



Regular Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – 5:30 p.m. (No Quorum Present)

Location: Jackson Parish Police Jury (Tony Zeno Room), 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, LA 71251

1. Call to Order

Mayor James “Spike” Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Flowers, Ginn, Hunter

Absent: Aldermen Evans, Siadek

A quorum was present.

3. Invocation

Alderman Flowers delivered the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Ginn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5A. Agenda Amendment – Addition of Public Hearing Item

Due to a lack of quorum at the scheduled 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing, Attorney Pam Breedlove recommended amending the agenda to include a summary under item 5A. Motion made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman Hunter to amend the agenda accordingly. Motion passed.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman Hunter. No discussion. Motion passed.

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman Hunter. No discussion. Motion passed.

8. Approval of Financials

A. January 2025 Financials: Motion made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion passed.

B. March 2025 Financials: Motion made by Alderman Hunter, seconded by Alderman Ginn. Motion passed.

9. Ordinance 2025-003 – Church Rate Adjustment

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2025-003** to adjust church utility rates to residential rates made by Alderman Hunter, seconded by Alderman Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Introduction of Ordinance – Garbage Rates

Mayor Harris requested a motion to table this item. Motion made by Alderman Hunter, seconded by Alderman Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution 2025-008 – Surplus Junk Vehicles for Scrap Sale

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-008 made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Budget Amendments

Town Attorney Pam Breedlove updated the Council on upcoming budget amendments and the status of the 2025 Budget.

13. Condemnation Hearings

A. 316 Eighth Street – No representation present.

B. 628 Talbot Street – No representation present.

14. Votes to Condemn Structures

A. 316 Eighth Street: Motion made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Ginn. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 628 Talbot Street: Motion made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Community Concerns – Stray Animals

Mrs. Stacey Faulkner addressed the Council and residents about ongoing issues with stray animals and suggested solutions.

16. Department Head Reports

A. Police Chief James Johnson requested provisional hire of Officer Eric Davis to attend the police academy.

B. Fire Chief Blalock reported on March 2025 calls.

C. Interim Public Works Director Karl Johnson provided updates on water leak repairs and lift station maintenance.

D. Compliance Officer Austin Ballott provided updates on dilapidated properties.

16A. Approval of Department Head Reports

Motion made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Hunter to approve all reports. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Aldermen Comments

A. Alderman Flowers thanked everyone for coming and encouraged progress.

B. Alderman Hunter expressed gratitude and said things are moving in the right direction.

C. Alderman Ginn thanked all in attendance and showed appreciation for the employees.

18. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Harris thanked everyone for attending and sharing comments.

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Meeting adjourned.