

GENERAL MEETING
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 17, 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 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; Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; Timothy Denais; John Sonnier; Jeremy Hidalgo; Wayne Theriot; Sindy Meche; Kathryn Arsement; Hayes Arsement; Hudson Arsement; Mickey Comboy; Hunter Devillier

Motion: Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded, and carried to open the Public Hearing. Yay- All Present

Public Hearing for the Purpose of:

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 25-2 to Include Health Insurance in the Salary of the Mayor of the Town of Maurice- Ricky Lafleur presented the new Ordinance and read it out loud. The new ordinance removed language regarding health insurance allowance and included the health insurance benefit as a part of the Mayor's salary as of January 1, 2026. No public comments

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

Mayor Arsement asked Council members and Chief Nerren to recognize budget to actual financial statements included in their monthly binders

Approval of the General Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025- No public comments

Motion: Landry-Lalande/M. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to accept the November 19, 2025, minutes as submitted and unread. Yay-All Present

Agenda Approval- move item 1.a after 5. a; remove item 3.a; No public comments

Motion: S. Trahan/M. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to accept the agenda as amended. Yay- All Present

Ricky Lafleur- An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 25-2 to Include Health Insurance in the Salary of the Mayor of the Town of Maurice- Lafleur

presented the Amended Ordinance for consideration and re-read changes contained in the new ordinance. Landry-Lalande questioned the previously approved vehicle allowance that was not included in the new ordinance. After review, the vehicle allowance was included in 25-2. Lafleur advised the language of the vehicle allowance can be inserted into the newly presented ordinance since it should be there. Discussion was held. No public comments

Motion: M. Trahan/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to Adopt the Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 25-2 to Include the Mayor's Salary of \$38,000 Annually, Health Insurance, the Pre-Existing Cancer Policy, Retirement Benefits, and a Monthly Vehicle Allowance of \$800 effective January 1, 2026. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan; Nay- None

Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates- Utility Servitude Agreement with Gulf Coast Bank- Sonnier advised Matthew Vincent did a great job at last months Meeting. The water tower is moving slowly but still progressing. He had nothing else to report.

Chief Nerren, Police Chief- Updates- Officer Irvin passed the Academy. Nerren advised everything was good in the department.

Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor- November 2025- 10,000,000 gallons of water produced; 9,360,575 gallons of water sold; 639,425 gallons of water Unmetered; 6%. The bump stops and spikes were installed at Maurice Park. Schlicher asked if Hudson Road could be graded. Meche will ask Vermilion Parish to assist with road grading. Arsement advised he would like to purchase a bionic blade for these types of projects.

Mendoza Ford- Fireworks Variance- Arsement announced Hunter Devillier who was representing Mendoza Ford and advised a variance wasn't necessary if the fireworks display was held on New Year's Eve. Mr. Devillier announced the fireworks display was to be held on December 31, 2025, at 7pm. Schlicher asked to advertise the event on Mendoza's sign.

Mayor Arsement- Sales Tax Update- October 2025 sales tax is \$137,947.17 which showed a decrease from last year. Arsement advised the 2024 sales tax was extremely high due to an audit of a local business who owed sales taxes to the Town. 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 parking lot in Maurice Park is complete and looks good. Planning for the New City Hall is progressing with hopes of bidding out the project in February 2026. Arsement advised interviews for a new City Hall clerk were almost complete.

Arsement thanked Melanie Denais for her dedication and service to the Town. She was presented with a crystal placard honoring her employment with the Town. Denais expressed gratitude to the past and current Mayor's and Administrations. She also expressed her love for working with the Town's clerical, maintenance, and police department staff. Wane Theriot advised Denais guided him and the Town through several tough situations and shared in joyful memories creating a bond to last a lifetime. He presented Denais with a gift to express his appreciation for all she did for him and the Town. Landry-Lalande said Denais was the glue and that the administration couldn't have done it without her and thanked her for loving the Town of Maurice. Arsement thanked Denais for her service and for the last 3 years he's worked with her.

Council Concerns: Lalande stated she was looking forward to the Christmas Social. Catalon thanked Mayor Arsement and Chief Nerren for the Polar Express movie night at Maurice Park. Arsement announced the Christmas Social immediately following the General Meeting.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Schlicher seconded and carried to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Yay- All Present

Nichole G Bonin, Assistant Clerk

Neil Arsement, Mayor