

GENERAL MEETING  
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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 Chief Guy Nerren 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:** Erica Arceneaux; Joan Methvin; Nichole Bonin; Shakyla Cormier; Matt Vincent, Sellers & Associates; Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor; Chief Guy Nerren; Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; Lance Broussard; Karen Broussard; Billie Mathweg; Michael Damell; Louis Trahan; William Gerard

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to Enter into a Public Hearing. Yay- All Present

**Public Hearing for the Purpose of:** Arsement advised comments will be heard on each item as they are presented.

**Presentation of Ordinance 26-2 to Approve Golf Cart Use on Municipal Roads-** Lance Broussard advised he was in favor of golf carts, the carrying of insurance, working lights, licensed drivers, and permits at a minimal cost. He was not in favor of requiring seat belts or inspections and felt if a resident violates portions of the ordinance, the Town should issue a citation or confiscate the golf cart and keep it in the Maintenance yard rather than have a towing company get involved. He felt the Town would not be liable for accidents or incidents involving golf carts on the roadways. Billie Mathweg questioned what Youngsville's process was and if golf carts were inspected there. Arsement advised the presented ordinance mimics the Youngsville ordinance and was tweaked to fit Maurice. Inspections are performed there by their police department. Mike Damell was in favor of displaying a slow-moving vehicle triangle on the golf cart and carrying insurance. He was not in favor of inspections or permits but was indifferent to the seat belt requirement. He said his family would use their golf cart to get to the Maurice Park and enjoy functions as the Town grows. Wayne Theriot wanted to see the Town of Maurice listed as an additional insured on individual liability policies during the permitting process. Scott Trahan felt that even though the Town's 2.7 miles sounded like it would be a golf cart community, he had strong concerns about the 2 state highways that divide the Town into 4 quadrants. He wanted to see golf carts restricted to the residential neighborhoods until the Town can create paths for riding. Mike Barnet disagreed, stating he would be restricted to one street for riding and felt the money for the permit wouldn't be worth it. Trahan advised some people would be restricted to their yards and stated he also had to think about residents that might be a gainst golf carts on the roadways. Schlicher advised a point of clarification needed to be made defining the term neighborhood if that kind of restriction was imposed. He also advised if Trahan was suggesting limiting use to subdivisions only, half of the Town would be excluded and felt the speed limit restriction of 25mph roadways was sufficient. Schlicher also pointed out that an amendment needed to be made to the presented ordinance reducing the permitted speed from 35mph to 25mph. He also felt those not following the law was outside of the Town's control no matter how many laws are created. Schlicher advised the presented ordinance contained restrictions currently working for other municipalities dealing with golf carts on their roadways and felt good about the 25mph suggested limit. Landry-Lalande had concerns about the Town's infrastructure and adopting an ordinance that favors the wants and needs of the majority of its residents. She was in favor of permits, inspections, and seatbelts and somewhat in favor of restricting use to neighborhoods. Landry-Lalande thought spending more time, energy, and money on creating pathways for residents who utilize bicycles can safely get to their desired destinations. She felt the Town would benefit more as a bicycle community and had concerns about resident safety. Catalon had concerns about resident safety stating people use excessive speed when traveling down E. Vincent and Andre Avenue. He wanted to see the golf carts restricted to the neighborhood of the permitted golf cart owner until roadway conditions are improved or pathways for riding have been created. Arsement asked Catalon if he wanted to add E. Vincent and Andre Avenue to the list of exclusions. Schlicher advised there were golf carts all down E. Vincent and Andre Avenue for Halloween with no issues. He also stated that even though there were reports of excessive speeds, the average speed down these roads was 28mph. Landry-Lalande also stated concerns with roadway conditions and lack of sidewalks. Matthew Trahan agreed safety was important but also recognized there are motorized bicycles on the roadways and he wasn't interested in making a law for use of those. He wanted to find a good balance with regulations for those in favor and against golf cart use. Trahan wanted to see residents enjoy getting to the Maurice Park without having to use their vehicles. Arsement asked for any additional public comment. Lance Broussard advised golf carts take up less room on the roadway than a vehicle in the event someone needs to pass. Wayne Theriot asked for a restriction preventing golf carts on the walking path. Arsement advised they would not be allowed past the Maurice Park's parking lot and further comments could be made prior to the vote. No further comments were made.

**Presentation of Ordinance 26-2A to Adopt Modifications to Existing Sales and Use Tax Ordinances 75-8A-** Arsement explained this changed the vendors compensation from 2% to 1% and included the addition of a tax on streaming services such as Netflix. No public comments

**Presentation of Ordinance 26-2B to Modify an Existing Ordinance 12-7 Establishing the Salary of the Municipal Clerk-** No public comments

**Presentation of Ordinance 26-2C to Modify Existing Sewer Use Ordinances 20-2, 98-10A, 08-09A, 77-6A, 6-8-77, 11-7, 15-9 & 18-2A to Adjust the Sewer User Fees-** Arsement explained the sewer rate increase was based on a recent audit recommendation. Catalon and Landry-Lalande expressed favor of the increase to continue to meet the needs of keeping up with costs of expansion to accommodate the growth of the Town. No public comments  
No other comments were made regarding Public Hearing items.

**Motion:** M. Trahan/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Close the Public Hearing. 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 January 21, 2026-** No public comments

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to accept the January 21, 2026, minutes and dispense with the reading. Yay-All Present

**Agenda Approval-** No public comments

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

**Ricky Lafleur-** Mr. Lafleur, stated that Mayor's Court was going well. Letters for abandoned vehicles were served, and the liens are in place for properties not in compliance with the Town's grass ordinance. He was also working on preparing a letter of clean-up for piles of debris left on a piece of property near a business which is causing a rodent issue. Lafleur advised the Town does its best to work with landowners to comply with grass regulations, but some do not respond or comply, which leads to additional actions to bring property in compliance. Discussion was held. He had nothing else to report.

**Matthew Vincent, Sellers & Associates- City Park Drainage Improvements Resolution of Acceptance-** Vincent advised Glenn Lege completed the Park Drainage within the approved budget. Arsement advised the parking lot and drainage is complete and the Resolution of Acceptance needed to be executed. Catalon advised there is still an area that doesn't drain properly and the sidewalk was crushed during construction. Arsement advised the drainage would be corrected once a decision has been made on the bollards and the sidewalk will be fixed also once the bike rack is ordered. Mike Damell asked about the posts partially on the sidewalk and Wayne Theriot requested a warning be placed on the utility poles. Arsement advised the Town will take care of the posts on the sidewalk and reflector tape will be wrapped around the utility poles to help with visibility. Discussion was held. No further comments were made.

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to Execute the Resolution of Acceptance for the City Park Drainage. Yay- M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher; Nay- None

**Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Traffic Control Regulatory Signage-** Vincent advised the resolution authorizes stop signs to be placed on Weaver Way at the intersections of Dawson Avenue, Harper Drive, and Collins Court. Arsement advised there have been several reports of speeding in Hudson Yards Subdivision, so the stop signs would help to break up that long stretch of road along Weaver Way. Billie Mathweg was in favor of the stop sign installation to help protect the children that ride bikes and play in the neighborhood. Arsement would rather put stop signs than speed bumps stating the number of speed bumps required would slow down emergency response vehicles. Schlicher wanted to look at placing stop signs in Picard Farms at next months General Meeting. Discussion was held. No further comments were made.

**Motion:** S. Trahan/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to Accept the Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Traffic Control Regulatory Signage in Hudson Yards Subdivision. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan; Nay- None

**Final Plat and Sewer System Improvements Acceptance for J-Badt Investment Properties, LLC-** Mr. Vincent recommended approval of the Final Plat and Sewer System Improvements for J-Badt Investment Properties. The plat subdivides the property into 5 lots for commercial development which includes a right of way donation to the town for the j-turn and future public road. Arsement advised the approval is important to the Town especially for the sewer connection and tie-in. Schlicher asked if the plat covered the previous sewer improvements that were not accepted by the Town for the development. Scott Trahan asked if improvements would be sufficient to service upcoming developments in the area. Arsement advised the improvements presented do cover those previously denied by the Town. Mr. Vincent advised the property to the North would be serviced by the sewer improvements submitted to accommodate new developments. Discussion was held. No public comments

**Motion:** Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Accept Final Plat and Sewer System Improvements for J-Badt Investment Properties, LLC. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan; Nay- None

**Chief Nerren, Police Chief-Updates-** Nerren advised the Town is having issues with stray cats. Some complainants do not want traps in their yards. Animal Control will only pick up 1 cat at a time and reset the trap once the captured cat has been rehomed. Nerren purchased traps to assist with removal of the strays. One of the units had a burnt smell and is being looked at for repair. Traffic data was collected on Weaver Way at Mayor Arsement's request. The average speed was 15.9mph with a few vehicles clocking at 24-25mph. Discussion was held

**Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor-** January 2026- 9,370,000 gallons of water produced; 8,101,815 gallons of water sold; 1,268,185 gallons of water Unmetered; 13%. The unmetered number is high so the maintenance crew will check for leaks. Matthew Trahan asked about the water in the roadway near Dominos. Meche advised the Drainage Board cleared the larger trees on the New City Hall property very quickly and extended thanks for the help. The department also purchased a land leveler and used it to grate Hudson Road, Coyote Trail and other areas in Town to help with drainage. The contractors have begun working on the Elevated Water Tank bowl and asked Council members to go by to look at the progress. Catalon thanked Meche for the quick response to the sewer boring issue near A+ Daycare. Arsement advised potential legislation to hold subcontractors for the larger utility companies accountable in the event utility lines are damaged during installation work. Discussion was held

**Mayor Arsement- Ordinance 26-2 to Approve Golf Cart Use on Municipal Roads-** Public comments included one resident asking for Council members to keep in mind people want this as a family-oriented area and another questioning the timeline on adding infrastructure for pathways. Arsement advised he is working on improvements and hopes to add infrastructure projects into the next budget. To add a sidewalk along Andre Avenue is an estimated \$260,000. Arsement also advised amendments can be made to the ordinance as infrastructure is added. Arsement asked that motions be made by Council members to make amendments or adjustments based off the discussions with the public before the final wording was accepted and voted on. No public comment

**Motion:** Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to adopt Ordinance 26-2 to Approve Golf Cart Use on Municipal Roads.

The motion remained open to allow for amendments or changes to be discussed and approved before a final vote was taken.

Scott Trahan thought golf carts traveling down East Vincent and Andre Avenue was too dangerous for the Town's residents. Schlicher, Landry-Lalande, and Matthew Trahan disagreed with the prohibition of Andre Avenue because it eliminates 3 subdivisions. Discussion was held. No public comment

**Motion:** S. Trahan/Catalon moved, seconded and failed to amend page 4. Article 14 of Ordinance 26-2 to include East Vincent and Andre Avenue as prohibited streets. Yay- Catalon, S. Trahan; Nay- Schlicher, Landry-Lalande, M. Trahan

Schlicher advised the speed limit was supposed to include the maximum speed roadways of 25mph. No public comment

**Motion:** Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Amend the presented Ordinance 26-2 reducing the allowable roads to those with speeds of 25mph instead of 35 mph. Yay- Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Nay- None

Scott Trahan, Catalon, and Landry-Lalande did not agree with golf carts traveling down East Vincent and expressed concerns about the safety of the residents due to poor road conditions and traffic data presented by Chief Nerren. Schlicher thought it was unfair to base a decision on data that showed the majority of residents are following the laws. Schlicher and Billie Mathweg disagreed with prohibiting East Vincent Street. Discussion was held.

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to Amend page 4. Article 14 of Ordinance 26-2 to include East Vincent Street as a prohibited road. Yay- M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Nay- Schlicher

Schlicher commented about not having fees included for damage or lost permit stickers. Arsement advised he thought a replacement fee was necessary to ensure permits remain on the approved golf cart only. Lance Broussard thought the replacement cost was too much. Discussion was held.

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to Amend Ordinance 26-2 to include language reading the replacement fee for a lost or unreadable permit of operation sticker shall be \$50. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan; Nay- None

After all discussions Scott Trahan still felt the Town was not set up for golf carts to be on the roadways and hoped residents would be appreciative of the privilege if the ordinance was adopted. Schlicher felt that since the ordinance had been worked on and discussed for the last 1 ½ years, Council members should have been ready to vote. Arsement called for the original motion with amendments to bring to a vote for final adoption. No public comments.

**Motion:** Schlicher/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to adopt Ordinance 26-2 to Approve Golf Cart Use on Municipal Roads with amendments. Yay- Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, Landry-Lalande; Nay- S. Trahan

**Ordinance 26-2A with Modifications to Existing Sales and Use Tax Ordinances 75-8A -** Arsement presented the modified ordinance. No public comment

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Schlicher moved, seconded and carried to Adopt Ordinance 26-2A Modifying the Existing Sales and Use Tax Ordinances 75-8A Yay- Catalon, Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande; Nay- None

**Ordinance 26-2B to Modify Ordinance 12-7 Establishing the Salary of the Municipal Clerk -** Arsement presented the ordinance. No public comment

**Motion:** Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to Adopt Ordinance 26-2B to Modify Ordinance 12-7 Establishing the Salary of the Municipal Clerk. Yay- Schlicher, M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Nay- None

**Ordinance 26-2C to Modify the Existing Sewer Use Ordinances to Adjust the Sewer Use Fees -** Arsement presented the ordinance and discussed the importance of the Council's consideration. He clarified the deficit numbers presented last month. Discussion was held. No public comment

**Motion:** Schlicher/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Adopt Ordinance 26-2C to Modify the Existing Sewer Use Ordinances 20-2, 98-10A, 08-09A, 77-6A, 6-8-77, 11-7, 15-9 & 18-2A to Adjust Sewer Use Fees. Yay- M. Trahan, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon, Schlicher; Nay-None

**Sales Tax Report-** December 2025 sales tax is \$150,477.19 which increased 11.8% from last year. Arsement asked residents continue supporting local businesses or shopping online and thanked everyone for continuing to support the local community businesses and keep them growing.

**Updates-** The New City Hall project went out for bid and the award should be presented to Council members for the March General Meeting. Nichole Bonin asked about the Water Rate Ordinance. Arsement will discuss postponing water rates with Council members during the March meeting. Meche asked about the Maurice Park bollards. Matthew Trahan will speak with Meche as soon as he gets additional information from Council members.

**Council Concerns:** Landry-Lalande inquired about burnt streetlights. Nichole Bonin will submit all streetlight repair requests to Entergy once Chief Nerren's nighttime officers compile a list since there are multiple ones that cannot be selected on Entergy's repair portal. Discussion was held

**Motion:** Schlicher/Landry-Lalande seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Yay- All Present

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Nichole G Bonin, Assistant Clerk

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Neil Arsement, Mayor