

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Fordoche Town Council  
December 10, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

**Fordoche Town Hall- 5390 Fordoche Road, Fordoche, Louisiana, 70732**

**Public Hearing**

**Public Hearing declared open at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros**

**Proposed Ordinance-** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA OWNED EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**Proposed Ordinance -** AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SECTION 12-40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO LITTERING AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

**Proposed Ordinance -** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MOBILE HOMES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**Proposed Ordinance.** 2025 General Fund and Utility Fund

Comments from the public for each proposed ordinance was taken into consideration.

**Public Hearing declared closed at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros**

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Teddy Gros

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Teddy Gros

**Roll call**

Present: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

Absent: Charles Sonnier, Cody Gros

**Amend Agenda**

1. Appoint Town Clerk

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

**Resolved**, the agenda is amended to include appointing a town clerk.

Mayor Teddy Gros asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Charles Sonnier, Cody Gros

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopt Minutes**

Motion by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

**Resolved**, Minutes of November 12, 14, 20, and December 3, 2024 meeting approved.

**Review and approval of invoices and financial statements**

Motion by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

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

**Public Comment - None****Reports**

**Mayor** – A maintenance employee was hired and began last week. The recently hired Town Clerk, Henry Sanders resigned after 1 day of training. The Fordoche Fair will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, 2024

**Town Manager Report Justin K. Cox**

The police department radios have been reprogrammed.

**Drainage Commissioner**

Ms. Robillard reported that the ditch by Hatcher property was inspected by the public works director of the parish. He indicates that the ditch is not eroding.

**Beautification Commissioner**

Ms. Lacombe reported on the Christmas decorations throughout the town. She thanked Pointe Coupee Electric for installing the signs on the electric poles.

**Grass Commissioner**

Mr. Lacombe reported that he has some of the equipment repaired as needed and will work with the new maintenance employee to cover the rest of the issues.

**New Business****Ordinance adoptions**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 32 OF THE

CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MOBILE HOMES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard,

**Resolved**, ordinance is tabled until the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Resolved further**, a public hearing is set for the above mentioned ordinance on January 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Fordoche Town Council in regular session convened that the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Fordoche is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

SECTION 1: The Town Council of Fordoche hereby set the current salary of the Police Chief at \$999.00 per month, effective December 10, 2024.

SECTION 2: The salary-increase and applicable benefits for the Police Chief are to be included in the Budget of Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures for 2025.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on December 03, 2024, by Beth LaCombe, notice of public hearing have been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, a motion was made by Beth LaCombe and seconded by Kirk LaCombe, to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following results were had:

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charles  
ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, the Ordinance was declared adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 31 OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION  
OF THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA OWNED  
EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AND OTHERWISE  
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the town council for the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana desires that a policy be established regarding and regulating the use of Town of Fordoche, Louisiana owned equipment and vehicles

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana provides equipment and vehicles to its employees, agents, officials and/or officers as well as staff, contractors and volunteers who may use town equipment and vehicles

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** as follows:

**Sec 31 – 1 – Care and Maintenance**

That when using town owned property, equipment and/or vehicles employees, agents and/or officials are required to exercise care, perform required maintenance, and follow all operating instructions, safety standards, and guidelines

**Sec. 31 – 2 – Report of Damage, etc.**

Employees, agents, officials and/or officers must promptly notify their supervisor if any equipment, machines, tools, or vehicles appear to be damaged, defective, or in need of repair. Prompt reporting of damages, defects, and the need for repairs could prevent deterioration of equipment and possible injury to employees or others. Employees, agents, officials and/or officers must also promptly notify their supervisor or the mayor if any equipment is lost, not returned to the place it is normally stored or parked, or otherwise goes missing

### **Sec. 31 – 3 – Prohibition from Using Town Equipment**

Employees, agents, officials and/or officers are strictly prohibited from using Town of Fordoche, Louisiana equipment and/or vehicles for any personal, private, or political purposes

### **Sec. 31 – 4 – Prohibition Relative to Town Vehicle Usage**

Personal use of Town of Fordoche, Louisiana vehicles, or use of such vehicles for any other reason than performance of duties or transport to and from Town of Fordoche, Louisiana work assignments, is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the mayor. Acceptable use of a town vehicle outside the corporate boundaries of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana is limited to travel when there is a discernible public interest

### **Sec. 31 – 5 – Penalties**

Failure to abide by the rules and regulations promulgated by this ordinance shall be cause for discipline, which can include written reprimands, suspension, demotion, salary reduction or termination and/or other applicable penalties as provided in the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana Code of Ordinances

Said Ordinance having been introduced on November 12, 2024 by Beth 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 Beth LaCombe and seconded by Kirk LaCombe to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following results were had:

YEAS; Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charlie Sonnier

ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, this ordinance was declared adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

## **AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE II DIVISION 2 SECTION 12-40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO LITTERING AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Section 12-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### **Sec. 12-40 – Unlawful to litter garbage, trash, etc., within the town.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to scatter, throw, deposit, drop, allow, or to permit or allow to be scattered, spilled, thrown, deposited or dropped, any garbage, trash and other waste material, dead animals or fowl, industrial waste or refuse or abandoned major appliances, lumber, machinery, metal, tin, tires, rims, boats, motors, auto parts, barrels, yard waste, or other discarded or abandoned items, offensive to smell or injurious to health in any private yard, lot, room or building, or on any sidewalk, street, alley, wharf, levee, public parkway, public right-of-way or any other public place, or in any gutter or drain within the town other than in the usual garbage container. The presence of such items is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(Ord. of 1-3-1963; Ord. of 4-13-2011; Ord of 12-10-2024)

### **Section 12-41 Definitions**

As used in this Chapter, the following term(s) shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

- (1) "Inspector" means a duly authorized agent of the town.



#### **Section 12-42 Notice to remove**

In order to more effectively carry out the intent of Section 12-40 the clerk, upon instructions by the mayor, shall provide written notice to remove the nuisance to the property owner, as determined from the latest assessment rolls, failing to comply with the requirement of this Chapter, requiring the property owner to comply with this Chapter within ten (10) days of receipt thereof. The notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested or served by a law enforcement officer.

(Ord. of 12-10-2024)

#### **Section 12-43 Judicial review**

Any person receiving notice that he is in violation of the requirements of this Chapter may, request within the ten (10) day period after receipt of notice, either in person or in writing and without the requirement of bond, that a date and time be set when he may appear before the mayor's court to determine whether he is in violation of this Chapter and whether a public nuisance as defined in Section 12-40 exists.

(Ord. of 12-10-2024)

#### **Section 12-44 Failure to remove**

If there has been no compliance with the requirements of this Chapter within ten (10) days of receipt of notice and there has been no timely request for a judicial hearing, the junk/litter listed in Section 12-40 shall be removed and disposed of by the town as the council and the mayor may designate. The clerk shall then cause a statement, giving a description of the property and cost incurred in removing the material, to be filed and recorded in the mortgage records of the parish; and when so filed and recorded, the statement shall constitute a lien upon the property from the date of recordation.

(Ord. of 12-10-2024)

#### **Section 12-45 Right of entry of inspectors**

Upon presentation of credentials, an inspector may enter, at reasonable times, any premise in the town to inspect such for compliance with this Chapter.

(Ord. of 12-10-2024)

#### **Section 12-46 Penalties**

Any person who fails or neglects to comply with this Chapter within ten (10) days of a judgment of the mayor's court determining that he is in violation thereof, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both. Each day such violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

(Ord. of 12-10-2024)

Said Ordinance having been introduced on November 12, 2024 by , 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 Tory Robillard and seconded by Kirk LaCombe to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following results were had.

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charles

ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, this ordinance was declared adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024

#### **An ordinance adopting 2025 General Fund and Utility Fund**

Said Ordinance having been introduced on November 12, 2024 by , 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 Tory Robillard and seconded by Kirk LaCombe to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following results were had.

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charles

ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon, this ordinance was declared adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024

**Introduction of Ordinance - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF FOWL AND OTHERWISE**

**PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

Ordinance introduced by Beth Lacombe. Public hearing schedule for January 14, 2025, 6:30 P.M. at the Fordoche Town Hall regular business meeting.

**Appointment of Town Clerk** – Mayor Teddy Gros submitted Lisa Cormier as Town Clerk.

Motion by Councilperson Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

**Resolved**, Lisa Cormier is appointed as Town Clerk, official start date of December 10, 2024.

Roll Call,

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cody Gross, Charles Sonnier

**Appointment of Chief of Police** – Mayor Teddy Gros submitted Gary Patrick Bizette as Police Chief.

Motion by Councilperson Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

**Resolved**, Gary Patrick Bizette is appointed police chief, official start date of December 11, 2024.

Roll Call,

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cody Gross, Charles Sonnier

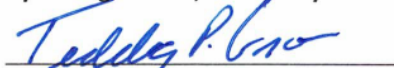
An announcement was made that since the Town has less than 1000 people, the police chief does not have to reside within the municipality but does have to reside within Pointe Coupee parish.

**Adjournment**

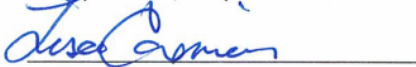
Motion by, seconded by

**Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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



Teddy P. Gros, Mayor



Lisa Cormier, Town Clerk