

GENERAL MEETING
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The general meeting of the officials of the Town of Maurice was opened by Mayor Neil Arsement at 6:00 p.m.
at the Maurice Municipal Building, 405 Lastie Ave., Maurice, Louisiana

Mayor Arsement led the assembly in Prayer and Alderman Matthew Trahan led the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call of officers
Present: Mayor Neil Arsement; Alderwoman Megan Landry-Lalande; Alderman Troy Catalan; Alderman Jonathan Schlicher; Alderman Matthew Trahan; Alderman Scott Trahan
Absent: None
Also present: Melanie Denais; Joan Methvin; Nichole Bonin; Erica Arceneaux; Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates; Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor; Chief Guy Nerren; Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; John Sonnier; Noah Broussard; Andrea Eggenberger; Joshua Eggenberger; Mark Broussard; Ben Langlinais
Mayor Arsement asked Council members and Chief Nerren to recognize budget to actual financial statements were included in their monthly binders as a part of a process added by the Town Auditor.
Approval General Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025- No Council nor public comments were made.
Motion: S. Trahan/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to accept the February 19, 2025, General Meeting Minutes as presented and unread.
Yay-All Present

Agenda Approval- No Council nor public comments were made
Motion: Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to accept the agenda as presented. Yay- All Present
J. Ricky Lafleur- advised Council members he is working on streamlining Maurice’s Grass Ordinance to make handling violations easier. He is looking into Ordinances from other Municipalities to get additional ideas and advised he should have something to present next month for public hearing consideration. Landry-Lalande asked about current process for informing landowners. Lafleur explained the Town’s process and explained current enforcement methods in the Ordinance. Discussion was held
Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates- Maurice South WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution- Mr. Sonnier presented the Maurice South WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution to Council members for approval consideration. He advised the plant was operating efficiently and well below its limits with only one reported exceedance. Meche’s operator certification class levels are more than adequate. Discussion was held with no public comments.
Motion: Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to accept the Maurice South WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution.
Yay- Catalan, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande; Nay- None
Maurice North WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution- Mr. Sonnier presented the Maurice North WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution to Council members for approval consideration. He advised the plant was operating efficiently with a few issues in 2024. Richard Meche advised he had a hard time getting repair parts to fix equipment necessary for the plants optimal function. Parts were shipped from England and took a long time to receive. Discussion was held with no public comments.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to accept the Maurice North WWTP Environmental Audit Report & Resolution
Yay- Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalan; Nay- None
Elaine Corners Preliminary Plat Approval- Sonnier presented a Preliminary Plat for Elaine Corners Subdivision which consist of approximately 5 lots on W. Lafayette Street and Helaire Pvt Lane. The developer requested a DIA waiver due to the size of the property. Sonnier recommended approval of the plat contingent upon the developer addressing comments made by Sellers & Associates and had no objection to the DIA waiver due to the small size of the development. He advised the developer would still be responsible for submitting a drainage plan to ensure neighboring properties would not be affected by any watershed from the development. Council members asked about alternate access to property if Helaire Pvt Lane could not be used and questioned utility access. Ben Langlinais advised discussions have happened regarding access along Helaire Pvt Lane and documents are being prepared to execute between the owner of the property access and the owner of the development and a more detailed plan for utilities and a drainage plan will be submitted according to Sellers & Associate’s request. Discussion was held with no public comments.
Motion: M. Trahan/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to approve the Preliminary Plat for Elaine Corners Subdivision contingent upon the Developer addressing comments made by Sellers & Associates and granting a Waiver to the Drainage Impact Analysis.
Yay- M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalan, Schlicher; Nay- None

Chief Nerren, Police Chief- Updates- Nerren advised the radar controlling traffic lights along US Hwy 167 were installed by DOTD. Some issues have been experienced but DOTD assured Nerren they have had positive results in other areas where traffic control radar was installed. Nerren asked Council members to report any glitches to him and he will discuss with DOTD. Nerren attended the blessing and soft opening for Nunu’s. Discussion was held
Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor- Updates- February 2025- 7,526,000 gallons of water produced; 6,612,073 gallons of water sold; 913,927 gallons of water Unmetered; 12%. Meche advised the maintenance crew used the new manlift to help clear out dead trees along Chief H Fred and will soon use it to take down flags and banners around Town to see which ones are still usable. The maintenance crew started using the sidearm around Town and poisoning clover along US Hwy 167 to try and get a head start on grass cutting season. Meche met with Entergy regarding damage to roadsides when installing lines. The first meeting was unproductive, but after the second meeting, Meche felt confident Entergy would fix the damages. Mayor asked Meche to get Entergy’s intent to repair the damages in writing. Chief Nerren thanked Meche for using the manlift to fix the flagpole and flag in front of the Police Department. Schlicher asked if water lines can be pressure tested. Water pressure in Hudson Yards is not great. Meche will make sure contractors in the development opened all valves after construction. He also advised the customer shut-off valve may not be fully opened. Catalan asked about the line in Vincent Trace that was cut by a contractor. Meche advised one of the lines has been repaired and the other will be repaired soon. Arsement asked Council members to let him know of areas with overgrown grass that need attention. Discussion was held
Mayor Arsement- Sales Tax Update- January 2025 sales tax is \$117,514.18 which is up 20.3% from the previous year. Arsement asked residents continue supporting local businesses or shop online and thanked everyone for continued support which contributes to the Town’s growth.
Updates- Arsement advised he is considering putting 4” curbs in 6 areas of Rue Des Cannes and Rue Village to help with vehicles cutting into yards when making turns. Large ruts being left do not allow the water to drain properly. He will get prices and present to Council members for consideration. Forming for Maurice Park restrooms will begin the next day and pouring of the slab will follow in a couple weeks weather permitting. Landry-Lalande and Scott Trahan are helping with improvement design drawings based on previous input by Council members. Arsement had hoped Ryan Duhon would be available to help with the parking lot but Duhon has a lot of upcoming work in other areas. Acadiana Shell and Limestone may help with culverts and limestone improvements. Catalan asked about reclaimed asphalt, but Sonnier advised it does not interlock and washes away. Arsement was able to get sealer for cracks in Town roads. He and Meche will attempt to seal some of the cracked areas. If this goes well, Arsement would like the Town to take care of road sealing maintenance in the future. He asked Council members to consider other roads in Town that need repair or replacement and advised Victoria Manor roads, East Vincent, and Rue Des Cannes need attention. Arsement asked Nick Sonnier to get an estimate on Victoria Manor roads and wanted to replace the bridge and fix the drainage on East Vincent prior to replacing the roadway. He was already getting quotes to repair bumps in Rue Des Cannes. Arsement is trying to obtain Capital Outlay funding to assist with road repairs. Nunu’s is open for business. Arsement advised is a beautiful addition for the community to support.
Council Concerns: Catalan advised the drainage Board still had not cleaned up the drainage near Kohen Estates. Arsement asked Meche to have the Town maintenance crew take care of this. Landry-Lalande asked residents to shop locally. Scott Trahan received an email from Prairie Cove requesting information on how to obtain a deceleration lane like the one at Picard Farms. Sonnier advised DOTD determines requirements for deceleration lanes and advised the developer or subdivision usually pays for installation. Catalan asked about possibly just lowering the speed limit. Nerren advised several requests were made with DOTD but all were denied. Sonnier advised maybe reclassifying the type of roadway may help with getting speed limit lowered. He also advised regarding previous discussion, US Hwy 167 was not on the list of roads that could be taken over by the Town; however, LA Hwy 92 was on the list.
Motion: Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 7:16pm. Yay- All Present

Nichole G Bonin, Assistant Clerk

Neil Arsement, Mayor