

TOWN OF JACKSON
MAYOR JAMES “JIMMY” M. NORSWORTHY, III
Town Meeting
Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
1631 Charter Street
Jackson, Louisiana 70748

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor James “Jimmy” M. Norsworthy, III
Mr. Dane Brown, Board Member
Mr. William Free, Board Member
Mr. David Guillory, Board Member
Mr. Michael Harrell, Board Member
Mr. James McCrory, Member
Mrs. Annissa Woodard, Town Clerk
Haley Major Green/Town Attorney (taking minutes)

It should be noted that at 5:30 the Board took up a public hearing on the issue of allowing non-gas powered golf carts on the roads and streets of the Town of Jackson. A proposed ordinance was circulated and an explanation was provided by Mr. Cary Quiet. A discussion was had by the board and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Jackson meeting was called to order by Mr. Jimmy Norsworthy, Mayor at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the prepared Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Town Clerk, Annissa Woodard called the roll, with all members being present.

PRAYER/PLEDGE

The prayer and pledge were led by Mr. Guillory.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scotty Dawson requested to be removed from the agenda. With the removal, there was no further discussion. Mr. Harrell moved to accept the Agenda as amended, there was a second by

Mr. Guillory. Having no opposition, the motion carried and the Agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Guillory made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2025, Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Free. Having no opposition, the Motion carried and the meeting minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS/BUDGET VS. ACTUALS

Mr. Free reported that the financials owing by the Town have decreased. The Budget versus the actuals look favorable now. Although, there are some expenses of concern that are being watched. Mr. Free made a motion to approve the paying of the bills. That Motion was seconded by Mr. Harrell. There was no opposition. The motion carried and the payment of the bills was approved.

OLD BUSINESS – there was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Gold Cart Ordinance. The board referenced the discussion had during the Public Hearing. There was no more discussion. Mr. Harrell made a Motion to Table the discussion for now. Mr. Guillory gave a second. There was no opposition. The motion passed and the discussion on the Golf Cart Ordinance is tabled at this time.
2. Landon Holiman- AT&T Tower-
Mr. Landon Holiman was present. He was present at the meeting representing AT&T, Vertical Bridge and Towers Company and Mr. Don and Mrs. Doris Goff (who were also present) pursuant to an agreement the companies have with the Goffs to place a cellular tower on their property. An historical background was given by Mayor Norsworthy regarding the project to place a cell tower coming into East Feliciana from West Feliciana just past Thompson Creek. They have been searching for a suitable property upon which to place the tower for a number of years. Although it will be in the Town of Jackson, the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury will have final authority over the matter. As a courtesy, the parties are seeking to address it with the Town of Jackson. AT&T is what is called an “anchor tenant” in this project with the Towers being put up and maintained along with Vertical Bridge and Towers (larger tower company that constructs/puts up the towers). This involves putting in a 195 foot mono pole tower inside 75 square feet of property. The property is owned by the Goffs who are in agreement with the placement of the tower subject to an agreement with those parties. The tower will be set back far enough to satisfy the requirements of the police jury. Mr. Guillory asked for an estimated time of completion but Mr. Holiman was unable to say. Mr. Holiman indicated that the tower would be

maintained by Vertical Bridge and AT&T. They will be obtaining a driveway permit and will ensure compliance with all other Town, Parish, and State requirements. He indicated that early on there was a pipeline that was an issue, however, there is no problem with the current location.

The question was asked whether because it was in sight of a state historic district (i.e. Town of Jackson), there be payment to the Town. Mr. Holiman said that due diligence is required on their part and that any all requirements must be met and are subject to approval by the Louisiana State Historical District. So, the request will be reviewed by that office.

There was a motion by Mr. Harrell to Adopt a Resolution giving approval of the placement of the tower on the Goff property, subject to the Approval of the Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana and that the tower is in compliance therewith any and all guidelines and restrictions. There was no opposition and the Motion carried. The Town will adopt a resolution.

3. Scotty Dawson – property use. Mr. Dawson was removed from the agenda per his request.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Mr. Leggett, Gas Superintendent, reported that they are continuing with the water tower upgrading project and it is going well. He further reported that the parts that he was waiting on for the sewer project have arrived and they have begun to work on that project. Mr. Leggett reported that the back hoe should be arriving soon; he expects it at the end of March or the beginning of April, which is sooner than expected. He is also working on the second step of the steel line – they are working on trying to get grants to change out the steel. They must do an upgrade. It is very expensive. A sniff test was done and there were a few spots of low pressure grade that they are working on. Chris Farris, Assistant Gas Superintendent reported on the grants that they are working on. He said that they received an L-Gap grant for the water meters in 2024 and applying for L-Gap grant in 2025. If the Town is successful in obtaining said grant, that will be sufficient for the entire 4 ear meter change out. He also discussed the Penington 2025 grant – they are applying in order to update the equipment. They are also applying for a LITA Corp grant through the state for the sewer line rehabilitation project. The application has been submitted for 2025. They had to add additional information twice, but the application was submitted for final review on the day of this meeting. They are also working on a gas line replacement project – they were denied the grant through Federal DOTD but are working with LITA Corp to get it resubmitted. They are working with Congresswoman Letlow and her office for appropriations for 2026 for a sewer line replacement.

POLICE REPORT-

Justin Nevels, Assistant Chief of Police, reported that in February communications received 250 calls. Officers wrote 80 citations. 51 citations were paid, there were 18 bench warrants and they collected \$18,532.00 in fines.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer, Cary Quiet reported that he had two corrections and signed an inspection to verify property. Out of 34 properties, only corrections were submitted. There was another issue with junk cars behind Dawson's Quarters and there is a call with DEQ because they were getting complaints. There was concern over the draining of fluids from the vehicles and the environmental concerns therewith. Mr. Dawson requested to be on the agenda regarding the issue, however, he has since secured another location to store the vehicles.

ATTORNEY REPORT – none

MAYOR COMMENTS-

Mayor Norsworthy commended the job of Officer Quiet on the blighted properties. He further commended our maintenance team on the Leak Survey that was done. He commented that most municipalities run with a leakage yield of between 20-30 percent. He commended the team for an impressive leakage yield of only 5%. The Mayor thanked all of the employees of the Town of Jackson and expressed his satisfaction as to how things are going.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Guillory and there was a second by Mr. Harrell. There was no opposition and the meeting was concluded at 6:50 p.m.