

**TOWN OF JACKSON
MAYOR JAMES MCRORY
TOWN MEETING
Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
1631 Charter Street
Jackson, Louisiana 70748**

MEETING MINUTES

**NOVEMBER 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

MR. JAMES MCCRORY, MAYOR
MRS. ANNISSA WOODARD, TOWN CLERK
MR. DANE BROWN, BOARD MEMBER
MR. DAVID GUILLORY, BOARD MEMBER
MR. WILLIAM FREE, BOARD MEMBER
MRS. DEBRA ALLEN NORSWORTHY
HALEY MAJOR GREEN, TOWN ATTORNEY (TAKING MINUTES)

ABSENT: MR. MICHAEL HARREL, BOARD MEMBER

CALL TO ORDER:

The town meeting was called to order by Mayor, Mr. James McCrory at 6:00 pm., pursuant to the prepared agenda.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by clerk, Mrs. Annissa Woodard, with all Board members present, except Mr. Michael Harrell.

PRAYER/PLEDGE

Opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Dane Brown.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

A discussion of the Agenda was had;

Dianne Parker would like to discuss the foodbank which is not on the agenda. We are going to have to turn people away. They reached in their own pocket to provide food for SNAP program people. Two people who brought food today. There is a need for food especially during this government shut down. Annissa requested that a barrel to donate the food could be put out at the Town Hall. We will put the word out. Jason McCray will talk to the youth leaders in the community.

Motion by David Guillory to add the discussion of the food bank to the agenda, William Free second. No opposition. The discussion was added to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by David Guillory, Dane Brown second, no opposition. Agenda accepted as amended.

MEETING MINUTES-

David Guillory made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2025 meeting; debra Allen Norsworthy gave a second and the meeting minutes of October 2025 were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Free to have Mayor McCrory and Annissa pay the bills. These bills for this month, look a whole lot better. There was a second by Debra Allen Norsworthy, there was no opposition. There was approval of the bills and authorization to pay the same.

BUDGET VESUS ACTUALS

Budget was provided. Annissa provided a copy in the folder. It is as close to accurate as possible without the bills paid this month. Everyone is invited to call to discuss specific questions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open bids for surplus maintenance vehicles by Haley Major Green
First bid was \$850 single cab truck from Donald Chaney. There was a motion by Mr. Guillory to reject the bid and put it out for bid again. There was a second by Debra Norsworthy as the bid was below the minimum bid. There was no opposition. The vehicle will put out for bid for the December 8, 2026, meeting.

Second bid for \$2600.00 Blue 2005 by Dyron Henley. Mr. William Free made a motion to accept the bid. Second by Debra Allen Norsworthy. There was no opposition; the bid was accepted and Annissa Woodard will notify the buyer.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. **Whit Vidrine-Dogs at large** - pack of dogs that are running through town. He would like to open up the conversation about a solution to the dogs. What can we do? Trying to talk to local vets to see if they would take the dogs. Stray dogs and dogs that are vicious. No pets. It is the police jury's responsibility to have a pound. Get with the mayors to go together to the police jury. They say that there are no funds to do anything with this. If we could get funds to Ms. Mary, she is working hard to rescue, and spay and neuter. They are being dropped off. Sadly the Town's hands are tied. The town does not have funds to handle this. We can write citations for individuals who are allowing the dogs to run free. Need funding. The town is working on this. Looking toward a solution at least to spay and neuter.

2. **Melinda Howell-Mosquitos** Having a huge issue with mosquitos. We have a bad mosquito problem. Cannot sit on front porch and kids cannot play in the yard. She understands that there are expenses and requirements. She would like Town to consider finding money in the budget to accommodate for the mosquito problem. Matt says that they used to spray. But there was no certified person spraying. You have someone certified to mix, certified to spray, certified to check. It is very expensive. She feels like individual means are not going to help. Is there any grant money available for this type of thing? She poses the question. Matt Leggett says we are working with grants on the sewer and water lines. And, we have a few months before we really have to address the mosquito problem. Wish we could find some funds to dedicate to this.

3. **Dustin Cleveland-Corner of Charter and Market** Have short term rentals and air bnbs. Trying to bring people in for tourism and revenue. The trailer across the street was sighted as a problem as a reason to get out of the place (trailer that looks uninhabited) for the rental 20 days. Cary says that got a letter to the individual and he would take care of it. Continues to rent to persons who bring out a lot of junk. There is a problem with the owners of these properties and who they rent to.

4. **Chris Farris-Purchase Excavator (Pennington Grant)** town applied for Pennington Grant for an excavator and trailer \$81219 we were awarded the full amount. Free made a motion to approve the purchase of the excavator. There was a second by Debra Allen Norsworthy. No opposition. The purchase of the new excavator was approved. Chris Farris will order the excavator. We will purchase the excavator and the trailer; it has to be ordered. Motion by Mr. William Free to put the old one out for bid once new one received. There was a second by Dane Brown. No opposition. The old excavator will put out for public bid once the new one arrives.

5. **Status on blighted property grant added. Requested by Cary Quiet.** Chris Farris – The grant process for blighted properties is a long process. The environmental review was done. The Town of Jackson has received the letter of approval today regarding the findings. The Town of Jackson has to send it to the paper to be published. No significant finding. There were 6 properties with major asbestos. There were two properties with minor asbestos. No significant findings of problems/risks to the environment. Around December 2, 2025, the Town of Jackson will request to move forward with demolition. The town is hoping to receive approval to request permission to open the bids for demolition.

6. **MAINTENANCE REPORT -**

MATT LEGGETT'S MAINTENANCE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. The sewer project - Lift station – new one is in and running. The project still needs new transformers. The aerators are done. The Maintenance Department is waiting on Entergy to put the new electrical in. The new lift station is up. They got a lot of the weeds and lilies out of those ponds while they had the equipment out there.

The sewer line project – finished review of the plans. They were submitted back to delta regional for their review. The town will get engineer for the final review on the water tower project. They are waiting on parts for water well three. Chris Farris has started talking about another water well grant with the state. We are trying to replace the old water lines. State grants are not as difficult as federal grants.

POLICE REPORT- Mitch Harrell, Town Marshall, reported that the Police Department received the Pennignton \$50k grant award. 90 tickets were written this month. 80 tickets were paid. 25 bench warrants were issued. \$21517.50 in fines collected. These are not small violations. We believed there was a shooting in Jackson, this is being investigated. 3 drug arrests of people that have been watching. Spookarama went off well. No issues that he is aware of. Halloween also was celebrated that same night . No issues. Homecoming that night as well. There were no problems reported.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Officer Cary Quiet. Old business –

New business –. 13 blight letters. Requests, not citations. It is a status request. If they do not show up, then he can issue a citation. The process is long, lots of requirements. However of 13 letters, he received 7 responses. He is hoping that the rest show up. He was having a problem with calls for complaints. There is now a complaint form on-line. He needs a paper trail to make sure that everything is documented. One can find the form on the Town Of Jackson web site under forms. Hwy. 10 property where they have been dumping back behind the property - Officer Cary Quiet has gotten information that the owner is cleaning it up. DEQ got involved. It was definitely a mess. It is difficult to see from 10 but can see from Hwy 68.

ATTORNEY REPORT: none.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: The Mayor thanks Mr. Chuck, the one veteran in the audience. We thank all Veterans. The veterans program was very good over the weekend.

David Guillory moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Dane Brown. There was no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James McCrory, Mayor

Annissa Woodard, Town Clerk