

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Of the
Fordoche Town Council
January 14, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

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

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

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.

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.

The citizens in the meeting commented and questioned on each ordinance item.

Public Hearing declared closed at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros

Regular Meeting

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Teddy Gross

Roll call

Present: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

Absent: Charles Sonnier, Cody Gros

Amend Agenda

Motion by Tori Kirk Lacombe, seconded Tori Robillard

Resolved, the agenda is amended to include to authorize the Town Manager to apply for LGAP and CWF grant
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 Tori Robillard, seconded by Beth Lacombe

Resolved, Minutes of December 10, 2024 meeting is approved.

Review and approval of invoices and financial statements

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

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

Public Comment - None

Reports

Mayor – Informed the council that the annual fair is on April 4, and 5, 2025. He has booked a band for Friday night so far. He is in negotiation with the fair company on this year's fees.

Town Manager Report Justin K. Cox – Progress is being made on catching up on the outstanding/overdue items. The LGAP portal is active/approved now. The Engineer for the water tower provided an update prior to the meeting with a counter offer to the contractor by moving the location of the tower to the adjacent property thus reducing the cost of the project. Water disconnections are underway.

Drainage Commissioner – Ms. Robillard - none

Beautification Commissioner – Ms. LaCombe – Will contact PC Electric to remove the Christmas decorations from the utility poles. She will work on US Flag project next.

Grass Commissioner – Mr. Lacombe - None

New Business

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

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, ordinance is tabled until the January 14th meeting.

Resolved further, a public hearing is set for the above mentioned ordinance on February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Chapter 6 Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 6 – 104 Fowl running at large prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, or who has custody or control of, any fowl to run at large within the town. All fowl shall be securely contained/confined to their owner's property. Fowl found running at large, unconfined, on public or private property, may be confiscated by town designated personnel.
(Ord. of 1-14-2025)

Sec. 6 – 105 Definitions

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

1. "Fowl" shall include but not be limited to chickens, ducks, geese or turkeys.
(Ord. of 1-14-2025)

Sec. 6 – 106 Penalties

Upon confiscation the town shall endeavor to determine the owner of the fowl and thereafter notify the owner that he/she has seven (7) calendar days within which to retrieve the fowl. Any owner who allows his/her fowl to run at large shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00). The fine must be paid prior to retrieving the fowl, or by the assigned court date, if convicted of said violation.

(Ord. of 1-14-2025)

Sec. 6 – 107 Failure to retrieve fowl; disposition

If the owner cannot be determined or if the apparent owner, after notice, fails to retrieve the fowl, he/she shall forfeit ownership and the town may dispose of the fowl by:

- i. humanely euthanizing the fowl; or
- ii. placing the fowl with a responsible person who commits, in writing, to keep the fowl in accordance with this Chapter and Article, and pays an impound fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
(Ord. of 1-14-2025)

Said Ordinance having been introduced on December 10, 2004 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 and seconded by Tori Robillard, 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 14th day of January, 2025.

Cooperative endeavor agreement with PCSO - Authorize the mayor to execute an on call agreement with PCSO.

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, The Mayor is authorized to execute an on call agreement with PCSO.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring of part time police officers Brandon Pridemore and Derrick Porier.

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, Chief Bizette is authorized to hire Brandon Pridemore and Derick Porier as police officers in a part time status.

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the mayor to accept the donation of a police unit from Iberville Parish Sheriff.

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, the mayor is authorized to accept the donation of a police unit from Iberville Parish Sheriff's office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the mayor to execute contract with Mac's Carnival, LLC.

Motion by Beth Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, the Mayor is authorized to execute contract with Mac's Carnival, LLC

Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize the Town Manager to apply for LGAP/CWEF grant

Motion by Kirk Lacombe, seconded by Tori Robillard.

Resolved, the Town Manager is authorized to apply for the LGAP/CWEF grant funding for the purchase of equipment for the police department and drainage department.

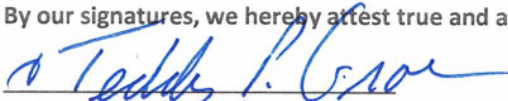
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by Kirk Lacombe, seconded by Beth Lacombe

Resolved, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teddy P. Gros", written over a horizontal line.

Teddy P. Gros, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cormier", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Cormier, Town Clerk