

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Of the
Fordoche Town Council
August 12, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Fordoche Town Hall- 5390 Fordoche Road, Fordoche, Louisiana, 70732

Public Hearing declared open at 6:43 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe

- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WATER RATES, CHARGES, AND RELATED MATERS
- LEVYING ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES

The citizens in the meeting commented and had questions concerning the ordinance and millage rates. The Mayor Pro-Tempore, Councilman, Town Manager, and town Attorney, Steve Marionneaux provided them explanations.

Public Hearing declared closed at 6:57 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe

Regular Meeting

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:57 p.m. by **Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe**

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Beth LaCombe

Roll call

Present: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

Absent: Teddy Gros, Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier

Amend Agenda

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, the agenda is amended to include to appoint Steve Marionneaux as Court Magistrate.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, the agenda is amended to authorize the mayor to execute CWEF contract

Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier
Motion carried unanimously

Approve Minutes

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

Resolved, the minutes of July 8, 2025 meeting are approved pending a clerical error that incorrectly named Kirk LaCombe as Kirk Guidry.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of invoices and financial statements

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, invoices and financial statements of previous month reviewed and approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Citizen concerned that 7 neighborhood watch signs are missing/stolen. Chief Derrick Poirrier was aware and is investigating the theft.

Reports

Mayor – Absent

Town Manager Report Justin K. Cox – The Town Manager reported the following:

- Latest update from Caldwell is that the foundation will be constructed mid to late next month.
- Talked to Craig McGruder from PC Electric for status update today on the power line relocation. He thought it was addressed but will call back likely Thursday.
- We were officially awarded 2 grants and both contracts will be executed later on the agenda. \$25k from LGAP and \$23k from CWF.
- Through Charles Ray, we have secured a contractor to service our 5 generators. The generator that supplies the community center is alarming for hot and low water.
- The 5 foot bush hog is in the shop for the wheel and gear box repair.
- The JD boom tractor will be going to the shop for hose repair and AC repair.
- Property progress:
- Leon property cleaned by the town and will bill the owner.
- Guidry estate on Sewell Street has been mowed and many items removed.
- Overton property by Community Center. Both trailers have been removed as well as the abandoned car.
- Trailer on Doucet property torn down.

Outstanding

- Lundy property- Need to seek guidance from Steve Marionneaux.
- Meche property - No action. Will need to proceed with town removing property.
- Cox property- Has 2 days to comply

New notification

- Disotell personal property on rented land in Smith Acres. Rental owned by Ricky Montelaro. Spoke to him today and he will give Disotell notice of 10 days and will go from there.
- In progress. Randy Lorena property on Giordano - possible condemnation of home.
- Acadian Ambulance will likely station behind the city hall at the fire station.

- Open House for new fire station is Thursday at 11:00am.

Police Chief – D. Poirrier – The Police Chief reported the following:

- FPI remains out of service; currently still at the repair shop.
- FP2 is fully operational and in active service.
- Multiple recent investigations have resulted in the arrests of two individuals.
- Increase in calls for service in the Smith Acres neighborhood for reports primarily involve petty thefts, likely involving juveniles.
- Received two (2) Motorola radios from Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office.
- Radios are functional and have been added to department resources.
- Cloud Gavel system is fully operational for digital warrant processing.
- Coordination scheduled with Mark Jack for implementation of PTS (Public Safety Software).
- Request for Board consideration to hire Officer John Kemp to support department staffing needs and operational readiness.

Drainage Commissioner – Ms. Robillard - reported drainage in town looks good.

Beautification Commissioner – Ms. LaCombe – reported flags need to be ordered to replace the one's taken down.

Grass Commissioner – Mr. LaCombe – reported grass in town looks good. Equipment needs to be fixed.

New Business

Adoption of Ordinance

AMENDING CHAPTER 30 ARTICLE II DIVISION 2, SECTION 30 - 46 (1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES, CHARGES AND RELATED MATTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Fordoche Town Council in regular session convened that Chapter 30 Article II Division 2 Section 30 - 46 (1) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section. 30 - 46. - Water rates and charges.

The water rates and charges to all water customers or users of the municipal water system shall be as set by the council. The following rates are:

- (1) All water service connections will be charged a flat minimum rate per connection in the amount of \$32.00 per month.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on July 8, 2025 by Kirk Lacombe, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read, and the Ordinance considered, a motion was made by Tori Robillard and seconded by Kirk LaCombe to adopt the ordinance as presented. A record vote was taken and the following results were had:

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Teddy Gros, Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier

Motion carried unanimously

Whereupon, this ordinance was declared adopted on the 12th day of August, 2025.

Adoption of Millage Rates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Fordoche:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Municipal	6.86 mills
General Alimony	5.70 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, a motion was made by Kirk LaCombe and seconded by Tori Robillard to adopt the millage rates. The roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Kirk LaCombe, Beth LaCombe

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier

Motion carried unanimously

The resolution was declared adopted at the board meeting held on August 12, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Town of Fordoche, Louisiana, this 12th day of August, 2025.

Authorize Town Manager to request and approve RFP for pavilion construction

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, Town Manager is authorized to request and approve RFP for pavilion construction.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve purchase of amenities for park
Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe
Resolved, purchase of amenities for park are approved
Motion carried unanimously.

LA DOTD Contract – Authorize Mayor to execute contract.
Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Resolved, Mayor is authorized to execute LA DOTD Contract
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Cyber security agreement with GOHSEP
Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe
Resolved, Cyber security agreement with GOHSEP is approved.
Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the mayor to execute LGAP & CWEF contracts.
Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Resolved, the mayor is authorized to execute the contracts for LGAP and CWEF grants.
Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of police officer – Chief Poirrier
Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Resolved, John Kemp was approved to be hired.
Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Steve Marionneaux as Court Magistrate
Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Mayor Pro-Tempore Beth LaCombe asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:
YEAS: Tori Robillard, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier
Motion carried unanimously

Fall Senior Luncheon
Toby Delahoussaye presented flyers for the Fall Senior Luncheon on Friday, September 5th, 2025. The event will highlight resources in the parish that are available for senior citizens. There will be health screens, medical providers, financial services and other presentations that will focus on the wellbeing of senior citizens of the town.

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard
Resolved, the town will co-host this event at the Fordoche Community Center,
Resolved further, the town will budget \$500.00 for the food and drinks.
Motion carried unanimously.

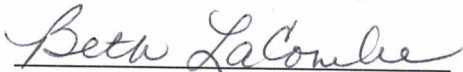
Adjournment

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

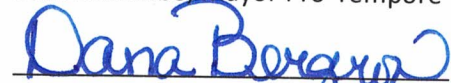
Resolved, to adjourn the meeting 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

By our signatures, we hereby attest true and approved minutes of the Town of Fordoche.



Beth LaCombe, Mayor Pro-Tempore



Dana Bergeron, Town Clerk