

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting this 10th day of September 2024 at 11936 Ferdinand St., Town Hall, St. Francisville, LA.

The public hearing was called to order at 5:32p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Robert “Bobee” Leake, Alderman Abby T. Cochran, Alderman James “Rucker” Leake, Alderman Gigi Robertson.

Members absent: Andrew D’Aquila and Collin Howell

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-8 and Ordinance 2024-9 was opened at 5:32pm.

To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior’s maximum.

- a. Agenda Item read aloud.
- b. Reviewed the value breakdown.
- c. Held questions/discussion from the council.
- d. Asked for public comments.

Closed Public Hearing and Entered Regular Meeting at 5:36pm

PUBLIC MEETING

New Business:

The public meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Robert “Bobee” Leake, Alderman Abby T. Cochran, Alderman James “Rucker” Leake, and Alderman Gigi Robertson.

Absent: Andrew D’Aquila and Collin Howell

Prayer led by: Gigi Robertson

Pledge led by: Mayor Robert “Bobee” Leake

Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James “Rucker” Leake to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James “Rucker” Leake to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 27, 2024. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Floor was opened for Public Comments at 5:38pm

No Public Comments offered.

A. PEC Report – Written report provided by Bianca Hillhouse of Professional Engineering Consultants.

Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by Gigi Robertson to approve pay request #11 for Contract 1 for L. King Company LLC in the amount of \$661,203.80. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to adopt Resolution 2024-9 giving the Mayor the authority to act on behalf of the Town of St. Francisville regarding the Capital Outlay Project for Commerce St Improvements & Utilities FPC MU 50-MQ3-24-02. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-8 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENERAL ALIMONY “ADJUSTED” MILLAGE RATES IN THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE FOR 2024 TAX YEAR.

Ordinance 2024-8 was read aloud. Motion made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James “Rucker” Leake to adopt Ordinance 2024-8. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Roll Call vote as follows:

YEAS: Abby T. Cochran, James “Rucker” Leake, and Gigi Robertson.

NEAS: none

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: Andrew D’Aquila and Collin Howell

C. ADOPT ORDINANCE 2024-9 AN ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY “ADJUSTED” MILLAGE RATE AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE “MAXIMUM” AUTHORIZED RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR.

Ordinance 2024-9 was read aloud. Motion made by James “Rucker” Leake, seconded by Gigi Robertson to adopt Ordinance 2024-9.

YEAS: Abby T. Cochran, James “Rucker” Leake, and Gigi Robertson.

NEAS: none

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: Andrew D’Aquila and Collin Howell

D. Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by Gigi Robertson to acknowledge receipt of the Recommendation from the Town of St. Francisville’s Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a Zoning Text Amendment to define and allow a Café in a MX (Mixed Use) District. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

E. Motion was made by James “Rucker” Leake to approve the Mayor’s Recommendation to hire Frank Lynsly as the Interim Fire Chief for the Town of St. Francisville. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

F. Motion was made by Abby T. Cochran, seconded by James “Rucker” Leake to approve the Special Event Permit for the Music on the Mount event for Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Saturday-November 22, 2024. Gigi Robertson abstained from the vote. None opposed. Motion carried.

Departmental Updates –

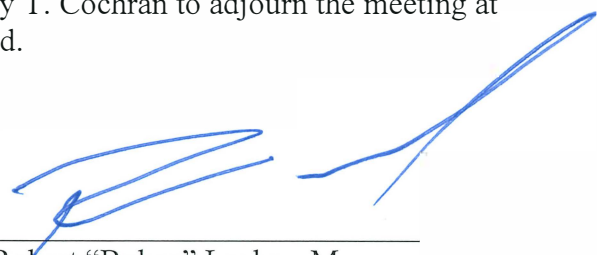
- a. Mayor’s Comments
- b. Legal Update
- c. Police Report
- d. Permitting & Planning Updates
- e. Main Street Report
- f. Council Concerns

G. Adjournment

Motion made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Abby T. Cochran to adjourn the meeting at 5:51p.m. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



Stacy Orr – Town Clerk



Robert “Bobee” Leake - Mayor