

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Jean Lafitte met in a Regular Meeting with the following members present: Mayor Timothy Kerner, Jr., Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Creppel, Councilman LeBeau and Councilman Smith. Absent: Councilman Guillie. Mayor Kerner presided calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. asking everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The Mayor and Councilmen were given budget to actual comparisons. Mayor Tim Kerner, Jr. sympathized about the tragedy near Grand Isle. He also updated the Council on the status of projects.

The Jean Lafitte Police Department reported the March statistics.

On a motion by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Creppel the following was offered:

A motion to accept minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

ORDINANCE #508

On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Creppel the following ordinance was adopted:

An ordinance amending Ordinance #489, which is the rental fees for the Jean Lafitte Auditorium.

WHEREAS, the cost of a (4) hour wedding will be (\$3,000) three thousand dollars, the cost for local residents is (\$2,500) two thousand five hundred dollars,

WHEREAS, the cost of a (2) hour shower will be (\$1,500) one thousand five hundred dollars,

WHEREAS, the cost of any other event will be (\$4,000) four thousand dollars, maximum of (4) hours,

WHEREAS, the cost of an additional hour for all events will be (\$500) five hundred dollars,

WHEREAS, a (\$500) five hundred dollar security deposit is required on all events. The deposit does not go toward the rental fee. The deposit must be paid within one week of scheduling the event. An event must be cancelled 6 months prior to the event date to receive a refund. The deposit will be returned two weeks following the event after inspection.

WHEREAS, renters access to the building will be based on the building's schedule,

WHEREAS, decorations on walls and ceilings are prohibited.

WHEREAS, a Town of Jean Lafitte police detail is required for all events that serve alcohol for the duration of the events plus one hour following, The renter must pay the police officer the night of the event.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel

Councilman Guillie

Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

ORDINANCE #509

On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Creppel the following ordinance was adopted:

An ordinance amending Ordinance #439, which is the rental fees for the Civic Center located inside the Leo E. Kerner, Jr. City Park Multi-purpose Complex.

WHEREAS, the cost of a (4) four hour wedding or an adult party will be (\$600) six hundred dollars, with any additional hour costing (\$150.00) one hundred fifty dollars.

WHEREAS, the cost of a shower, child's birthday party or banquet will be (\$100) one hundred dollars an hour. A minimum of 3 hours is required.

WHEREAS, all weddings and events serving alcohol must obtain a police officer from the Town of Jean Lafitte for the duration of the event.

YEAS: 4

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Guillie

SUMMARY RESUBDIVISION ORDINANCE #409

On a motion by Councilman Smith the following resubdivision ordinance was offered:

An ordinance approving the plan of resubdivision of Tract TK-4 and an undesignated portion of Berthoud Plantation, Town of Jean Lafitte, Jefferson Parish, LA into Lots TK-4A, TK-4B and TK-4C, Berthoud Plantation, Town of Jean Lafitte, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana,

WHEREAS, Fleming Plantation Nevada, LLC is the owner of TK-4 Berthoud Plantation, Town of Jean Lafitte, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and Ray Davis is the owner of the undesignated portion of Berthoud Plantation,

WHEREAS, said owners desire to resubdivide an undesignated portion of Berthoud Plantation and TK-4, Town of Jean Lafitte, Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana into Lots TK-4A and TK-4B and TK-4C, Town of Jean Lafitte, Parish of Jefferson, all in accordance with a plan of survey and resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc. dated March 10, 2021 and revised April 14, 2021,

WHEREAS, TK-4A will have a 55.73 foot private driveway and TK-4B will have a 44.44 foot private driveway.

RESOLUTION # 2194

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting the contract on the Jean Lafitte Downtown Sidewalk and Beautification Project as complete as of June 13, 2019.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2195

On a motion by Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution approving the St. Anthony/St. Pius Boat Blessing Fair which will be held on April 30, May 1 and May 2, 2021.

WHEREAS, the festival will be held at the St .Anthony/St. Pius X Church Hall located at 2685 Jean Lafitte Blvd., Lafitte, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be sold,

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RESOLUTION # 2196

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution approving the “Jake’s Benefit on the Bayou” at the Jules Nunez Fisheries Market located at 920 Jean Lafitte Blvd., Lafitte, LA 70067.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

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RESOLUTION # 2197

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting sealed bids on the following vehicles and equipment and the minimum bid amounts:

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| 1. 3610 Ford Tractor | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2. New Howland LX865 Skid Steer | \$ 500.00 |
| 3. Diesel Culvert Cleaner(Salvage) | \$ 50.00 |
| 4. SLT600 Solar Light Tower | \$ 100.00 |
| 5. (Salvage) Ford Police Car | \$ 1.00 |
| 6. (Salvage) Ford Police Car | \$ 1.00 |
| 7. (Salvage) Ford Police Car | \$ 1.00 |

WHEREAS, vehicles and equipment will be sold as is,

WHEREAS, separate sealed bids are required for each vehicle and equipment.

WHEREAS, sealed bids will be accepted 8:30-4:30 M-F (except holidays) at 2654 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Lafitte, LA 70067, until Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

WHEREAS, bid equipment and vehicles can be viewed upon request at 4949 Treasure Street, Lafitte, LA 70067 from 8:30-3:30 M-F (except holidays),

WHEREAS, the bids will be opened and awarded on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Council Chambers.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION #2198

On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman LeBeau the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution declaring April 2021 as Fair Housing Month.

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation flows from the promise of individual equality and freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively- to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists. This law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice-selection of the home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy P. Kerner, Jr. Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the Town of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of the Town of Jean Lafitte to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2199

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution in support of Louisiana Concurrent Resolution #66 by Representative Timothy Kerner.

WHEREAS, the proposed law authorizes a municipality to establish any

procedure it deems appropriate for the private sale of a police dog that is no longer needed for police work to a police officer who trained or worked with the dog in exchange for consideration proportionate to the value of the dog.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2200

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman LeBeau the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution in support of Louisiana House Bill #34 by Representative Timothy Kerner.

WHEREAS, the bill provides for certain contract firefighters in Jefferson Parish to become members of the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2201

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution in support of Louisiana House Bill #569 by Representative Timothy Kerner.

WHEREAS, the bill creates the Louisiana Coastal Zone Recovery Authority within the office of the governor and provides for the disposition of funds recovered in settlement of the state and parish coastal zone litigation.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
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Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2202

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Creppel the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution in support of Louisiana House Bill #317 by Representative Timothy Kerner.

WHEREAS, this bill establishes the Imported Seafood Safety Fund and an annual fee to support testing and monitoring for harmful substances in imported seafood to be conducted by the La. Department of Health.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2203

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution in support of Louisiana House Bill #269 by Representative Timothy Kerner.

WHEREAS, this bill provides within the State Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law for destruction of imported food which is found to be subject to an import ban.

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2204

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting the roofing bid for the Anytime Fitness from Green Tree Construction, LLC

WHEREAS: the cost is \$22,989.00

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2205

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting the interior repair bid for the Tourism Center from Green Tree Construction, LLC.

WHEREAS: the cost is \$24,612.00

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

RESOLUTION # 2206

On motion of Councilman Creppel and seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting the roofing repair bid for the Senior Center from Cody Baum.

WHEREAS: the cost is \$27,875.00

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the Town of Jean Lafitte, is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

YEAS: 4
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman LeBeau
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
Councilman Guillie

No further business was discussed. On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Creppel the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Town Clerk