

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2024
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., and Councilman Smith. Absent: Councilman Darda. Mayor Kerner Jr. 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.

Budget to Actual Comparisons were distributed prior to the meeting to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Kerner gave a status report on current projects in the town and surrounding area.

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 April 10, 2024.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

SUMMARY ORDINANCE #524

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

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

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	FYE 2023/24 AS PROPOSED	FYE 2023/24 AS AMENDED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
OPERATING REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 394,000	\$ 355,500	\$ (38,500)	-9.8%
Intergovernmental	948,926	1,337,525	388,599	41.0%
Licenses and Permits	76,000	79,750	3,750	4.9%
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	143,250	121,500	(21,750)	-15.2%
Fines and Forfeitures	81,750	11,000	(70,750)	-86.5%
Gaming Fees and Commissions	340,000	325,000	(15,000)	-4.4%
Interest Income	54,500	41,000	(13,500)	-24.8%
Other Income	715,500	507,750	(207,750)	-29.0%
Total Revenues	2,753,926	2,779,025	25,099	0.9%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Salaries and Benefits	591,700	591,700	-	0.0%
General and Administrative Costs	1,296,503	882,450	(414,053)	-31.9%
Public Safety	210,500	190,350	(20,150)	-9.6%
Public Works	500	750	250	50.0%
Culture and Recreation	503,000	495,000	(8,000)	-1.6%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Outlay	-	680,000	680,000	100.0%
Total Expenditures	2,602,203	2,840,250	238,047	9.1%
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	151,723	(61,225)	(212,948)	-140.4%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	-	990,553	990,553	100.0%
Operating Transfers Out	-	(365,000)	(365,000)	100.0%
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	151,723	564,328	412,605	271.9%
Beginning Fund Balance	494,296	494,296	-	0.0%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 646,019	\$ 1,058,624	\$ 412,605	63.9%

SUMMARY ORDINANCE # 525

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

An ordinance introducing the Proposed 2024/25 General Fund Operating Budget for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	FYE 2023/24 AS AMENDED	FYE 2024/25 AS PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
OPERATING REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 355,500	\$ 364,750	\$ 9,250	2.6%
Intergovernmental	1,337,525	592,525	(745,000)	-55.7%
Licenses and Permits	79,750	79,750	-	0.0%
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	121,500	126,500	5,000	4.1%
Fines and Forfeitures	11,000	24,000	13,000	118.2%
Gaming Fees and Commissions	325,000	325,000	-	0.0%
Interest Income	41,000	41,000	-	0.0%
Other Income	507,750	507,750	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	2,779,025	2,061,275	(717,750)	-25.8%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Salaries and Benefits	591,700	595,200	3,500	0.6%
General and Administrative Costs	882,450	1,082,450	200,000	22.7%
Public Safety	190,350	193,850	3,500	1.8%
Public Works	750	750	-	0.0%
Culture and Recreation	495,000	495,000	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Outlay	680,000	-	(680,000)	-100.0%
Total Expenditures	2,840,250	2,367,250	(473,000)	-16.7%
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	(61,225)	(305,975)	(244,750)	399.8%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	990,553	200,000	(790,553)	-79.8%
Operating Transfers Out	(365,000)	-	365,000	-100.0%
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	564,328	(105,975)	(670,303)	-118.8%
Beginning Fund Balance	494,296	1,058,624	564,328	114.2%
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,058,624	\$ 952,649	\$ (105,975)	-10.0%

RESOLUTION #2338

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

A resolution approving Paul Rivera, Harry Cahill and Jeff Adam as committee members for the (RFQ) Request for Qualifications for the Town of Jean Lafitte Town Hall Repairs or Replacement Project.

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 Kerner Jr.
 Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1
 Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2339

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

A resolution approving Paul Rivera, Harry Cahill and Jeff Adam as committee members for the (RFQ) Request for Qualifications for the Town of Jean Lafitte Quinten Couevas Ball Field Repairs Project.

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 Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2340

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

A resolution approving Paul Rivera, Harry Cahill and Jeff Adam as committee members for the (RFQ) Request for Qualifications for the Town of Jean Lafitte Art Center Demolition Project.

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 Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2341

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

A resolution approving the advertisement for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the Town of Jean Lafitte Town Hall Repairs or Replacement Project.

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 Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2342

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

A resolution approving the advertisement for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the Town of Jean Lafitte Quinten Couevas Ball Field Repairs Project.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2343

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

A resolution approving the advertisement for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the Town of Jean Lafitte Art Center Demolition Project.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

Councilman Darda

RESOLUTION #2344

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

A resolution accepting the bid on the 2013 White Ford Explorer Vin #1FM5K8AR20GA99859 from Ron Reynon in the amount of four thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,150.00).

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

Councilman Darda

No further business was discussed. On a motion by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilman Creppel the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Town Clerk