

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AT 6:00 PM**

A public hearing was held on February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lake Arthur City Hall Meeting Room at 102 Arthur Avenue, Lake Arthur, Louisiana, in which notice of the meeting was duly exercised as per requirements of open meeting law.

Present at the public hearing was Mayor Robert B. Bertrand; Council Members, David Hanks, Sherry Crochet, Bobby Palermo, Eric Turner, and Ricky Monceaux; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Bennett LaPoint; Chief of Police Ray Marcantel; and about 13 citizens; a representative of the Lake Charles American Press and Jennings Daily News.

Mayor Bertrand opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm. for the purpose of hearing comments and answer questions in regards to the following items:

1. Ordinance No. 570, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 560, Enacting a Budget of Revenues, Expenditures, and Transfers for the Town of Lake Arthur For Fiscal Year August 1, 2014 and Ending July 31, 2015. Mayor Bertrand read the title, explained the reason for the amendments, and asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions were asked. No comments were made.
2. Ordinance No. 571, An Ordinance to Provide for Upkeep and Maintenance of private Lines Connecting to the Town's Sewer and Water Systems. Mayor Bertrand read the title, explained the need for the ordinance, and asked if there were any questions or comments. One citizen present asked, what happens if a private resident can't repair their leak? Mayor Bertrand said that the water valve would be turned off until the leak would be repaired. Council Member Robert Palermo said the Town is requiring repairs made to code. Mayor Bertrand went further to say that some of the repairs may be minor. There were no other questions or comments.
3. A special permit request by the residents of 147 Grand Avenue for a waiver of footages for the building of a storage building and home was explained. They requested a two foot wavier on the side yard and five foot waiver for the rear. Mr. O'Brian, the neighbor effected by the waiver on the side yard was present and spoke up with no objections to the special permit. No other questions were asked and no comments made.

Mayor Bertrand closed the Public Hearing at 6:04.

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016 6:04 P.M.**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur met this day in regular session. Notice of the meeting was duly exercised as per requirements of open meeting law.

- Mayor Bertrand called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
- Council Member Sherry Crochet gave the invocation.
- Mayor Bertrand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Town Clerk, Cynthia Mallett called roll and the following was present: Mayor Robert Bertrand; Council Members: Sherry Crochet, Ricky Monceaux, David Hanks, Bobby Palermo, and Eric Turner; Also Present was Town Attorney Bennett LaPoint; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Ray Marcantel; representative of Lake Charles American Press, and Jennings Daily News; and about 13 citizens.

Mayor Bertrand announced guest, Don Gauthier, Broadmoore Drainage Member. Mr. Gauthier talked about the drainage project that is underway along the west side of town near the Sewer Plant. He explained how they have received some funding from the State of Louisiana and how the Town of Lake Arthur agreed to partner with them with the remaining cost of the project. He explained what they hope to achieve from the dredging of the canal and asked that everyone be patient while they complete this project. Mr. Gauthier thanked the Mayor and Town Council for their support in all the drainage matters in town. Mayor Bertrand thanked him for coming. Mayor Bertrand asked if anyone else wished to address the Mayor and Council about anything listed on the agenda. No one came forward.

- It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to amend the agenda to add: Motion to Approve Calcasieu Parish Autopsy Fee Schedule for 2016. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
- It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Eric Turner to amend the agenda to add: Upon the Recommendation of Chief of Police Ray Marcantel, Motion to hire Chad Romero as Part-Time/Auxiliary Patrolman pending a successful psychological test. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
- It was **moved by** Eric Turner, seconded by Robert Palermo to amend the agenda to add: Upon the Recommendation of Chief of Police Ray Marcantel, Motion to hire Leric Istre as Part-Time/Auxiliary Patrolman. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
- It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to adopt the amended agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by David Hanks to approve Ordinance No. 570. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 570**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 560, ENACTING A BUDGET OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND TRANSFERS FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR FOR FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 2014 AND ENDING JULY 31, 2015**

**WHEREFORE**, certain actual revenues received, expenditures incurred, and transfers made by the Town of Lake Arthur in the General Fund and Street and Alley Fund has receded or exceeded the actual budgeted amounts pursuant to the budget of

revenues, expenditures, and transfers for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2015 for the Town of Arthur,

**AND WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur need to amend its 2014-2015 fiscal budget;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the budget of revenues, expenditures, and transfers for the fiscal year August 1, 2014 and ending July 31, 2015 for the Town of Lake Arthur are hereby amended as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Total Revenues	\$3,283,001.00	\$3,183,001.00
Total Expenses	\$1,672,820.00	\$1,522,820.00

  

<u>Street &amp; Alley Fund</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Total Revenue	\$617,115.00	\$677,115.00
Total Expenses	\$406,709.00	\$586,709.00

**THUS DONE AND INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

After a public hearing was held on the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on the motion by Sherry Crochet, seconded by David Hanks to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

**YEAS:** Sherry Crochet, David Hanks, Eric Turner, Robert Palermo, and Ricky Monceaux

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

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**ROBERT B. BERTRAND, MAYOR**

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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**CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK**

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 4th day of February, 2016.

ROBERT B. BERTRAND , MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 4th day of February, 2016.

ROBERT B. BERTRAND , MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 4th day of February, 2016.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

2. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve Ordinance No. 571. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 571**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE LINES CONNECTING TO THE TOWN'S SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, all persons connecting to and using the town water and/or sewer systems shall be responsible for all upkeep, maintenance and condition of the service pipes and lines necessary to connect their property to the Town of Lake Arthur's systems. Said lines shall be kept in good repair at the sole risk, cost, liability and expense of the property owner,

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake Arthur's Superintendent, other duly authorized employees of the town, and any third party persons authorized by the Town of Lake Arthur shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, testing and inspecting private service pipes and lines connected to the Town's systems. The Town of Lake Arthur is authorized to conduct such smoke tests and other appropriate testing in order to find leaks in all service pipes and lines, including private lines connecting to the Town's systems,

**AND WHEREAS**, upon discovery of a leak, seepage, crack, or hole in the service line and pipes upon a customer's property, the town shall notify the resident

and/or owner of said property in writing of the existence of said leak, seepage, cracks or hole. The resident and/or owner shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the written letter notifying said customer of the problem to repair, replace, and maintain said lines. Upon the failure of the resident and/or owner within thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice to repair, replace, and maintain the line to the Superintendent's satisfaction, the town may disconnect or order disconnection of all water and sewer services to the premises,

**AND WHEREAS**, in the event the water service is disconnected or ordered disconnected for any violation as specified above, upon the resident and/or owner making the repairs necessary, the water service to said property shall be reconnected upon the payment of the Town's reconnection fee.

**THUS DONE AND INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

After a public hearing was held on the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on the motion by David Hanks, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

**YEAS:** David Hanks, Ricky Monceaux, Sherry Crochet, Eric Turner, and Robert Palermo

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 3rd day of February, 2016.

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**ROBERT B. BERTRAND, MAYOR**

I certify that the above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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**CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK**

I, acknowledge receipt of the above ordinance from the Town Clerk on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

ROBERT B. BERTRAND , MAYOR

I, hereby approve the above ordinance on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

ROBERT B. BERTRAND , MAYOR

I certify that the above ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Eric Turner to approve minutes from last meeting, January 6, 2016, as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Bertrand directed the Town Council to the increase in cost for the 2016 Calcasieu Parish Autopsy Fee Schedule. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Sherry Crochet to approve the 2016 Calcasieu Parish Autopsy Fee Schedule. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, Ray Marcantel, It was **moved by** Eric Turner, seconded by David Hanks to hire Chad Romero as Part-Time/Auxiliary Patrolman pending a successful psychological test. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, Ray Marcantel, It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to hire Leric Istre as Part-Time/Auxiliary Patrolman. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
5. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Eric Turner to grant a special permit for a waiver of footages for the rear and side yards, to the owners of 147 Grand Avenue, as per their application drawing. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
6. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve resolution authorizing two signatures for Town of Lake Arthur Sewer Fund II Publics COD Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, in Regular Session convened on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016 that

they hereby authorize two of the following signatures of the Town of Lake Arthur Sewer Fund II for Publics COD Certificate, effective February 3, 2016.

Robert B. Bertrand, Mayor  
Cynthia Mallett, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Sherry Crochet, Mayor Pro-Tempore

The resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** David Hanks, Ricky Monceaux, Robert Palermo, Sherry Crochet, Eric Turner

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**THUS DONE AND PASSED** at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council Members held February 3, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

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**ROBERT B. BERTRAND, MAYOR**

**CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK**

7. It was **moved by** Eric Turner, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve paying the bills. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Mayor Bertrand thanked Mr. Kurt Viator and everyone else involved in the Mardi Gras festivities. The Mayor explained that they are making efforts to make positive changes for next year. Chief Marcantel thanked the Krewes for working with him during the time of a funeral procession that day. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
9. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Eric Turner to adjourn meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**ROBERT B. BERTRAND**

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**CYNTHIA MALLETT, TOWN CLERK**

