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Minutes for Public Meeting February 10, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor James "Spike" Harris.
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established with the following members at 6:00 p.m.
 - Alderman Tracy Ginn (District A)**
 - Alderman Robbie Siadek (District B)**
 - Alderman Robert Hunter (District C)**
 - Alderman Devin Flowers (District D)**
3. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by; Alderman Hunter.
4. **Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by; Alderman Ginn.
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Harris asked for a motion to amend agenda. A motion was made by Ginn; seconded by Siadek. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.
6. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
7. **Candidates for Upcoming Election:** Candidates for upcoming elections spoke to the council about themselves and qualifications for desired offices.
8. **Approval of Minutes for January 2026:** Amendment of minutes: Pledge of Allegiance to be changed from Siadek to Flowers. Verbal approval of change. All in favor. A motion to approve minutes was made by Ginn; Seconded by Flowers. All in favor, motion passed.
9. **Approval of Financials for December 2025:** A motion was made by Hunter; Second by Ginn. No Discussion. All in favor, motion passed.
10. **Audit Report from Steven McKay with Rozier, McKay & Willis CPA Firm:** Steven talked about the audit report which includes first: financial statements which concluded the financials of the TOJ are good enough to make financial decisions. Second: Look at numbers of the town that provides an accurate standing of the town. TOJ has more cash than vendors owed. Breakdown of utility financials showed that the recent rate increase was necessary. Third: Compliance issues: compared to last year's audit, in which there

were 19 findings. This year there are 7 findings. There is a plan to correct the findings. Town is making progress to fix all findings.

- 11. To Introduce Ordinance for 2025-2026 Budget Amendment:** Mayor Harris asked for a motion to table this. A motion was made by Flowers; Second by Hunter. Discussion: There has been some grant money that has come in and the town needs to look at where to place it. All in favor, motion passed.
- 12. To discuss Control Account:** Clerk discusses charges on the account and seeking to open a new account. A motion to open new control account by Ginn; Seconded by Siadek. All in favor, motion passed.
- 13. Introduce Ordinance Amending Ch 32 of the Town of Jonesboro Code of Ordinance to Add Sec 32-106 to Establish Fees for Damages to Water Meters and Equipment:** Motion by Siadek, Seconded by Hunter. No Discussion All in favor, Motion Passes.
- 14. To Appoint Signatory for CEA with Jackson Parish Police Jury for the Rodeo Arena:** motion by Ginn, Seconded by Siadek. Discussion: Police Jury has given the town up to 50k to fix Rodeo Arena. All in favor, Motion passed.
- 15. To Adopt a Resolution Acquiring Generators for Water Wells through Act 461:** Motion by Siadek, Seconded by Ginn. 250k State Appropriations to put 3 permanent gas operated generators at well. All in favor, Motion Passed.
- 16. To Adopt Resolution LPS Surplus Property Program:** Motion by Ginn, Seconded by Siadek. Discussion: 2 vehicles taken out of the police department, resolution to put the vehicles up for auction. All in favor, Motion Passed.
- 17. Discuss property at 111 Cooper Ave:** Property privately bought at tax sale. The house caught fire and owner is unable to fix the property and would like to turn it over to the town to remove structure and the town can do what they want with the land.
- 18. Condemnation Hearings:** Compliance Officer discussed details of each property with council.
 - a. **605 Beech Springs Rd. Jonesboro, LA 71251**
 - b. **502 Beech Springs Rd. Jonesboro, LA 71251**
 - c. **111 Cooper Ave, Jonesboro, LA 71251**
 - d. **537 Fourth St, Jonesboro, LA 71251**
- 19. Vote to Condemn Structure Building at:**
 - a. **605 Beech Springs Rd. Jonesboro, LA 71251** Motion by Flowers to condemn property, Seconded by Ginn; No Discussion. All in Favor, Motion Passed.
 - b. **502 Beech Springs Rd. Jonesboro, LA 71251** Motion by Siadek to condemn property, Seconded by Flowers; Discussion: Family request opportunity to clean up property themselves. All in Favor, Motion Passed.
 - c. **111 Cooper Ave, Jonesboro, LA 71251** Motion by Ginn to accept offer for town to take over property, Seconded by Siadek; All in Favor, Motion Passed.

- d. **537 Fourth St, Jonesboro, LA 71251** Motion by Siadek to condemn property, Seconded by Hunter; Discussion: Family request 90 days to clean up home themselves before a move to condemn. All in Favor, Motion Passed.

20. Department Head Report:

- A. **Compliance:** Austin Ballott gave report of upcoming Spring bringing noxious weeds and grass. Discussed cleanup efforts.
- B. **Police Department:** Chief Israel Smith discussed an eventful January: Crime down and wellness checks, escorts, and assist calls were up due to the storm.
- C. **Public Works:** Director Warren Bradley discussed surviving the storm and the importance of teamwork. Detailed cleanup efforts after the storm. We were able to help other towns with the storm by lending a generator and various cleanup efforts. Fixed 28 leaks, 12 sewer issues.
- D. **Fire Department:** Chief Aaron Blalock discussed assisting the community during the storm.

21. Approval of Department Head Reports: Motion by Siadek, Seconded by Flowers. All in favor; motion passed.

22. Alderman Comments:

- a. **Ginn:** Spoke about the destruction of the storm and how the Town of Jonesboro rallied together and got through it together. Commended the efforts of the town and the mayor. Spoke on the audit being good and clean and the improvement from years before.
- b. **Hunter:** Spoke on the work Public Works did during the storm. He sees a lot of improvement in the town.
- c. **Flowers:** thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked the public works department, fire, and police for storm relief efforts and all the unsung heroes who may not want recognition, but those efforts are known and appreciated.
- d. **Siadek:** thanked the candidates for upcoming elections for coming out and speaking with the council. Thanked public works, fire, police, and the mayor for work during the storm.

23. Mayor's Comments: Thanked department heads and the chief for their hard work during the storm. He would like to step it up into the next year. Thanked auditors for their work and working with the town to get on the right track. Thanked citizens for stepping up to feed and assist during the storm clean up efforts. He would like to push forward.

24. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, All in favor; Motion passed.

Catrice Hudson
Town Clerk

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