

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ST. FRANCISVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA, TUESDAY-JANUARY 13, 2026, at 5:30pm.

The Town of St. Francisville Board of Aldermen met in a Public Hearing/Regular Meeting this 13th day of January 2026 at 11936 Ferdinand St., Town Hall, St. Francisville, LA.

The Regular Hearing/Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present, Mayor Andrew D'Aquila, Alderman Abby Cochran, Alderman Collin Howell, Alderman, E. Tommy Wheeler, Alderman John Wilson, and Alderman Gigi Robertson.

Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Collin Howell to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Wilson, seconded by Gigi Robertson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from the December 9, 2025, as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.

Open Public Hearing at 5:32pm

Floor was opened for Public Comments

Public Hearing was closed at 5:55pm and the Public Meeting was opened.

A. PEC Report & Contract Items relating to Projects:

- Update on New Sewer Treatment Plant Contracts
- Update on Water Main Replacement along Prosperity St.
- Update on Emergency Erosion Projects Contract 3

B. Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Collin Howell to approve awarding the bid for Contract #3 Closure of the Sewer Pond to Southern Underground contingent on receiving approval from Water Sector. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by E. Tommy Wheeler to ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026- An Ordinance adjusting Gas Rates for the Town of St. Francisville. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote as follows:

YEAS: Abby Cochran, Collin Howell, Gigi Robertson, E. Tommy Wheeler, and John Wilson

NAYS: none

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: none

D. No action taken – Request for Conditional Use Permit for 11892 Ferdinand St.

E. Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by John Wilson then amended by Gigi Robertson to approve the Request for a Rezone from MX (Mixed Use) to CTC (Commercial Town Center) for the property located at 11892 Ferdinand Street, contingent on the property being sold to Kalyn & Luke Anderson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote as follows:

YEAS: Abby Cochran, Collin Howell, Gigi Robertson, E. Tommy Wheeler, and John Wilson

NAYS: none

ABSTAINS: none

ABSENT: none

F. Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by John Wilson to adopt RESOLUION 2026- A Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for funding through the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.


- G. Motion was made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Collin Howell to adopt RESOLUTION 2026- A Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for funding through the COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- H. Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by John Wilson to the purchase and terms of the loan with Elite Financing for the Mini Pumper Truck for the SFFD (St. Francisville Fire Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Roll Call vote as follows:
YEAS: Abby Cochran, Collin Howell, Gigi Robertson, E. Tommy Wheeler, and John Wilson
NAYS: none
ABSTAINS: none
ABSENT: none
- I. Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Gigi Robertson to table the CEA with the St. Francisville Area Foundation regarding Old Market Hall. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- J. Motion was made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Collin Howell to approve the request for a Package Class B High Alcohol and a Class B Low Alcohol and Beer Liquor License for Sean W. Madewell II owner of Madewell Nutrition to open and operate dba The Liquor Hole located at 7188 US Highway 61. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- K. Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by E. Tommy Wheeler to surplus the following vehicles for the SFPD (St Francisville Police Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
1) Ford Explorer – 2017 – 1FM5K8AR4HGC58080-Odometer reading 115,472.
2) Ford Explorer – 2018 – 1FM5K8AR4JGC44637 – Odometer reading – 86, 250.
3) Ford Explorer – 2015 – IFM5K8AR2FGC08419 – Odometer reading – 148,266.
- L. Motion was made by John Wilson, seconded by Abby Cochran to approve, and set the salary for Chris Green – Police Chief for SFPD (St Francisville Police Department) in the amount of \$75,000.00 as per the ordinance. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- M. Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Gigi Robertson to hire Mattie E. Gibson as a full-time employee for the SFPD (St. Francisville Police Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Motion was made by Abby Cochran, seconded by Gigi Robertson to hire Travis W. Pierrelee as a part time employee for the SFPD (St Francisville Police Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by John Wilson to hire Jason Ransome as a part time employee for the SFPD (St Francisville Police Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by Abby Cochran to hire Danny C. Farris Jr. as a part time employee for the SFPD (St Francisville Police Department). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- N. Motion was made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by E. Tommy Wheeler to add a set of speed bumps in Villa Rose subdivision by the town boundary line. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- O. Motion was made by Collin Howell, seconded by John Wilson to create a Committee to discuss updates to the CZO (Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance) from each neighborhood and area of the town, each Councilman put up a name, with staff Ronnie Douglas and Laurie Walsh serving on the Committee. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Departmental Updates – Mayor Andrew D’Aquila


- a. Mayor’s Comments
- b. Town Clerk
- c. Financials
- d. Attorney
- e. Police/Fire Report
- f. Permitting & Planning
- g. Main Street Report
- h. Council Concerns

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Gigi Robertson, seconded by Abby Cochran to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



Dana Lejeune – Town Clerk



Andrew J. D’Aquila - Mayor