Town of Jonesboro

Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2026 – 6:00PM

Town of Jonesboro Conference Room
128 Allen Avenue, Jonesboro, LA 71251
(318) 259-2385

1. Call to Order: Mayor Dr. James Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was established with the following members present:

- Alderman Tracy Ginn (District A)
- Alderman Robbie Siadek (District B)
- Alderman Robert Hunter (District C)
- Alderman Devin Flowers (District D)
- Alderman Nia Evans (Alderman-at-Large)

3. Invocation: The invocation was given by Alderman Siadek.
4. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Ginn.
5. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Harris asked for a motion to amend the agenda to reflect 10A,10B and 10C. A motion was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Ginn. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Ginn. (**Motion carried unanimously.)**
6. Public Comments: No public comments or concerns were presented.
Candidates for public office in attendance included:

- Attorney Patrick Jefferson (Division A)
- Attorney Yumeaka Washington (Division B)

Both introduced themselves to the Board.
7. Approval of June 2026 Minutes A motion to approve the June 2026 meeting minutes was made by Alderman Siadek and seconded by Alderman Evans. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. Approval of May 2026 Financials A motion to approve the May 2026 financial reports was made by Alderman Ginn and seconded by Alderman at Large Evans. **Motion carried unanimously.**
9. Audit Services Contract the Board considered approval of the audit services contract with Rozier, McKay & Willis CPA Firm. Mayor Harris confirmed that the cost of the contract would remain unchanged.

A motion to approve the contract was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Ginn. **Motion carried.**

10. Resolution 2026-016 – Millage Rates

The Board considered Resolution 2026-016 adopting the 2026 millage rates.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Siadek. **Motion carried.**

A. DEQ-CWSRF Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovations

Henry Schuler presented Contract No. 1 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovations.

- Lowest Bidder: Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.
- Award contingent upon State concurrence.

A motion to award the contract was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Hunter.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Water Sector Program – Wastewater Collection Renovations

Henry Schuler presented Contract No. 2.

- Lowest Bidder: Jabar Corporation
- Award contingent upon State concurrence.

A motion to award the contract was made by Alderman Siadek and seconded by Alderman Ginn.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Water Sector Program – Collection System Rehabilitation

Henry Schuler presented Contract No. 3.

- Lowest Bidder: BLD Services LLC
- Award contingent upon State concurrence.

A motion to award the contract was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Siadek.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Police Department

New Hires

Assistant Chief Johnson requested approval to hire additional officers due to staffing shortages while current officers attend training.

Recommended candidates:

- Post Certified Officer, Sketea Walker (Full-Time)
- Joshua Hollbrook (Part-Time), currently employed with the fire department

Separate motions were made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Siadek to hire each candidate. **Both motions carried.**

Police Officer Pay

The Board discussed officer compensation.

Topics included:

- Performance-based raises of up to $2.00 per hour.
- Lack of a formal salary schedule.
- Annual salaries increase.
- Establishing structured pay ranges based on position and experience.
- Cost-of-living adjustments.

Assistant Chief Johnson agreed to work with Town Attorney Pam Breedlove to prepare a formal salary schedule.

Mayor Harris requested that the completed salary schedule be presented to the Town Council and copied to both the Mayor and Town Clerk.

12. Department Head Reports

Police Department

Assistant Chief Johnson reported:

- Approximately $6,000 collected in fines (exact figures unavailable).
- Continued calls involving scooters.

The Board discussed helmet requirements for scooter riders. Assistant Chief Johnson explained that scooters fall into a legal gray area because they do not have combustible engines, and bicycle laws are currently being used for enforcement.

Alderman Ginn stated that if an ordinance is needed, she would work with the Police Chief to draft one addressing safety concerns. Alderman Evans expressed that helmet requirements should apply to all riders if the Town chooses to regulate scooters.

Public Works

Director Bradley reported that the yield sign at the corner of Third Street and South Napoleone would be addressed.

Compliance

Director Ballot was absent but submitted a written report for review by the Council.

Fire Department

Chief Bullock reported:

- 136 total calls.
- 2 property fires during the previous month.
- 3 structure fires reported during the current month.

13. Approval of Department Head Reports

A motion to approve the Department Head Reports was made by Alderman Siadek and seconded by Alderman Hunter. **Motion carried.**

14. Aldermen Comments

Alderman Ginn

- Expressed support for promoting children's safety through educational campaigns.
- Encouraged safety initiatives for bicycle and scooter riders.
- Shared appreciation for the Town's progress and teamwork.

Alderman Hunter

- Thanked everyone for attending.

Alderman Evans

- Thanked Town staff, the Board, and the candidates in attendance.
- Encouraged everyone to continue moving Jonesboro forward.

Alderman Flowers

- Thanked those in attendance and wished the candidates well.

Alderman Siadek

- Thanked the candidates and recognized Town employees for their dedicated service.

15. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Harris:

- Extended condolences to families who recently experienced loss.
- Invited the public to attend the Boys & Girls Club check presentation from Smurfit WestRock.

- Announced plans to attend the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) Conference on August 4–6.
- Encouraged elected officials and staff to participate in training opportunities and remain informed about changes to municipal laws.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman at Large Evans. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Town Clerk