduction Sections 16-1 et seq.” “Ordinance to Adjust 2023-2024 Budget” and “Ordinance adopting 2024-2025 Budget” were discussed and the Public hearing closed at 5:55 p.m. after public comments.

The regular meeting for the Town of Jackson was held on September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Norsworthy, thanking everyone for their attendance as the Mayor proceeded. All motions passed unanimously unless stated otherwise.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Annissa Woodard; all present. David Guillory, Mike Harrell, William Free, Joseph Brown, and James McCrory.

Prayer and Pledge lead by David Guillory.

Approval of agenda / additions or deletions.

Michael Lamonica asked to be added to the agenda to discuss zones. Moved by William Free and seconded by David Guillory, motion carried.

Thomas Jacocks asked to be added to the agenda regarding his blighted property. Moved by David Guillory to add him to the agenda, seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried.

Moved by David Guillory to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by William Free, motion carried..

Approval of minutes from the August 2024 meeting. Moved by William Free, seconded by James McCrory, motion carried.

Approval of Bills. Moved by William Free, seconded by Mike Harrell to pay bills. Motion carried.

Old Business, none.

New Business:

1. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by David Guillory to adopt the Ordinance Amending Article 11.-Flood Hazard Reduction Sections 16-1 et. seq. Motion carried.
2. Moved by David Guillory, seconded by William Free to adopt Ordinance Amending 2023-2024 Budget, motion carried.
3. Moved by Mike Harrell, seconded by William Free to adopt the Ordinance for the 2024-2025 Budget. Motion carried.
4. Salary adjustments. Moved by William Free and seconded by Joseph Brown to increase salaries for eleven full time employees one dollar an hour, for the employees working with the town for over one year, Alyson Farris pay increased to \$400/ every two weeks, Richard Dudley pay increase to \$800 per month, Andy D’Aquila’s pay increased to \$725/ month, and Cassie Callander’s pay increased to \$125 every two weeks, motion carried.
5. Rates. Chris Ferris asked to increase water and sewer rates. Moved by David Guillory, seconded by Mike Harrell to increase residential water rates to \$6.50/1000 gallons, commercial

rates increase to \$7.50/1000 gallons, Gas Flat rate increased to \$1.45 PCF residential, commercial gas increased to \$1.35 PCF, and Sewer rates residential increased to \$32.50 flat rate and commercial flat rate of sewer increased to \$42.50 flat rate, motion carried.

6. Award Water Tower Project.. Moved by William Free, seconded by David Guillory to accept the bid for Water Tower Rehabilitation Project to Dixie Painting and Sandblasting in the amount of \$590,308.00. Motion carried.
7. Mike Lamonica discussed the need for zoning in Jackson. No action taken.
8. Thomas Jacocks at 1749 Cedar stated he has demolished the home at that location and is in the process of clearing the lot of all debris. He assured the board the remaining debris will be removed. Moved by David Guillory, seconded by Joseph Brown to allow 3 additional months to remove all debris off the lot. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report. No report given.

Police Report. Mitch Harrell gave oral report that there were 250 call this past month, 4 lbs. of marijuana were picked up off the streets and the Town is cleaning up.

Code Enforcement Report. Oral report given. Writing citations for blighted property, court will be busy this month, and Mr. Cary Quiet is going after \$6,000,000 in grant money to tear down dilapidated homes.

Mayor's comments. Mayor James Norsworthy thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Moved by Harrell, Mike and seconded by David Guillory to adjoin, motion carried, meeting adjourned.