

GENERAL MEETING
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES
Wednesday, June 18, 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 Jonathan Schlicher led the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call of officers

Present: Mayor Neil Arsement; Alderwoman Megan Landry- Lalande; Alderman Troy Catalon; Alderman Jonathan Schlicher; Alderman Matthew Trahan;
Alderman Scott Trahan

Absent: None

Also present: Melanie Denais; Joan Methvin; Nichole Bonin; Shakyla Cormier; Erica Arceneaux; Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates; Richard Meche,
Maintenance Supervisor; Chief Guy Nerren; Michael Roy, John S Dowling; Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; John Sonnier; Dominic Listi

Motion: Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded, and carried to enter the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing for the Purpose of:

An Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025- Mike Roy advised Council members that the Amended Budget numbers for 2024-2025 were in line with the numbers presented at the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting and did not feel like significant changes were needed. No Council nor public comments

An Ordinance to Adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026- Mike Roy advised Council members that the Budget numbers were in line with the numbers presented at the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting and did not feel any changes were needed. No Council nor public comments

Motion: Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded, and carried to close the Public Hearing and enter the General Meeting.

Approval General Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025, and Special Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2025- No Council nor public comments

Motion: Schlicher/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of May 21, 2025, General Meeting and of June 4, 2025, Special Meeting as presented and unread. Yay-All Present

Agenda Approval- No Council nor public comments

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to accept the agenda as presented. Yay- All Present

Michael Roy- John S. Dowling and Company- An Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025- Mr. Roy presented the Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, with no have changes to report since the presentation of financials during the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting. No public comments

Motion: S. Trahan/M. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to Adopt the Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. Yay- M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher; Nay- None

An Ordinance to Adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026- Mr. Roy presented the Ordinance to Adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, with no changes to report since the presentation of financials during the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting. No public comments

Motion: S. Trahan/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Adopt the Ordinance to Adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan; Nay-None

J. Ricky Lafleur- Lafleur advised the property owner on Gage Rd who was issued a letter for abandoned vehicles is now in compliance. The lawsuit with Entergy is in discovery and is progressing. Arsement Advised Entergy is still sending checks to the Town. Lafleur advised all checks are being reviewed by Legal prior to deposit. He also advised Mayors Court went well with shorter wait times for defendants. Scott Trahan asked about the number of people coming in and parking issues. Lafleur advised only those not paying ahead, wanting to dispute, or needing payment arrangements are appearing. Discussion was held

Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates-Little Flowers DDS Final Plat Approval- Sonnier advised the developer has complied with the Town's Subdivision Ordinance and recommended Final Plat approval with no contingencies. The Plat contained a Private Right of Passage at the rear of the property in favor of Tract 1B. Catalon questioned parking, and was advised the preliminary plans have ample room for parking. Discussion was held. No public comments

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Final Plat for Little Flowers DDS. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan; Nay- None

Chief Nerren, Police Chief-Updates- Nerren advised he did not hire the previously discussed applicant, but he received another application from a Post Certified Officer. He also advised Officer Irvin would like to return to work, and he will be working on getting her ready for the Academy. Nerren advised Citations are being given in subdivisions for parking on the roadway. He and Mayor Arsement held a meeting to allow residents to voice concerns regarding parking issues. Arsement is attempting to work through parking issues by addressing green space in the subdivisions. Citation s will continue to be issued for parking violations. Discussion was held

Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor- May 2025- 8,777,000 gallons of water produced; 7,786,149 gallons of water sold; 990,851 gallons of water Unmetered; 11%. Meche advised grass cutting had been slow due to rainy conditions but still using the sidearm. A successful review of the water plant was conducted by the Department of Health with only minor infractions such as painting to report. The maintenance crew began painting curbs and will begin cutting grass at Maurice Park twice per week. Discussion was held

Mayor Arsement- Re-categorize the Hospital/Insurance Allowance to the Salaries line-item and eliminate the line-item Hospital/Insurance Allowance for Accounting Purposes except for the three positions of Mayor, Chief of Police, and Municipal Clerk - Arsement advised the Allowance was already recategorized in salaries per the recently adopted budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Lafleur advised the action to be taken would only be to eliminate the Hospital/Insurance line-item except for the three positions of Mayor, Chief of Police, and Municipal Clerk. Schlicher asked if current employees keep the previously established allowance in their salary and receive health insurance paid 100% by the Town. Mayor Arsement advised current employees will receive the previously established allowance in their salaries. The Town also pays 100% of the health insurance premium as adopted in the 2025-2026 Operating Budget. Discussion was held

Motion: S. Trahan/M. Trahan moved, seconded, and carried to eliminate the line-item Hospital/Insurance Allowance for Accounting Purposes except for the three positions of Mayor, Chief of Police, and Municipal Clerk. Yay- Catalon, M. Trahan, S. Trahan; Nay- Schlicher, Landry-Lalande

Sales Tax Update- April 2025 sales tax is \$134,060.13 which is up 26.2% from last year. Arsement asked residents continue supporting local businesses or shop online and thanked everyone for continuing to support the local community businesses.

Updates- Arsement advised the Maurice Park bathrooms are being painted. Afterward the fixtures would be installed. The new City Hall project was moved to Priority 1, and passed the House and the Senate and. If the Governor signs off on the project, construction should begin this year. Discussion was held

Council Concerns: None

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Yay- All Present

s/Nichole G. Bonin

Nichole G Bonin, Assistant Clerk

s/Neil Arsement

Neil Arsement, Mayor