

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Of  
Fordoche Town Council  
December 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall – 5390 Fordoche Road**

**Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Teddy Gros

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Teddy Gros

**Roll call**

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

Absent: Charles Sonnier, Cody Gros

Others Present: Town Attorney, Steve Marionneaux, Town Manager, Justin K. Cox

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE** – An ordinance setting the salary of the police chief.

Ordinance introduced by Beth Lacombe,

Public Hearing to be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF  
POLICE FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS** a vacancy exists in the office of chief of police of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana due to the retirement/resignation of Jaroed Tait Slocum effective December 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, LSA-R.S. 18:602 requires the governing authority of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office for the remainder of the term

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Authority of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana does hereby order and direct as follows:

- Section 1. A special and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana to fill the vacant position of Chief of Police.
- Section 2. Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy with the appropriate election official during the period commencing January 29, 2025 and ending on January 31, 2025

Section 3. The special primary election shall be held on March 29, 2025 and the special general election, if needed, shall be held on May 3, 2025

The above Proclamation was offered by Beth LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard,  
Resolved. The following votes were recorded;

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Beth Lacombe, Kirk LaCombe  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Charlie Sonnier, Cody Gros  
ABSTAIN: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024.

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TEDDY GROS, Mayor

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana (the "Town") on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana to fill the unexpired term of the vacant office of the Chief of Police of Fordoche, Louisiana.

The requisite primary election will be held in the Town of Fordoche on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 and a subsequent general election, if necessary, will be held in the Town of Fordoche on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

Qualifying for the March 29, 2025 primary election will begin Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and extend through Friday, January, 31, 2025 at the Clerk of Court's Office located at New Roads, Louisiana. Hours for qualifying will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The said primary and general elections will be held at the following polling place situated within the corporate limits of the Town, which poll will open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. on the aforementioned dates, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:541), to-wit:

POLLING PLACE: Precinct 00/14 Fordoche, Louisiana and Precinct 00/14A Fordoche, Louisiana; Precinct 00/14 and Precinct 00/14A being located at the Senior Citizen Center, 4316 Harry St., Fordoche, Louisiana 70732.

That the polling place set forth above and situated within the corporate limits of the Town be and the same is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be appointed according to the provisions of R.S. 18:1286.

Election costs and expenses to be paid in accordance with Chapter 8-A of the Election Code (R.S. 18:1400.1 et seq.).

The said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of parts II, V and VII, Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental hereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated will make due returns thereof pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:571 et seq., and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Town of Fordoche will meet at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Fordoche, Louisiana, on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. (and if necessary on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.) and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

All registered voters within the corporate limits of the Town of Fordoche, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND PASSED at Fordoche, Louisiana, on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024

Motion by Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard,

**Resolved.** The above mentioned Notice of Special election adopted,

YEAS: Tori Robillard, Beth Lacombe, Kirk LaCombe

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Charlie Sonnier, Cody Gros

ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Councilperson Kirk LaCombe, seconded by Tori Robillard

**Resolved, Meeting declared adjourned at 8:06P.M.**

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Teddy Gros, Mayor

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Lisa Cormier, Town Clerk