

GENERAL MEETING  
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

The Special Meeting of the officials of the Town of Maurice was opened by Mayor Neil Arsement at 5:00 p.m.  
at the Maurice Municipal Building, 405 Lastie Ave., Maurice, Louisiana.

Mayor Arsement led the assembly in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers

**Present:** Mayor Neil Arsement; Alderwoman Megan Landry-Lalande; Alderman Troy Catalon; Alderman Matthew Trahan; Alderman Scott Trahan. Alderman Jonathan Schlicher arrived at 6:18pm but was not announced abstaining him from voting on the final agenda item.

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Joan Methvin; J. Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; Chad Abell

**Special Meeting for the Purpose of:**

**Resolution to Dispense the Architectural Contract with the Sellers Group for the New City Hall-** Arsement presented a Resolution to dispense of the Architectural Contract with the Sellers Group for the New City Hall that was put in place in 2022. The Resolution was needed due to the location and funding changes. Catalon asked if a new contract had been reviewed. He was advised that it would be discussed under the next item. Discussion was held. No public comments were made.

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to dispense with the Architectural Contract with the Sellers Group for the New City Hall. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, M. Trahan; Absent- Schlicher

**Award New Architectural Contract for the New City Hall-** Arsement advised Council members he wanted to sign a new contract with AQ Studios, LLC to provide design services for the New City Hall at the new location. The contract presented reflected the New City Hall location and additional grant funding awarded for the project. Catalon asked if a new contract had been reviewed thoroughly and if everything was in order with the contract. He also wanted to see the design and questioned the new contract pricing. Arsement advised there are no plans yet because the contract must first be in place. The contract follows a fee curve based off a percentage of the estimated cost for the project. Chad Abell explained how their company came up with the contract pricing. He advised the numbers presented are a fixed percentage which is less than the fee curve for the project. Mr. Abell also went over the services their company would provide which included design, soil base sampling, and working with the contractor who gets the construction award after the project has formally gone out to bid. Arsement advised sessions are going on in Baton Rouge and he wanted to present the design contract award at that time. He believed this would help with securing the funding. Abell informed Council members that the project would be designed with future expansion in mind. Catalon asked how the contract would be affected if funding did not move from priority 5 to priority 1. Abell advised the Town would be invoiced as the project moves forward. If funding doesn't move to priority 1, the Town would be billed only for the services provided. Further discussion was held. No public comments were made

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/M. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to award the contract for the New City Hall design to AQ Studios, LLC.

Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan; Abstained- Schlicher

**Motion:** M. Trahan/S. Trahan moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 5:27pm

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Nichole G Bonin, Assistant Clerk

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Neil Arsement/Mayor