

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 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, and Councilman Smith. Absent: Councilman Darda and Councilman Kerner Jr. Mayor Kerner Jr. presided calling the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. asking everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Budget to Actual Comparisons were distributed before the meeting Mayor Kerner Jr. gave a status report on current projects in the town and surrounding area. He also said that compliance issues with the audit were addressed.

Paul Thibodaux presented the Mayor and Council on his plan for the Mobile Food Trucks.

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 8, 2024.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ORDINANCE #524

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

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

	FYE 2023/24	FYE 2023/24		
GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	AS PROPOSED	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%

YEAS: 3
 Councilman Bartholomew
 Councilman Creppel
 Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2
 Councilman Darda
 Councilman Kerner Jr.

ORDINANCE # 525

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

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

	FYE 2023/24	FYE 2024/25		
GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	AS AMENDED	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%

YEAS: 3
 Councilman Bartholomew
 Councilman Creppel
 Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2
 Councilman Darda
 Councilman Kerner Jr.

RESOLUTION #2345

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

A resolution approving Change Order # 17 to add builders risk insurance in the amount of \$10,147.06 for the Louisiana Wetlands Education Center.

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 Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2
 Councilman Darda
 Councilman Kerner Jr.

RESOLUTION #2346

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

A resolution approving Change Order # 18 for interest due on Past Due Pay Application in the amount of \$111,692.17 for the Louisiana Wetlands Education Center.

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	NAYS: 0	ABSENT: 2
Councilman Bartholomew		Councilman Darda
Councilman Creppel		Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith		

RESOLUTION #2347

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

A resolution approving Change Orders for the Rosethorne Sidewalk Project as follows:

- Change Order #1: Voided by State
- Change Order #2: Additional Sidewalk added \$137,614.00
- Change Order #3: Reconciling final quantities \$122,055.74
- Change Order #4: Replaces change order #1 \$1,553.00-Contractors Liability Policy
- Change Order #5: Added driveway thickness as per State estimate \$27,279.60
- Change Order #6: Curb \$2,115.90
- Change Order #7: Remove catch basin \$1,955.30
- Change Order #8: Asphalt apron located at 1023 JL Blvd. \$1,500.00

WHEREAS, the total amount of change orders is \$294,073.54 and the total amount of the construction is \$1,500,275.54.

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	NAYS: 0	ABSENT: 2
Councilman Bartholomew		Councilman Darda
Councilman Creppel		Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith		

RESOLUTION #2348

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

A resolution approving the advertisement for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Quinten Couevas Baseball Field Scoreboard.

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	NAYS: 0	ABSENT: 2
Councilman Bartholomew		Councilman Darda
Councilman Creppel		Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith		

RESOLUTION #2349

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

A resolution approving the permit to create a self-contained mobile food trucks business located at 2833 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Lafitte.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property is T&T Boat Wash and Paul Thibodaux is the president of said company,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thibodaux plans to begin with 3 Self Contained and mobile food trucks,

WHEREAS, the food trucks must have occupational licenses with the Town of Jean Lafitte,

WHEREAS, the mobile food trucks are temporary and are not to remain stationary as per Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance # 492,

WHEREAS, the food trucks owners are required to obtain the required Board of Health approvals,

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 Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.

RESOLUTION #2350

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

A resolution approving a Special Meeting authorizing the Town of Jean Lafitte to consider the recommendations from the committee and award the engineering contract for the following projects:

- Town of Jean Lafitte Repairs or Replacement Project
- Town of Jean Lafitte Quinten Couevas Ball Field Repairs Project
- Town of Jean Lafitte Art Center Demolition Project

WHEREAS, the special meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the special meeting will be held at the Leo Kerner Multipurpose Complex located at 4917 City Park Drive, Lafitte.

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 Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.

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

Town Clerk

