

GENERAL MEETING
TOWN OF MAURICE MINUTES
Wednesday, June 17, 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 Alderman Troy Catalon led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of officers

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

Absent: Alderman Matthew Trahan; Alderman Jonathan Schlicher

Also present: Erica Arceneaux; Shakyla Cormier; Joan Methvin; Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor; Chief Guy Nerren; Ricky Lafleur, Legal Advisor; Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates; Michael Roy, John Dowling; John Sonnier; Wayne Theriot; Kelly Hardy; Troy Menard; Joey Stelly; Jeff Landry; Chad Roussel; Jesse Trahan; Tracy Trahan

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

Public Hearing for the Purpose of:

Present Ordinance 26-6 Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026- Michael Roy presented the Ordinance amending the budget previously discussed during the June 3, 2026, Special Meeting for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. There were minimal changes to the numbers previously presented. Council members had no questions. No public comments were made.

Present Ordinance 26-6A Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027- Michael Roy presented the Ordinance for the operating budget previously discussed during the June 3, 2026, Special Meeting for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Council members had no questions. No public comments were made.

Present Ordinance 26-6B Extending and Enlarging the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Maurice and Including an Area Known as The Villien Property (Etienne Road) and Defining the Entire Boundaries of the Town of Maurice as Changed by Said Addition- Nick Sonnier presented the Annexation Ordinance which included 56 acres of property along W. Etienne. Wayne Theriot asked if Vermilion Sheriff would still have policing authority and Vermilion Parish Police Jury would still maintain the roadway and ditches. Vermilion Sheriff and Vermilion Parish Police Jury would still have jurisdiction over the roadway and most of the ditches. The Town would be responsible for a portion of the ditch on the North Side. Scott Trahan asked if the property on the northeast side was discussed for annexation. The developer advised they want to purchase the property in the future. If all property is obtained and annexed, the Town would have discussions on taking in the portion of the roadway in front of the subdivision. No other Council or public comments were made.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan 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 May 20, 2026, General Meeting Minutes & June 3, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes- No public comment

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to accept May 20, 2026, General Meeting Minutes & June 3, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes as presented and unread. Yay-All Present

Agenda Approval- No public comment

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

Final Adoption Ordinance 26-6 Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026- Michael Roy presented the Ordinance to Council members for adoption. No public comments

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to Adopt Ordinance 26-6 Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Final Adoption Ordinance 26-6A Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027- Michael Roy presented the Ordinance to Council members for adoption. No public comments

Motion: Catalon/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to Adopt Ordinance 26-6A Operating Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, S. Trahan; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Ricky Lafleur- Lafleur introduced Ordinance 26-7 as the Fire Lane Ordinance to Council members to set for public hearing before the July 15, 2026, General Meeting. The ordinance will also include the adoption of LARS 32:143 and section 1509 of the Louisiana Administrative Code along with penalties. The town currently does not have an ordinance to regulate and enforce fire lanes. Captain John Sonnier asked about enforcement and was advised, if passed, the Fire Lane Ordinance would be referenced for citations issued dealing with non-compliance of this issue. Discussion was held. No public comment

Motion: S. Trahan/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to set Ordinance 26-7, Fire Lane Ordinance for Public Hearing to be held at the Town of Maurice General Meeting Room, located at 405 Lastie Avenue, Maurice LA 70555, on July 15, 2026, at 6pm. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, S. Trahan; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Lafleur advised Mayor's Court was going well. He also had to address another issue with an abandoned vehicle.

Nick Sonnier, Sellers & Associates- Sonnier presented Ordinance 26-6B Extending and Enlarging the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Maurice and Including an Area known as Claire Bohn, Ferdinand Villien & Edward Villien Property (Etienne Road) and Defining the Entire Boundaries of the Town of Maurice as Changed by Said Addition. Catalon asked about extending water lines and was informed this was the developers' responsibility. Discussion was held. No public comment

Motion: Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried Adopting Ordinance 26-6B Extending and Enlarging the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Maurice and Including an Area Known as The Villien Property (Etienne Road) and Defining the Entire Boundaries of the Town of Maurice as Changed by Said Addition. Yay- Catalon, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Petition for Annexation LA Hwy 92 East- Sonnier introduced a Petition for the Annexation of LA Hwy 92 East. A letter of no objection to annex portions of the right-of-way. Wayne Theriot and Scott Trahan questioned the ROW and was informed it goes to the center of the roadway all the way to Kirk Rd. except in front of Magnolia Lakes Subdivision. Catalon asked about utilities. The Town would not provide utilities at this time but would provide police protection for the proposed area. If approved, an annexation ordinance would be introduced in July. Discussion was held. No other public comments.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to Accept the Petition for Annexation LA Hwy 92 East. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Villien Subdivision Phase 1 Preliminary Plat- Sonnier recommended approval contingent upon the developer addressing items listed from Sellers & Associates. Scott Trahan questioned the roads and access to possible future phases on the plat and asked about the areas containing the pipeline. He was advised the pipeline areas would be used as green space. The subdivision contains lots similar to Kohen Estates. Discussion was held. No public comments.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to approve Villien Subdivision Preliminary Plat contingent upon the developer considering items listed from the Sellers & Associates letter dated June 17, 2026. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Chief Nerren, Police Chief-Updates- Nerren advised the person he had in mind for the dispatcher position did not work out. Another applicant with experience is being considered pending results of a physical. He also advised a new officer was hired giving the department 7 full-time and 1 part-time officers.

Richard Meche, Maintenance Supervisor- May 2026- 9,618,000 gallons of water produced; 8,632,276 gallons of water sold; 985,724 gallons of water Unmetered; 10%. The maintenance crew fixed a leak near the nursing home and are still working on grass maintenance. There was a minor vandalism issue at the park which has been taken care of and filed with Maurice Police Department. June was the first month the new disconnect timeframe was implemented. Arsement advised he and City Hall employees have been working hard to address confusion with residents including highlighting and bolding any past due balances that would be due immediately. He is also working on updating disconnect and reconnect ordinances. Landry-Lalande advised the gate surrounding the pump station in her subdivision is being tampered with by some children in the neighborhood. Meche will address the issue. Lafleur suggested placing No Trespassing Signs at all stations. Catalon asked about the pump station on Andre. Meche advised it was repaired and currently working properly.

Mayor Neil Arsement-Introduce to Amend Ordinance 22-8 Amending the Chief of Police Salary- Arsement advised a public hearing was necessary to present the ordinance for amendment. This is the only ordinance that still has verbiage regarding a health insurance allowance which needs to be changed for accounting purposes. Arsement would also like to see the cost of living raise verbiage removed so the public would be allowed input prior to any raise to the Chief salary. Wayne Theriot questioned the insurance allowance from the Mayor's Salary Ordinance. That verbiage was previously brought to public hearing and changed. Nerren was informed the Chief salary wouldn't change and he would be allowed health insurance from the Town. Landry-Lalande asked if a vehicle allowance was included and was advised the Chief is currently provided with a vehicle. Wayne Theriot and Landry-Lalande suggested adding verbiage regarding the use or allowance for a vehicle be added. Landry-Lalande agreed. Discussion was held. No other public comment.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan moved, seconded and carried to set Amending of Ordinance 22-8 Amending the Chief of Police Salary for Public Hearing to be held at the Town of Maurice General Meeting Room, located at 405 Lastie Avenue, Maurice LA 70555, on July 15, 2026, at 6pm. Yay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon, S. Trahan; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Adopt Resolution 26-6 Adopting the Millage Rate of 2.41 Mills for the Tax Year 2026- The millage resolution was presented. No public comment

Motion: Catalon/Landry-Lalande moved, seconded and carried to Adopt the Millage Rate of 2.41 Mills for the 2026 Tax Year. Yay- Catalon, S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande; Nay- None; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Adopt Resolution 26-6A Adopting the 2026 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Nick Sonnier advised LSU AG requires an updated mitigation resolution every 5 years outlining details to provide grants during disasters if funding is available. Wayne Theriot advised the Town had previously participated in the program. Kelly Hardy asked if the program was for government only and was advised individuals could apply for demolition or elevation grants with proof of damage from a recent disaster. Discussion was held.

Motion: S. Trahan/Catalon moved, seconded and carried to adopt Resolution 26-6A, 2026 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Program. Yay- S. Trahan, Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Nay- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Pat McGee-Attorney Contract- The Town issues which conflict with Legal Lafleur. The Town must legally have a back-up in the event of a conflict. The Attorney general would need to approve the contract if accepted. Council members wanted additional clarification. Discussion was held. No public comment

Motion: Landry-Lalande/S. Trahan moved, seconded and failed to accept the Contract with Attorney Pat McGee. Yay- S. Trahan; Nay- Landry-Lalande, Catalon; Absent- Schlicher, M. Trahan

Sales Tax Report- April 2026 sales tax is \$143,931.64 which increased 7.4% from last year. Arsement asked residents to continue supporting local businesses or shopping online and thanked everyone for continuing to support the local businesses to keep them growing.

Updates- The New City Hall is slowly moving forward with the rain. Arsement is working on drainage for the new Maurice Park property.

Council Concerns- Catalon advised he has read several positive comments regarding new retail places coming to the Town. Landry-Lalande asked who would be replacing Pizza Hut since it closed or ideas on the new strip center businesses. Arsement advised the information hasn't been released yet.

Motion: Landry-Lalande/Catalon motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Yay- All Present