MINUTES FOR TOWN OF JACKSON NOVEMBER 12, 2024

A public hearing was held on November 12, 2024 beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department located at 1631 Charter Street, Jackson, LA 70748. All board members present.

Amending the 2023-2024 Budget was 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 November 12, 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 board members present.

Prayer and Pledge lead by David Guillory.

Approval of agenda / additions or deletions.

Moved by Dane Brown to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by William Free, motion carried..

Approval of minutes from the October 2024 meeting. Moved by William Free, seconded by Dane Brown, 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 William Free and seconded by David Guillory to adopt the Ordinance Amending 2023-2024 Budget. Motion carried.
- 2. Resolution to hire and pay for legal services for the FY2025 LCDBG Clearance Program was presented to the board, moved by William Freem seconded by David Guillory. Motion carried.
- 3. Resolution for prior approval properties for the FY2025 LCDBG Clearance was presented to the board, moved by David Guillory, seconded by Bubba McCrory. Motion carried.
- 4. Resolution for preliminary approval of Sales Tax Bond for water tower project was presented to the board, moved by Mike Harrell, seconded by William Free. Motion carried.
- 5. Public Hearing is set for Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 5:30 PM to hear public comments on adopting the Bond Ordinance. No action taken.

Maintenance Report. Matt Leggett reported that the Water Tower project will begin soon. Sewer project is closer to beginning.

Police Report. Mitch Harrell asked the board to hire Crystal Maples on a part time basis @\$18.00 an hour as a police clerk to handle traffic tickets and warrants. Moved by William Free, seconded by Dane Brown. Motion carried. The police department responded to 245 calls last month, 3 overdoses, and 2 felony warrants. There will be a meeting at the VFW for business owners on Wednesday November 13, 2024. The person that called in the bomb threat at the Star AG has been identified. Through a grant they were able to purchase drug field testing kits for each vehicle to identify drugs found on the streets. The police department

is working hard to get the drugs off the streets. Mr. Harrell also wanted to thank the community for their support of the officers and the department.

Code Enforcement Report. Cary Quiet had no report to give.

Attorney Report. No comments

Mayor's comments. Mayor James Norsworthy thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The mayor thanked everyone for participating in Spooktackular with well over 700 people attending. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Also, the Council on Aging had their trunk or treat and had great participation from the town and sheriff. Santa night will be Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 6 PM at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department.

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