

Minutes of Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
Of the
Fordoche Town Council
September 13, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Fordoche Town Hall- 5390 Fordoche Road, Fordoche, Louisiana, 70732

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Teddy P. Gros

Public Hearing – Millage rates for tax year 2016

A public hearing was held to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law. Public comments were heard. Mayor Gros declared the public hearing closed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gros

Roll call

Present: Robin Cashio, Callie Meche, Don Sonnier, Lonnie Kimble, Karen Kimble
Absent: None

Adopt Minutes

Motion by Don Sonnier, seconded by Callie Meche
Resolved, Minutes of August 9, 2016, meeting approved.

Review and approval of invoices and financial statements

Motion by Robin Cashio, seconded by Karen Kimble
Resolved, invoices and financial statements of previous month reviewed and approved.

Mayor Gros

The water well control system upgrade has been completed. Also, the ground storage tank has been cleaned and put back in service.
The Mayor would like to thank all of you who helped with a major water leak on LA Hwy 81.

Departmental Reports

All departments gave a brief update.

Public Comments

Public voiced concern about people being on a fixed income and not being able to afford the property tax increase if the Town rolls forward the millage rates for 2016.

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Public comments

Mr. Marco Macera is asking that there be more police patrol during 6:00am and 8:00am and during 4:00pm and 7:00pm. He wanted to know what the duties of the Chief of Police and other officers are. He was told that the Chief and all other officers are part time and they work when they can.

The Chief told Mr. Macera that if he gets a call at night he will respond. If he doesn't get a call he cannot respond.

Mr. Joe Lindley and Mrs. Polly Stephens addressed the council about the letter she received saying that she would be charged for water to an inhabited camper in her yard. They have both stated that the individual has moved out.

Mr. Frank Breazeale asked the Mayor and Council if there was any way we could get a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign installed letting motorists know that there is a stop in a curve. He was told that we would make the call tomorrow.

New Business

Adoption of Resolution for adjusted millage rates for tax year 2016

General Municipal 6.05 and General Alimony 5.03

Motion by Don Sonnier, seconded by Karen Kimble

Mayor Gros asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

YEAS: Don Sonnier, Karen Kimble, Lonnie Kimble, Robin Cashio, Callie Meche

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed by a vote of 5/0/0/0

Resolved, Resolution adopted

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Adoption of Resolution for adjusted millage rates and rolling forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law.

Motion by Don Sonnier, seconded by Callie Meche

Mayor Gros asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

YEAS: Robin Cashio

NAYS: Don Sonnier, Karen Kimble, Lonnie Kimble, Callie Meche

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion failed by a vote of 1/4/0/0

Resolved, Resolution failed to pass.

Adjournment

Motion by Don Sonnier, seconded by Lonnie Kimble

Resolved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm

By our signatures, we hereby attest a true and approved minutes of the Fordoche Town Council.

Teddy Gros, Mayor

Lisa Cormier, Clerk