

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2023  
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 Kerner Jr. Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Creppel, Councilman Kerner, Jr. Absent: Councilman Darda and Councilman Smith. Mayor Kerner presided calling the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. asking everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Budget to Actual Comparisons was given to the Mayor and Council.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

**ORDINANCE #519**

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

**An ordinance amending the 2022/23 General Fund Operating Budget for the Town of Jean Lafitte.**

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	FYE 2022/23 AS PROPOSED	FYE 2022/23 AS AMENDED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 387,100	\$ 389,500	\$ 2,400	0.6%
Intergovernmental	2,255,052	1,783,807	(471,245)	-20.9%
Licenses and Permits	59,750	76,000	16,250	27.2%
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	94,350	143,250	48,900	51.8%
Fines and Forfeitures	90,000	81,750	(8,250)	-9.2%
Gaming Fees and Commissions	395,000	340,000	(55,000)	-13.9%
Interest Income	700	54,500	53,800	7685.7%
Other Income	410,250	1,143,200	732,950	178.7%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,692,202</b>	<b>4,012,007</b>	<b>319,805</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Government				
Salaries and Benefits	600,050	587,200	(12,850)	-2.1%
General and Administrative Costs	1,267,850	1,292,503	24,653	1.9%
Public Safety	215,625	210,500	(5,125)	-2.4%
Public Works	500	500	-	0.0%
Culture and Recreation	354,250	1,088,000	733,750	207.1%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Outlay	1,119,852	95,650	(1,024,202)	-91.5%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,558,127</b>	<b>3,274,353</b>	<b>(283,774)</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	134,075	737,654	603,579	450.2%
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating Transfer Out	-	(36,872)	(36,872)	#DIV/0!
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>134,075</b>	<b>700,782</b>	<b>566,707</b>	<b>422.7%</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	751,623	641,018	(110,605)	-14.7%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 885,698	\$ 1,341,800	\$ 456,102	51.5%

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

Councilman Bartholomew  
Councilman Creppel  
Councilman Kerner, Jr.

Councilman Darda  
Councilman Smith

**ORDINANCE #520**

On a motion by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Kerner, Jr. the following ordinance was adopted:

**An ordinance introducing the 2023/24 General Fund Operating Budget for the Town of Jean Lafitte.**

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	FYE 2023/23	FYE 2023/24	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
	AS AMENDED	AS PROPOSED		
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 389,500	\$ 394,000	\$ 4,500	1.2%
Intergovernmental	1,783,807	948,926	(834,881)	-46.8%
Licenses and Permits	76,000	76,000	-	0.0%
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	143,250	143,250	-	0.0%
Fines and Forfeitures	81,750	81,750	-	0.0%
Gaming Fees and Commissions	340,000	340,000	-	0.0%
Interest Income	54,500	54,500	-	0.0%
Other Income	1,143,200	715,500	(427,700)	-37.4%
Total Revenues	4,012,007	2,753,926	(1,258,081)	-31.4%
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Government				
Salaries and Benefits	587,200	591,700	4,500	0.8%
General and Administrative Costs	1,292,503	1,296,503	4,000	0.3%
Public Safety	210,500	210,500	-	0.0%
Public Works	500	500	-	0.0%
Culture and Recreation	1,088,000	503,000	(585,000)	-53.8%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Outlay	95,650	-	(95,650)	-100.0%
Total Expenditures	3,274,353	2,602,203	(672,150)	-20.5%
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	737,654	151,723	(585,931)	-79.4%
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating Transfer Out	(36,872)	-	36,872	-100.0%
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	700,782	151,723	(549,059)	-78.3%
Beginning Fund Balance	641,018	1,341,800	700,782	109.3%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,341,800	\$ 1,493,523	\$ 151,723	11.3%

YEAS: 3  
Councilman Bartholomew  
Councilman Creppel  
Councilman Kerner, Jr.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2  
Councilman Darda  
Councilman Smith

**SUMMARY ZONING ORDINANCE #42**

On a motion by Councilman Creppel the following ordinance was offered:

A zoning ordinance approving the zoning of 5106 Couevas Street, Lafitte, Lot #16-B1, Marvis Grove Subdivision, from Commercial to Residential.

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perrin is the owner of the property located at 5106 Couevas Street, Lafitte, Lot #16-B1, Marvis Grove Subdivision,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perrin will reside in a mobile home at this address.

**RESOLUTION #2288**

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

A resolution approving Joshua Matherne and Kolby Arabie as Reserve Officers for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

WHEREAS, Joshua Matherne and Kolby Arabie are both post certified with the State of Louisiana,

**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: 3  
Councilman Bartholomew  
Councilman Creppel  
Councilman Kerner, Jr.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2  
Councilman Darda  
Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #2289**

On a motion by Councilman Kerner, Jr. and seconded by Councilman Creppel the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution accepting debit and credit card payments for town services;

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Statutes allow municipalities to accept debit and credit card payments for goods and services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Jean Lafitte is seeking to accept in person credit and debit card payments for any payments of any kind, including, but not limited to taxes, fines, interest, penalties, special assessments, fees, rates, charges, sales for goods or services, permits and licenses, festival access fees, etc. A payer desiring to pay by credit card, charge card, debit card shall bear the cost of processing the transaction,

**WHEREAS**, the Town has contracted Clover to be the "payment vendor" to handle in person debit and credit card transactions for the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Treasurer (and/or Town Clerk) will be responsible for implementing the policies and procedures as outlined in the accompanying document to ensure compliance with all internal controls and rules and regulations concerning debit and credit card payments (including PCI Compliance), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's external CPA will be responsible for reviewing any reconciliations performed by the Town Treasurer (and/or Town Clerk) on the transaction accounts established to track this activity,

**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.

**SECTION 2.** The Town Treasurer (and/or Town Clerk) is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to establish accounts with the Town's merchant bank and/or payment vendors to establish point of sale debit and credit card services within the Town.

YEAS: 3  
Councilman Bartholomew  
Councilman Creppel  
Councilman Kerner, Jr.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2  
Councilman Darda  
Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #2290**

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

A resolution approving the following holidays for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

Lundi Gras  
President's Day  
Juneteenth

**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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ABSENT: 2

Councilman Bartholomew

Councilman Darda

Councilman Creppel

Councilman Smith

Councilman Kerner, Jr.

No further business was discussed. On a motion by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Creppel the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Town Clerk