

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024
TOWN OF JACKSON

December 9, 2024 a public hearing was held at 5:36 pm at the Fire Station for the Town of Jackson. Present at the public hearing was Joseph Brown, David Guillory, William Free, and Mike Harrell. Absent was James McCrory. Public discussion was open regarding an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a five hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$575,000.00) dollars sales tax bonds. After public discussion public meeting closed.

The monthly regular public meeting was held on December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department located at 1631 Charter Street, Jackson, LA 70748. All motions passed unanimously unless stated otherwise. No public comment was made unless stated otherwise.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Norsworthy and the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Annissa Woodard, All present except James McCrory.

Prayer and Pledge lead by William Free.

Approval of agenda / additions or deletions. No additions and agenda approved on motion by Mike Harrell and seconded by David Guillory. Motion carried.

Minutes for November 12, 2024 were presented. Moved by William Free and seconded by Joseph Brown. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills. William Free reviewed the bills and stated they are very high, but mandatory. Moved by William Free to pay bills, seconded by Mike Harrell, motion carried.

Budget versus actual. No documents. William Free stated inflation is still an issue and the board will continue to monitor the budget. Further, he stated Insurance is a major expense and the cost of retirement. No action required nor taken.

Old Business- none

New Business:

1. _Moved by William Free to pass the Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2024, of the Town of Jackson, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Seconded by Mike Harrell, roll call vote taken. All in favor, William Free, yeah, Joseph Brown, yeah, David Guillory, Yeah, and Mike Harrell, yeah. Motion carried.
2. On motion of David Guillory and seconded by Mike Harrell, resolution to support LGAP grants and support of seeking grants. Motion carried.
3. On motion of Mike Harrell, seconded by David Guillory, to support CWEF Grants and support thereof. Motion carried.
4. Santa Night to be held Thursday December 19, 2024 at 6 p.m.. No action taken. Information only.

Maintenance Report. Matt Leggett stated the Town Water Department is in such good shape that we did not qualify for a grant to improve the water well, therefore the bonds were necessary. Also, the department was issued a 75 thousand dollar Pennington grant. Check is in the mail, this grant is earmarked

for a back hoe. The sewer project is moving forward. Further Chris Farris stated he is working on grants for sewer liens.

Police Report. Presented by Chief Harrell. 4 drug arrest, 58 tickets issued, multiple arrest and the town is getting tough on drug enforcement.

Code Enforcement Report. Mr. Cary Quiet presented oral report. Many homes have been inspected and several demolished. He is seeking a grant for the demolition of many of the homes.

Attorney Report. No report.

Mayor's comments. No comments.

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