

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE,
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM.**

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in a Regular Meeting this 14th day of November 2023 at 11936 Ferdinand Street, St. Francisville, LA.

The public hearing/meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the following members present, Mayor Robert "Bobee" Leake, Alderman Abby T. Cochran, Alderman Andrew D'Aquila, Alderman Al Lemoine, Alderman James "Rucker" Leake and Alderman Gigi Robertson.

Prayer led by: Gigi Robertson

Pledge led by: Mayor Robert "Bobee" Leake

Motion made by Al Lemoine, seconded by Andrew D'Aquila to amend the agenda to remove Item F. Approve pay request for Southern Earth Sciences in the amount of \$500.00 and to add Item I. Approve pay request #4 for Contract 1 for L. King Company LLC in the amount of \$436,929.65. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by James "Rucker" Leake, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to approve the amended agenda as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by Andrew D'Aquila to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2023, as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 5:34 pm

Public comments were offered by Robert Honeycutt and Cecile Castello

Public Meeting was opened.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

PEC Report Bianca Hillhouse gave an update on all projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion was made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Al Lemoine to adopt Ordinance 2023-7. An Ordinance amending Section 12-23 "Rates" of Article II "Water Supply and Distribution" of Chapter 12 "Municipal Utilities and Services" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of St. Francisville, State of Louisiana with the following revisions. "Rates for all customers shall be adjusted annually based on "Consumer Price Index (CPI)". Approval up to 3% can be granted by the Mayor and the Town Clerk, greater than 3% shall go to the Town Council. This adjustment will go into effect on July 1st annually. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Abby T. Cochran, Andrew D'Aquila, James "Rucker" Leake, Al Lemoine and Gigi Robertson

NEAS: none

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: none

B. Motion was made by Al Lemoine, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to introduce Ordinance 2023 – An Ordinance by the Town of St. Francisville, Louisiana, providing for the Regulation of Preservation and Removal of certain trees on Single Family Residential Properties within the Town of St. Francisville Corporate Limits. Roll Call vote: Motion carried.

YEAS: Abby T. Cochran, James "Rucker" Leake, Al Lemoine and Gigi Robertson

NAYS: Andrew D'Aquila

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: none

C. Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran seconded by Al Lemoine to introduce Ordinance 2023 – An Ordinance by the Town of St. Francisville, Louisiana, providing for the Regulation of Preservation and Removal of certain trees on Non-Single Family Residential Properties (Institutional, Industrial, Commercial, Mixed Use, Multi-Family Residential, Major/Minor Subdivisions and PUD's) within the Town of St. Francisville Corporate. Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

YEAS: Abby T. Cochran, James "Rucker" Leake, Al Lemoine

NAYS: Andrew D'Aquila

ABSTAINS: Gigi Robertson

ABSENT: none

D. Motion made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Gigi Robertson to approve the pay request #5 for Contract 2 Southern Underground in the amount of \$157,275.59. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James "Rucker" Leake to grant authorization to bid the Wilcox Street Rehabilitation project. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

G. Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by Al Lemoine to give the Mayor the authority to enter into a contract with Natchez Electric to repair the three pumps at the Booster Station. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

H. Motion was made by Al Lemoine, seconded by Gigi Robertson to give the Mayor the authority to enter into a contract with Griner Drilling Services for Emergency Repairs to Water Well #3. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

I. Motion was made by Andrew D'Aquila, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to approve pay request #4 for Contract 1 for L. King Company in the amount of \$436,929.65. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Gigi Robertson seconded by Andrew D'Aquila to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. All in favor none opposed, Motion carried.



/s/Stacy Orr, Clerk



/s/Robert P. Leake, Mayor