

Village of Elizabeth

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PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 7/13/26 at 6:30pm at the Elizabeth Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street, Elizabeth, LA. The notice of Meeting having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Mandy Green at 6:30pm. Opening prayer led by Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Stacy Weldon, Council
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer
Denise Lee, Clerk
Heather Sutton, Attorney

Council and Staff Absent

Shane Ware, Police Chief
Jeb Moore, Fire Dept Asst Chief
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

1. No comments from the public on the agenda.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes for the regular council meeting of 6/8/26. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
3. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
 - A. Mayor Green reported the number of property maintenance notices that were sent out. 510 Pine, 808 Main Street, 517 Pine- village proceeded forth cleaning.
5. **POLICE CHIEF**
 - A. Monthly report not given.
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to table the adoption of **Resolution 150-2026** to donate 2012 Tahoe Unit to the Elizabeth Fire Department until next meeting. Chief Ware will have to write a letter to donate to the Fire Department.
 - C. Mayor Green stated that the 2021 Unit is needing a repair currently.
6. **FIRE CHIEF**
 - A. Lorrie Odom gave monthly report. 2 medical calls
 - B. Mayor Green asked if Fire Department was willing to accept the Green 2012 Tahoe from the Police Department and she stated yes.
7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. Update on CWSRF-DEQ Sewer Improvement Grant- Glenn Turner stated that this project was substantially complete as of the 1st day of June. Construction crew should come next week to work on the punch list.
 - B. Update on PHMSA Gas Grant- Glenn stated they sent the preliminary design to Mr. Van Earl and they are making requested changes and the plans are about 80% complete.
 - C. Mayor Green reported that the village already had to buy 2 new pumps for the sewer plant due to that amount of sand, rocks and silt still infiltrating the sewer lines. The village purchased one and the company gave another one. One current pump is no good and will keep the other old pump on hand as a spare if needed. There is still quite a bit of debris coming into the wet well and having to be flushed. Mayor Green stated that the sewer maps are still not all correct, but changes are being made upon discoveries.
8. **VILLAGE ATTORNEY**
 - A. None

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

***New Business-** Mayor Green let Ms. Salling from Cleco go next so she didn't have to stay through rest of the meeting.

- A. Cleco Lease Renewal- Ms. Sabrina Salling representing Cleco went over the revisions of the new 10-year Lease beginning for 2028. She stated a change that the insurance clause was removed due to there is no insurance offered for this type of utility if damages. They just pay for damages. She stated the yearly Lease payment will increase to \$35,000. They also will issue a one-time upfront payment of \$30,000 for early renewal.
- B. Stacy Weldon made a motion to add to the agenda **Resolution 151-2026** confirming renewal of lease and approving first amendment to lease, operating and franchise agreement between the Village of Elizabeth and Cleco Power LLC. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor. Stacy Weldon-yea, Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea for a unanimous vote to add Resolution 151-2026 to the agenda.
- C. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Resolution 151-2026** confirming renewal and approving first amendment to lease, operating and franchise agreement between the Village of Elizabeth and Cleco Power LLC. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- D. Ms. Salling stated that Cleco will begin cleaning alley ways in the village soon.

***Old Business**

- E. Mayor Green requested for the council to begin reviewing the Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines to revise for Lawrason Act Municipal Government. This will be done in sections. Each council member received a copy of the SOG.
- F. Council will be unable to meet on August 10, 2026. Stacy Weldon made a motion to move the August monthly council meeting to August 17, 2026, at 5:30pm. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.

10. COUNCIL

- A. Public hearing for amendment to Ordinance 01-2015(A8) increasing clerk salary to \$4038/month held. Mayor Green said this was a cost-of-living increase. No further comments. Closed hearing.
- B. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt amendment to Ordinance 01-2015(A8) increasing clerk salary to \$4038/month to become **Ordinance 01-2015(A9)** effective 7/16/26. Stacy Weldon seconded. Mea Dillehay-yea, Ken Kelly-yea, Stacy Weldon-yea All in favor.
- C. Council introduced **Ordinance 56-2026** at the June meeting which establishes a training and licensure reimbursement policy for employees of the Village of Elizabeth, requiring a repayment agreement for licensing targeting Water, Wastewater (Sewer) and Natural Gas Utility and Law Enforcement POST CERTIFICATION funded by the municipality. Repayment will be established by a sliding scale for repayment upon voluntary separation or negligence of state and federal requirements. Public hearing to be held August 17, 2026 at 5:30pm prior to adoption.
- D. Stacy Weldon introduced an amendment to **Ordinance 19-19.1 Court Costs** which allows the Mayor's Court to add an additional \$5.00 for reckless operation of a vehicle offense, first offense, to citations according to LRS 14:99C(1) and (3). In each instance, the additional fees collected shall be forwarded by the sheriff to the state treasurer within 30 days of collection. After allocation to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall deposit these collection in the LA Emergency Response Network Fund. Public hearing to be held prior to adoption August 17, 2026.
- E. Mayor Green requested to table until August meeting the introduction of amendment to Ordinance 26D, Section 6 (c) to add the parcel no.0550008000 to 705 Maple Street property and to add parcel no.0450000200H to 1127 Horseshoe Drive property due to further amendments to be researched.
- F. Discussed Occupational License that have not been paid. Council signed a notice for the clerk to send to the businesses that still have not paid the Occupational License due to the village for 2026.
- G. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve expenses for June 2026 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- H. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.

APPROVED BY:/S/Mayor Mandy L Green 7.15.26 ATTEST BY:/S Denise Lee, LCMClerk 7.15.26