

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2026
6:30 PM**

The Councilmen of the Town of Jean Lafitte met in a Regular Meeting with the following members present: Councilman Bartholomew, Councilwoman Creppel, Councilman Darda, Councilman Kerner Jr. and Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was called 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 at the meeting.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8th, 2026.

YEAS:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

SUMMARY ORDINANCE #533

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

An ordinance amending the 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

TOWN OF JEAN LAFITTE							
GENERAL FUND							
SUMMARY OPERATING BUDGET							
25/26 AMENDED BUDGET							
	6/30/2025	25-26	4/30/2026	25-26	25-26		
	Actual	Original	Actual	Estimated	Amended		
	To Date	Budget	To Date	Remaining	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
GENERAL FUND							
OPERATING REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 420,279	\$ 462,500	\$ 252,182	\$ 156,818	\$ 409,000	\$ (11,279)	-2.7%
Intergovernmental	963,869	561,925	1,824,284	1,167,709	2,991,993	2,028,124	210.4%
Licenses and Permits	90,001	82,000	59,259	34,341	93,600	3,599	4.0%
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	157,695	163,100	140,977	27,623	168,600	10,905	6.9%
Fines and Forfeitures	9,937	9,000	5,887	1,188	7,075	(2,862)	-28.8%
Gaming Fees and Commissions	333,922	325,000	219,585	75,415	295,000	(38,922)	-11.7%
Interest Income	25,439	41,000	11,679	29,321	41,000	15,561	61.2%
Other Income	410,317	515,250	31,635	475,875	507,510	97,193	23.7%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	2,411,459	2,159,775	2,545,488	1,968,290	4,513,778	2,102,319	87.2%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
General Government							
Salaries and Benefits	596,320	584,850	510,250	104,550	614,800	18,480	3.1%
General and Administrative	1,410,124	1,147,200	2,233,903	427,447	2,661,350	1,251,226	88.7%
	2,006,444	1,732,050	2,744,153	531,997	3,276,150	1,269,706	63.3%
Public Safety	182,760	178,500	152,059	30,441	182,500	(260)	-0.1%
Public Works	16,281	750	-	750	750	(15,531)	-95.4%
Urban Planning and Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Culture and Recreation	528,570	495,000	42,908	457,342	500,250	(28,320)	-5.4%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,734,055	2,406,300	2,939,120	1,020,530	3,959,650	1,225,595	44.8%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Outlay	126,851	2,000	27,022	22,478	49,500	(77,351)	-61.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,860,906	2,408,300	2,966,142	1,043,008	4,009,150	1,148,244	40.1%
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(449,447)	(248,525)	(420,654)	925,282	504,628	954,075	-212.3%
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES)							
Operating Transfer In	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Operating Transfers Out	(28,781)	-	-	-	-	28,781	-100.0%
Gain (Loss) on Termination of Lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(478,228)	(48,525)	(420,654)	925,282	504,628	982,856	-205.5%
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	911,044	1,058,624	432,816	-	432,816	(478,228)	-52.5%
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 432,816	\$ 1,010,099	\$ 12,162	\$ 925,282	\$ 937,444	504,628	116.6%

SUMMARY ORDINANCE #534

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

An ordinance introducing the 2026-2027 General Fund Operating Budget for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

TOWN OF JEAN LAFITTE	
GENERAL FUND	
SUMMARY OPERATING BUDGET	
26/27 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	26-27 Proposed Budget
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GENERAL FUND	
OPERATING REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 409,000
Intergovernmental	841,925
Licenses and Permits	87,600
Service Charges, Fees and Commissions	233,600
Fines and Forfeitures	7,000
Gaming Fees and Commissions	295,000
Interest Income	36,000
Other Income	507,500
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,417,625</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
General Government	
Salaries and Benefits	614,800
General and Administrative	1,451,600
	<u>2,066,400</u>
Public Safety	180,500
Public Works	750
Urban Planning and Housing	-
Culture and Recreation	500,250
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	<u>2,747,900</u>
Intergovernmental	-
Debt Service	-
Capital Outlay	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,748,400</u>
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(330,775)
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES)	
Operating Transfer In	-
Operating Transfers Out	-
Gain (Loss) on Termination of Lease	-
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(330,775)</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	<u>937,444</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 606,669</u>

RESOLUTION #2479

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

A resolution to approve two additional cameras to current security system located at Lafitte’s Barataria Museum.

WHEREAS, the cost will be \$650.00.

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

RESOLUTION #2480

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

A resolution approving the renovations to the Lafitte’s Barataria Museum, for reopening.

WHEREAS, the contractor will be Welldone Museum Exhibition and Experiential Design.

WHEREAS, the cost will be \$18,750.00.

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

RESOLUTION #2481

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

A resolution approving Robert Timothy Walker as a Reserve Police Officer for the Town of Jean Lafitte.

WHEREAS, Robert Timothy Walker is post certified.

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

RESOLUTION #2482

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

A resolution approving the Murial on the outside wall of the Lafitte's Baratavia Museum.

WHEREAS, the cost will be \$10,000.00

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

RESOLUTION #2483

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

A resolution extending the CEA between the Town of Jean Lafitte and Barowka and Bonura Engineer's and Consultants, LLC.

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

RESOLUTION #2484

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

A resolution approving Change Order Number 001 for the Quinten Couevas Baseball Field in the amount of \$145,081.30.

WHEREAS, additions were aluminum platform increase, concrete removal, synthetic deck removal, electrical service to restrooms and sod to entire outfield.

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract is \$1,833,176.30.

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:5

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

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

No further business was discussed. On a motion by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Councilwoman Smith the meeting was adjourned at 6:58p.m.

Town Clerk