Minutes of Regular Meeting

Of the

Fordoche Town Council

July 8, 2025

6:30 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Beth LaCombe – Mayor Pro-Tempore

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Beth LaCombe

Roll call

Present: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, and Tori Robillard Absent: Teddy Gros, Cody Gros, and Charlie Sonnier

Amend Agenda

Motion by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Kirk LaCombe **Resolved,** the agenda is amended to name Dana Bergeron as the official town clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe **Resolved,** the agenda is amended to present the audit report findings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe **Resolved,** the agenda is amended to add Bambi Martin – Discussion of mobile home ordinance variance. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt Minutes

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard **Resolved**, Minutes of June 10, 2025 meeting are approved. 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 - Concern over ditch drainage from citizen.

Reports

Town Manager— Justin Cox had a meeting with Delta Regional Authority and was given a templet to do quarterly reports. Construction starts in August. We received \$75,000 in funding for a tractor and \$25,000 funding to use accordingly as needed in the general fund. Water inspection was done last month, Charles Bates resolved all issues and is performing daily testing. Property condemnation letters were served. 5 culverts were replaced and various ditches were cleaned.

Police – Chief Derrick Poirrier reported on calls for service for June 2025, traffic enforcement has resulted in 5 citations issued in June 2025. Computers are now updated with technology and systems updates. Fleets have been maintained and serviced.

Drainage Commissioner – Ms. Robillard stated she needs a list of culverts to be blown out. Mr. LaCombe stated they are working to keep culverts clean, as parishioners are throwing limbs in ditches which blocks drainage.

Beautification Commissioner – Ms. LaCombe needs flags to be ordered. We will get plants and soil to put in the pots in front of town hall.

Grass Commissioner – Mr. Lacombe stated the roadside from the road is cut. The whole town has been sprayed where needed and uncut.

Parks/Rec - A water fountain and more playground equipment will be added to the park.

New Business

Introduction of Ordinance - Water Rates

Ordinance to Increase water rates Introduced by Kirk Lacombe. Public Hearing set for August 12, 2025.

Appointment of police officer - by Chief Poirrier

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe **Resolved**, Accept Chief Poirrier's recommendation to hire Anthony Burns. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Corporate Endeavor Agreement –PC Industrial Development grant

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, Mayor Pro-tempore Beth LaCombe is authorized to execute the Corporate Endeavor Agreement with the Pointe Coupee Industrial Development Grant board. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of town clerk.

Mayor-Pro Tempore Beth Lacombe submitted Dana Bergeron to fill the position of Town Clerk. Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard, Resolved, Dana Bergeron is appointed as Town Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve clerk for check signing

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

Resolved, Clerk Dana Bergeron is approved for check signing. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Bambi Martin – Mobile home ordinance variation request.

Ms. Martin presented to the council a request for a variance to the mobile home ordinance as it pertains to her situation of a camper trailer. The council did not move to grant a variance.

Adjournment

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe **Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting 8:38 p.m.

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

Beth LaCombe, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Dana Bergeron, Town Clerk