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Minutes for Public Meeting August 12, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor James “Spike” Harris.
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established with the following members at 6 p.m.

Alderman **Tracy Ginn (District A)**

Alderman **Robbie Siadek (District B)**

Late: Alderman **Robert Hunter (District C)**, arrived at 6:06 P.M.

Alderman **Devin Flowers (District D)**

Absent: Alderman **Nia Evans (Alderman at Large)**.

3. **Invocation:** The invocation was held by: Pete Stringer
4. **Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Alderman Devin Flowers.
5. **Public Comments:** Patricia Flowers: Expressed concern about the construction of streets: Talbot to Mayfield. With additional concern about her meter not being properly installed. Bruce Robinson: Spoke about high utility billing concerns for himself and others. Buddy Lewis: Expressed his concern pertaining to high utility billing and the fairness of some citizens having a flat rate versus those who don’t, because of new meter installation.
6. **Dedication Presentation in honor of Alvin “Kim” Jones.**

Honoring the former city council member, Alvin “Kim” Jones, who served two terms for District C. He was given a plaque by Mayor Harris, in honor of his service to the town. Mr. Artez Jones, brother of Alvin “Kim” Jones attained the plaque on his behalf.

7. Rozier, McKay, and Willis CPA Firm Presentation

Vote to table the presentation of the new CPA Firm: Motion made by Flowers.

Seconded by Ginn. No Discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

8. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Ginn. Seconded by Hunter.

A. Discussion by Flowers: To amend the agenda to discuss the increase in utility billing.

The amended item was placed as 10 Alpha, under "Approval of Financials." All in Favor. Motion passed.

B. Motion made by Hunter to amend the agenda to place the item as 13: amending the agenda to vote on a new sewer machine, All in favor. Motion Passed.

9. Approval of Minutes for July 8th, 2025: Motion made by Hunter. Seconded by Siadek. No Discussion, all in favor. Motion Passed.

10. Approval of Financials for June 2025: Motion made by Hunter. Seconded by Ginn. All in favor, No Discussion. Motion Passed.

A. Amended Item: Discuss Increase in Utility Bills: Motion made by Flowers.

Seconded by Hunter. Discussion by Alderman Devin Flowers and Robert Hunter stating the high utility billing is a concern for residents of their respective districts. Also spoke about the way the meters were installed by district and charged per district, but not the meters installed as a whole. All in favor. Motion Passed.

11. CEA with Jackson Parish Sheriff Office for Use of Training.

A. Vote to Approve 824 6th Street for Use of Training.

Motion made by Siadek. Seconded by Ginn. No Discussion, All in Favor.
Motion Passed.

12. Discuss Leasing a New Sewer Machine: Motion made by Flowers. Seconded by Hunter.

Discussion was made by city worker, Tim Ashcraft, regarding the subject: old fuses, and

continuous repairs. Mayor Harris spoke about leasing the machine, plus the trailer added. Leasing the machine approximates \$1,407 dollars a month, and if the machine needs repair- the company will have someone to fix it by the contract with Cadence Bank. All in favor. Motion Passed.

13. **Amended Item: Approve the Leasing of New Sewer Machine:** Motion made by Hunter. Seconded by Flowers. No discussion. All in Favor.

14. **Discussion of Ordinance Rezoning 105 Bamburg Street as B-1:** Motion made by Ginn. Seconded by Siadek. Discussion led by Alderman Siadek, conversing about the usage of the facility. Austin Ballot, Compliance Officer, answered Alderman Siadek with the following: it will be used as a grooming facility; no animals will be housed. 3 in favor (Ginn, Siadek, Hunter). Alderman Flowers not in favor. Motion Passed.

15. **To Adopt a Proclamation for June 2025 as Fair Housing Month:** Motion made by Ginn. Seconded by Siadek. No Discussion, all in favor. Motion Passed.

16. **To Adopt a Resolution Adopting Grievance Procedures for LCDBG FY 25 Public Facilities Program Management:** Motion made by Ginn. Seconded by Siadek. Discussion by Pam Breedlove, explaining the document that allows grant funding. Giving the authority of Clerk and Deputy Clerk to sign for signature authority. All in favor, No Discussion. Motion Passed.

17. **Department Head Reports:**

A. **Police Department:** Inviting Alderman's to come to the police station to explore their job and responsibilities.

B. **Compliance:** Report on properties that are dilapidated.

C. **Public Works:** Sent 70 letters to businesses, for the Cross Connection surveys. Enforcement Cross Connection Ordinance. Looking for a new app, called the "Utility" app. Acknowledging that about 1,100 new meters has been installed across the town.

D. Fire Department: The monthly report was given in absence of fire chief.

18. Approval of Department Heads: Motion made by Siadek, Seconded by Flowers. No Discussion.

All in Favor Motion passed.

19. Alderman Comments:

A. Ginn: Thanked the Police Department for their determination. Discussed to extend patience, when it refers to water billing and utility meters being installed.

B. Hunter: Thanked the Police Department and expressed appreciation of City Hall Staff.

C. Flowers: Thanked everyone who came and supported the meeting. With a special shoutout to Executive Assistant, Latoya.

D. Siadek: Thanked everyone for showing up. Thanked the various town departments. With a shoutout to Mr. Karl, Public Works Director, and Mr. Austin, Compliance Officer. Finishing his statement, asking to pray for families who've been impacted by tragedies locally.

20. Mayor's Comments: Wanted to acknowledge Mr. Ezzard Bradford for his work and participation.

21. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed. Motion made by Flowers, Seconded by Hunter. No Discussion. Motion Passed.

Catrice Hudson

Town Clerk

James "Spike" Harris

Mayor

