

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Darda, Councilman Kerner Jr. and Councilman Smith. Mayor Kerner Jr. presided calling the meeting to order at 6:33 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. spoke about Hurricane Francine and praised the efforts of Entergy adding that they did an extraordinary job with restoring electricity in the area. He also acknowledged the efforts of the sandbaggers and workers that did an incredible job.

Mayor Kerner Jr. also reported on the projects in the town and surrounding area.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2024.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2360

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

A resolution accepting the Act 4 of the Regular Legislative Session appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the Fisheries Market.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #2361

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

A resolution approving the Trick or Treat event that will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, the town budget for this event will not exceed \$6,500.

WHEREAS, the event will be held at the Town Hall at 2654 Jean Lafitte Blvd, Lafitte.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #2362

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

A resolution approving the Town of Jean Lafitte Wine Walk.

WHEREAS, the wine walk will be held on November 16, 2024.

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be served,

WHEREAS, the Town of Jean Lafitte owns the location located at 4917 City Park Drive, Lafitte where the wine walk will be held,

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2363

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

A resolution approving the Christmas Lighting Celebration.

WHEREAS, the town budget for this event will not exceed \$11,000.00.

WHEREAS, the event will be held at the Town Hall at 2654 Jean Lafitte Blvd, Lafitte.

WHEREAS, the event will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024,

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2364

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

A resolution approving the Town of Jean Lafitte New Years Eve Event.

WHEREAS, the event will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the event will be held at the Jules Nunez Market, which is owned by the Town of Jean Lafitte,

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be sold.

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2365

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

A resolution approving the Town of Jean Lafitte Children's Movie Night.

WHEREAS, movie night will be held on Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Fisheries Market,

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #2366

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

A resolution approving the following Town Markets:

Saturday, October 12, 2024.
Saturday, November 9, 2024

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #2367

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

A Resolution Honoring Mr. Lionel Parria for His Outstanding Lifetime Commitment to Community Service.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lionel Parria has devoted over 50 years of his life to enhancing the well-being of our community;

WHEREAS, he has selflessly volunteered his time and efforts with organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, the Town of Jean Lafitte, St. Anthony Catholic Church, and numerous other groups;

WHEREAS, the Town of Jean Lafitte recognizes and celebrates Mr. Lionel Parria's exceptional dedication, tireless work, and impactful service to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we commend Mr. Lionel Parria for his unwavering commitment to community service and express our heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable contributions.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #2368

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

A resolution authorizing the Town of Jean Lafitte to adopt the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis.

WHEREAS, the Town of Jean Lafitte recognizes the threat that flood hazards pose to people and property within the town,

WHEREAS, a repetitive loss area analysis has been prepared in accordance with the Community Rating System 2017 Manual and the 2021 Addendum,

WHEREAS, the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis identifies areas that have experienced repetitive flood claims and discusses actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property,

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town demonstrates commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals as outlined in the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis,

WHEREAS, a copy of the Repetitive loss Area Analysis has been given to the Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Jean Lafitte.

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2369

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

A resolution authorizing the Town of Jean Lafitte to adopt the Jefferson Parish 2021 Floodplain Species Plan prepared by the Department of Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation according to the Community Rating System Floodplain Species Plan guidelines. (Parish wide) which includes the Town of Jean Lafitte.

WHEREAS, the Town of Jean Lafitte participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) and maintains a Class 7 rating resulting in 15% savings on National Flood Insurance Premiums for policyholders; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 Addendum to the CRS Manual, up to 100 credit points are available for a floodplain species assessment and floodplain species plan under activity 510; and

WHEREAS, the CRS issues credit to communities that identify threatened and endangered species within the community, relate the species' locations to the floodplain, review feasible conservation and recovery actions, and create a plan of action; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish floodplain species assessment which includes the Town of Jean Lafitte was completed with the assistance of FEMA as a sample for other communities across the nation and started the process of learning which species are listed or proposed for listing by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or by the National Marine Fisheries Service and which associated critical habitats may be present within Jefferson Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish along with the Town of Jean Lafitte further researched selected species identified in the floodplain species assessment and a more detailed plan was developed with input and assistance from subject-matter experts; and

WHEREAS, the floodplain species plan identifies actions Jefferson Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte will pursue to support conservation and recovery of the species; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town of Jean Lafitte demonstrates commitment to further implement feasible actions; and

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2370

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

A resolution approving the Fisher Middle-High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the parade will begin on Gloria Drive (KC Hall) to Jean Lafitte Blvd. and continue down making the loop around the Swamp Tour on Texas Street and disburse at the St. Anthony Church Parking Lot.

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2371

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

A resolution accepting the Act 776 of the Regular Legislative Session appropriation from the State of Louisiana for General Maintenance and Repairs.

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION #2372

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

A resolution granting permission to Atmos Energy to perform work on the following streets in the Town of Jean Lafitte:

- Tapp Street
- Darda Street
- Denet Street
- Touchard Lane
- Dufrene Street
- Texas Street
- Fleming Park Road

WHEREAS, the projected start date is Nov. 2024,

WHEREAS, Atmos will obtain all necessary permits,

YEAS: 5
Councilman Bartholomew
Councilman Creppel
Councilman Darda
Councilman Kerner Jr.
Councilman Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ORDINANCE #526

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

An ordinance amending Ordinance #523 to change the rental fee for Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate Events for the Jules Nunez Fisheries Market.

Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate Events:

WHEREAS, the cost of a four (4) hour event excluding showers and banquets will be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

No further business was discussed. On a motion by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Creppel the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Quette Crain

Town Clerk