

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

MEETING MINUTES

**December 08, 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, BOARD MEMBER
HALEY MAJOR GREEN, TOWN ATTORNEY (TAKING MINUTES)

ABSENT: MR. MICHAEL HARRELL, 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 Mr. William Free.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

A discussion of the Agenda was had;

There were additions discussed. There was a request to amend the agenda to add putting the old bobcat and trailer out for bid. There was a motion by Mr. Free to amend the agenda to add the requested item, Guillory gave a second. There was no opposition and the agenda was approved as amended.

Dianne Parker – requested to speak to those in attendance as a follow up about food for the Food Bank. Due to the request made at the Town Meeting in November, there was a barrel out front

of the Town hall. There were several donations, and with the public help, they were able to feed everyone. Ms. Parker thanks everyone for their help.

MEETING MINUTES-

Mr. Guillory made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, meeting as written. Mr. Free gave a second; there was no opposition. The minutes of the November 10, 2025, town meeting were approved as written.

BILLS

Mr. Free reported that himself and Mr. David Guillory went over the bills for approval. Mr. Guillory moved to have the bills approved and to have Mayor and Annissa pay the bills. There was a second by Mrs. Norsworthy. There was no opposition. There was approval of the bills and authorization to pay the same.

BUDGET V. ACTUALS

If there are any questions regarding the budget vs. Actuals, a call can be made to Mrs. Hollie Gilmore or Mrs. Annissa Woodard at the Town Hall. For any questions, the public is directed to contact Mrs. Annissa. The budget is on a good track.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. **Historic District Quarterly Update Martin Macdiarmid.** Historic District handout provided. The handout was done years ago. It gives all homes and a map of the district on the brochure. This was originally done in 1980. A lot of those houses are gone and there are lots of new homes now. The historic district is working on changing it. It gives a great history of the town.

Mr. Macdiarmid published a list of members of the district and their contact information. He has provided some to Annissa at the town show them what they need to do. He wants everyone to be fully informed as to the functioning of the Historic District..

There is now a permit form when someone wants to do something in the district – new construction, paint, parking lot etc., they can contact the Historic District for specific instruction and guidance.

There is an ordinance that is relevant to the Historic District that outlines what the Historic District can and cannot do.

He provided a copy of the by-laws of the historic district.

He wanted to point out – when SUNCO was coming back, no one contacted the historic district. For example, with Jett’s – David Jett came and sat down to talk to Mr. Macdiarmid. Now sunco is coming back and they have the big sign. The Historic District would like to work with them, like to talk to them about some things. The Historic District does not want to turn away business, but aims at working with businesses to preserve the historic detail of Jackson

The Historic District is in the process of going through the assessor’s office – everyone who owns property in the historic district and try to keep them informed.

2. **Santa Night** – December 18, 2025, at 6 pm – it will be 6- until whenever. Does the Lion’s club and town still do it together? There are labels to go on back identifying Jackson, Fire Dept and Lion’s club as support. The Town is always looking for volunteers for this event.

3. **Council on aging – Bessie Foster** was a spokesperson for the Council. She attends the Council on Aging in Jackson – loves it and wants to see it continue. Clovia Stevenson, President of the executive board of Council on Aging, was present to share some information about the Council on Aging and what it does. There are 2 sites – one in Clinton (Bank Street) and one in Jackson, located at the VFW Hall. Sites are open five days a week unless there is something else – they do bingo, activities, exercise, line dance, etc. They also serve meals. We want to share information on our meals. They serve 25 in Clinton and 25-32 in Jackson. Each meal costs \$6. They are currently serving 65 individuals in East Feliciana, and they have a van to deliver meals. The average costs of serving one person meals on wheels per year is \$1495, for last year. Last year we received funds from the Police Jury. There is an outreach called “I support a senior” and the Council is asking people to go on-line and contribute to support a senior. There are letters, from Cindy McManus the Executive director of East Feliciana Council on Aging regarding this program. There are also, containers to contribute. The Council urges everyone to come and support, they invite everyone to join in the activities and do something things with the seniors. Meals are ordered from Baton Rouge. 60 is the starting age. The oldest member is 86. There is a Christmas Party on Friday and everyone is invited to join. There is a membership drive, which usually takes place in June.

4. **Introduce Amendment to Noise Ordinance for Jake Braking. Announce Public Hearing set for January 12, 2026 at 5:45 PM.** We are going to have a public hearing regarding the amendment of the noise ordinance regarding “Jake Braking”. There was a motion to have public hearing by Mr. Free; and a second by Mr. Dane Brown. There was

no opposition and there will be a Public hearing on January 12, 2026 to discuss the new ordinance to be voted on thereafter at the meeting.

5. **Added. Bobcat and trailer 331.** The Town will advertise the minimum bid at \$15,000.00 There was a motion by Mr. Free and a second by Mr. Guillory to put it out for bid. There was no opposition and the Town will place the Bobcat and trailer out for public bid with a starting bid of \$15,000.00.

MAINTENANCE REPORT -

MATT LEGGETT.'S report. There were no bids on the remaining truck that was put for bid. Going to get new bobcat – trailer; the Town has received the check from Pennington to purchase the same.

Water tower project. The Town is still working on that.

Sewer Project – That project is still being finalized – weather has prolonged the project. However, the maintenance department is working on this.

Chris Farris reports that the Fiber optic crews coming back through Town. He suggests that everyone may have seen the flags. The construction crews will be on the highway. The crews are tarting on each end and will meet in the middle. There are only two crews working on this. They are still working in Clinton and should make the way to Jackson around Thursday.

POLICE REPORT- Last month there were 62 citations written. 67 citations were paid. 26 bench warrants were issued. We collected \$17,536.00 in fines. Chief Mitch Harrell informs the group that for any special event, there is a form to fill out. The form requests information such as type of event/ what security is needed/ will alcohol be served or consumed. Where alcohol will be served or consumed, there is a requirement of two officer. If there is no alcohol, no officers are required. The Mayor also recommends that if alcohol is served or consumed, then two officers should be required. There is also a form for anyone who may be out of town for any period of time. The Marshall's office, request that their custom form be filled out and they will guarantee extra patrols around the house.

Jimmy and Sandy Moffit donated an AET and Mr. and Mrs. Giroir donated an Angel armor vest. These generous donations have made it possible for every Deputy Marshall to be outfitted with his or her own vest.

There have been 225 calls for the month, 25 were dog calls. EBR donated 10 radios. If you have not been by the office lately, please come in. There is a new squad room, where officers can work on computers, a new kitchen, and all came at little or no cost to the Town of Jackson. Grants are tremendously helping out. The Marshall's Office is also getting some new signs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Officer Quiet reports that

Old business – some illegal dumping and hazardous materials. There was a stop on the clean up due to leg injury. Officer Quiet will contact the DEQ to report this. There has also been some clean up progress on other properties. The legal representation for one individual did not show up. His lawyer came to the meeting and said she would provide information but has provided nothing to the officer. Officer Quiet will send her a certified later. Haley Green will also contact her regarding her progress.

There are lots of dog calls. Is there anything in the budget to do this for next year? Guillory did reach out to an animal hospital. He provided the form – in order to figure out or estimate cost in order to house and possibly euthanize stray animals. Mayor McCrory will meet with other mayors and go before the Parish council to request intervention or looking into a dog shelter.

There were 13 blighted property letters. 8 of 13 resolved. Several letters were returned. 2 showed up in court.

NEW BUSINESS. Some new properties that need to get taken care of – vehicles, trash, refrigerators. Getting in touch with individuals to clean these properties up.

The old C and D store – bushes are growing up in the fenced in area. Door not completely secure. Roof has fallen in. The property is in bad condition. The house that was a group home – up for sheriff's sale – all the doors open, people in and out. This property is also in bad condition.

There was a Question about – abandoned homes – but outside of Town limits. Tommy James lane. The overpass – McManus. They are trying to get help. It is in the Parish limits so the Parish authority would have to step in.

ATTORNEY REPORT: none.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor McCrory –. Hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Hopes everyone has a great Christmas. Invites everyone to the Santa Christmas celebration.

A motion to adjourn was made by My Guillory and there was a second offered by Mr. Free There was no opposition and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Next month there will be a public hearing held at 5:45 pm prior to the meeting.