

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Of the
Fordoche Town Council
June 10, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Fordoche Town Hall- 5390 Fordoche Road, Fordoche, Louisiana, 70732

Regular Meeting

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Teddy Gros

Roll call

Present: Teddy Gros, Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

Absent: Cody Gros and Charlie Sonnier

Amend Agenda - None

Adopt Minutes

Motion by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Kirk Lacombe

Resolved, Minutes of May 29, 2025 meeting is approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of invoices and financial statements

Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Beth LaCombe

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Several residents voiced concerns over drainage and grass cutting. Pastor Toby Delahoussaye wants to use the community center Friday, September 5, 2025 for a Fall Senior Luncheon.

Reports

Mayor – Charles Bates and Ricky David will be maintaining the water system. We have hired 2 cleaning employees to maintain the community center and senior citizen buildings. We have also hired Robert Gremillion part time to cut grass in town. Auditors have stated that we are good financially in the General Fund.

Town Manager Report Justin K. Cox – We have hired Brody Lorio as our new maintenance person. We received a \$25,000.00 fund for the community center to implement a new pavilion, benches, and tables at the park. PC Electric will be moving affected power lines to make way for the water tower construction equipment. All employees must have Ethics and sexual harassment certificates on file. Clerk and Town Manager must also have cyber security training certificates on file.

Police – Officer Poirrier stated we need to bring in a post certified officer as part time help. He needs updated software on laptop to get up to date with the DA's office.

Maintenance – Charles Bates stated he will be on call 24/7. Will repair leaks, maintain generators, order chlorine, Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., pending acceptance. Charles Bates will get contract written up for approval.

Drainage Commissioner – Ms. Robillard and Kirk LaCombe stated culverts have been checked, 5 need changing out. We are bringing crews to clean out the culverts. Ditches will also be sprayed as needed. The parish will begin work on several projects within the town within the next few weeks.

Beautification Commissioner – Ms. LaCombe stated the flag needs to be replaced.

Grass Commissioner – Mr. Lacombe stated that community service hours have also been used for grass cutting.

New Business

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Teddy Gros submitted Derek Poirrier as Police Chief

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

Resolved, Derek Poirrier is appointed as Police Chief effective immediately.

Roll Call,

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charles Sonnier

Motion carried unanimously.

Water operations contract- Charles Bates

Motion by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

Resolved, the mayor is approved to enter into a contract with Charles Bates Contracting for water system operations, pending contract review by the town attorney.

Roll Call,

YEAS: Beth LaCombe, Kirk LaCombe, Tori Robillard

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cody Gros, Charles Sonnier

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Rate Increase

Town Manager Justin Cox – Reviewed the operating budget for the water system. The budget projection showed a net revenue of \$20,000.00. The water well repair last year cost the town \$150,000 which significantly reduced the fund balance. After a review of the water operation assessment performed recently by the La. Department of Health, they indicated that the revenue produced was not adequate to run and properly maintain the system. In addition, the addition of the water operation contract

approved tonight, that net revenue will decrease down to \$3,000.00, which further erodes the necessary income needed for properly maintaining the system. The suggested increase is \$5.00 to all rates. The council will need to address this at the next meeting.

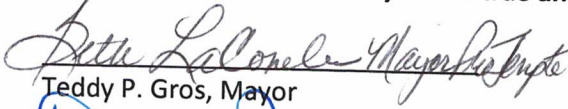
Adjournment.

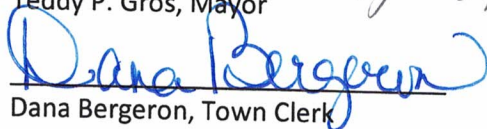
Motion by Tori Robillard, seconded by Kirk LaCombe

Resolved, to adjourn the meeting 7:48 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

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


Teddy P. Gros, Mayor


Dana Bergeron, Town Clerk