

Village of Elizabeth
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PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 8/11/25 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
Mea Dillehay, Council
Stacy Weldon, Council
Ken Kelly, Council
Denise Lee, Clerk
Crystal Hunt, Code Compliance
Heather Sutton, Attorney
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer

Council and Staff Absent

Shane Ware, Police Chief
Steven Self, Fire Dept Asst Chief
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

1. No comments from the public on any agenda item.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes for the regular council meeting of July 14, 2025. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
3. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
4. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
 - A. Crystal Hunt gave the monthly report that 6 notices for property maintenance had been sent out.
5. **POLICE CHIEF**
 - A. Officer LaCaze gave the monthly report.
 - B. Ken Kelly made a motion to place the discussion of Animal Control Officer if Chief present, until the next meeting. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
6. **FIRE CHIEF**
 - A. Lorrie Odom gave the monthly report. Also requested 2 more fire extinguishers.
 - B. She stated they would be getting ready to have another fundraiser soon to purchase an AED machine.
7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - ***Old Business**
 - A. No sealed bids received for Surplus 2012 F250 Silver Pickup with minimum bid set at \$8,500.00.
 - B. The agenda stated 60hp for the Kubota tractor, but it was discovered it was 70hp. Stacy Weldon made a motion to correct the hp to 70. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor. Vote unanimous to change- Stacy Weldon-yea, Mea Dillehay-yes, Ken Kelly-yea. Only 1 sealed bid was received with no name posted on the front of the envelope as requested for the Surplus 2011 Kubota tractor 4WD. Minimum bid set at \$9,000.00. Mayor Green stated that this was the only bid received and with this minimum it would not be enough to go towards the purchase of new tractor. Stacy Weldon made a motion to reject the bid and keep the tractor. Ken Kelly seconded.
 - C. No sealed bids received for Surplus 1997 John Deere tractor with minimum bid set at \$8,000.00.
 - D. No sealed bids received for Surplus 6' Brave Bushhog with minimum bid set at \$800.00.
 - E. All other items will be readvertised for bids.
 - ***New Business**
 - A. Update on Elizabeth Clinic Lease- Heather stated a couple of changes. There will be a 180 day notice to terminate with no automatic renewal. Also, anyone doing an in-house inspection would be escorted.
 - B. She also stated that the Martco Lease Renewal was ready to be signed with a few updatees.
8. **VILLAGE ATTORNEY**
 - A. Heather stated that she had a draft ready to discuss for Ordinance 26C for mobile homes concerning permits. Copies will be sent to the council before the next meeting.
 - B. Ken Kelly introduced an amendment to **Ordinance 9-99 Occupational License** concerning the stands run by 17-year-olds and under will not be charged a fee and food trucks and vegetable stands to be charged \$50.00.

If the vegetables are grown by the seller, there will be no charge. Also, vendors at public events that benefit the community will not be charged.

- C. Public hearing on an amendment to Ordinance 1-84.1 pertaining to notice entering properties and service. To become 1-84.2. No comments. Hearing closed.
- D. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 1-84.2** with amendment regarding property condemnation as it pertains to notice entering properties and service. (To become **Ordinance 1-84.2**) Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor. Mea Dillehay-yes, Ken Kelly-yes, Stacy Weldon-yes for a unanimous vote.

9. COUNCIL

- A. Discuss Ordinance 15-19A3 Police Chief Salary for next term. Council would like to lower salary for the next term to \$800 per month. Will introduce an amendment at the next monthly council meeting.
- B. Ken Kelly made a motion for council to approve expenses for July 2025 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. Glenn Turner gave update on current sewer repair project grants- He stated that the sewer contractor had an electrician show up to work on project. Also, Glenn stated that a Change Order had been signed by the CO-D Construction with the same contract deadline of April 15, 2025 to be substantially complete.
- B. He stated that he checked with the contractor, Womack & Sons, concerning the sludge at the sewer plant and he stated he hasn't received a response and that he is not letting this go.
- C. Gas PHMSA grant update- He stated that we are waiting for authorization from PHMSA to start expending funds. Surveyors have started getting the information ready for all the easements and such. Glenn stated their surveyor would be reaching out to Mr. Van Earl-gas operator concerning bushhogging the right of way.
- D. Glenn mentioned that he is working on a Delta Regional Authority Grant for the Village to extend the sewer system to the new project taking place. Mayor Green stated that we would not be pursuing this grant at this time due to all the current problems with the sewer that needs to be addressed. Glenn stated that the problems should be addressed by the time this project would be taking place. Mayor Green stated that she had went through these project issues and she feels these will not be completely addressed and fixed by this time. She stated several examples that will not be even addressed in these projects and feels we do not need to start this project until these are addressed. Glenn stated that we will never fix the filtration issues at a 100%. Mayor Green stated again that she feels we should not apply for this particular grant at this time. Stacy Weldon questioned and asked if there is possibly another grant later on for this. Mr. Ken asked Glenn is the majority of the issues would be fixed on the \$1.3 million project. Glenn stated he felt they would. Mayor Green stated that she has went through the inspection reports and disagrees. She stated that she felt there is no way between now and the September 3, 2025 deadline the project would even be finished. Council discussed further if the company does not complete the project and we have to involve the bond company. Also discussed the Village will possibly be out of pocket for repairs past what the grant covers. Mayor Green stated that it has been difficult to even get this contractor to come out and do the repairs. Stacy Weldon questioned if this Delta Regional grant could help with the repairs of the system issues. Glenn stated that the grant could only be used for the Sewer Extension. Glenn stated that he needed permission to pursue the grant. Ken Kelly made a motion to pursue forth with the application. Stacy Weldon seconded. Mayor Green stated that this item was not on the agenda to vote. Stacy Weldon stated she would like to pursue forth. Ken Kelly said yes and Mea Dillehay stated yes.

- 11. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/S/Mandy L Green 8.12.25

Attest By:/S/Denise Lee, LCMClerk

*Public hearing to be held prior to adoption of amendment to **Ordinance 9-99** Occupational License concerning the stands run by 17-year-old and under to not be charged a fee and food trucks and vegetable stands to be charged \$50.00. If the vegetables are grown by the seller, there will be no charge. Also, vendors at public events that benefit the community will not be charged. Ordinance to become 9-99.1.