

BUDGET HEARING
JUNE 1, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

A Budget hearing was held on June 1, 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, for the purpose of hearing comments and answer questions in regards to the proposed budget for Fiscal year 2016-2017.

Present at the budget hearing was Mayor Robert B. Bertrand; Council Members, David Hanks, Sherry Crochet, Robert Palermo, Dorothy Charles, and Ricky Monceaux; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Town Attorney Bennett LaPoint; Chief of Police Ray Marcantel; and about 5 citizens; a representative of the Lake Charles American Press and Jennings Daily News.

Mayor Bertrand talked about the summary budget message and items of interest for each fund listed. One resident asked about replacing or repairing a fire hydrant on Seventh and New Orleans Street. There was discussion and Mayor Bertrand said they would look into this request. Mayor Bertrand closed the budget hearing at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2016 6:10 P.M.

The Mayor Pro-Tempore 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 6:10 PM
- Council Member Dorothy Charles 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, Robert Palermo, and Dorothy Charles; Also Present was Town Attorney Bennett LaPoint; Town Clerk Cynthia Mallett; Chief of Police Ray Marcantel; representative of Jennings Daily News and Lake Charles American Press; and about 5 citizens.
- Public Comment – No persons were present for public comment
- It was **moved by** Dorothy Charles, seconded by Robert Palermo to adopt agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve minutes from Regular Meeting, May 4, 2016 as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Bertrand explained the history of Team LA and the Town of Lake Arthur's past agreement with Team LA with the benefits for the town in continuing a cooperative endeavor agreement. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by Dorothy Charles to approve the renewal of cooperative endeavor agreement with

and between the Town of Lake Arthur and Team LA, Inc. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

3. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Sherry Crochet to introduce Ordinance No 573, An Ordinance adopting and enacting a budget of Revenues, Expenditures, and Transfers for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year of 2016 and 2017. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
4. It was **moved by** Ricky Monceaux, seconded by Dorothy Charles to appoint the Jennings Daily News as the Official Journal of the Town of Lake Arthur for the period beginning June 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
5. It was **moved by** Sherry Crochet, seconded by David Hanks to approve Resolution affirming support for application to the Governor's Office of Community Development, 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Funds for Water System Improvements for the Town of Lake Arthur. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 2015-2016 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUNDS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur, duly convened and acting as governing authority of said Town, that;

WHEREAS the Town of Lake Arthur strives wherever possible to improve its facilities and infrastructure to better meet the needs of the public it serves; and,

WHEREAS, as in conjunction with that effort, the Town hopes to improve its water system and,

WHEREAS, the Town is at present in need of outside grant funding to help make this improvement;

WHEREAS, the project and grant funding amount being requested are officially stated as follows—

\$35,000 to provide funding toward water system improvements
for the Town of Lake Arthur.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur by way of this resolution do hereby express their support for and hereby request the aforementioned funding from the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

The above resolution was unanimously approved and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lake Arthur held on June 1, 2016.

CYNTHIA MALLET, CLERK

ROBERT B. BERTRAND, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

Being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Lake Arthur, the undersigned does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2016 at Town Hall, Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

Town Clerk

6. It was **moved by** Dorothy Charles, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to hire Aucoin and Associates to develop preliminary engineering and cost estimates for infrastructure improvements. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
7. It was **moved by** Ricky Monceaux, seconded by David Hanks to approve acceptance of proposed scope of work for Sidewalk Repair in and throughout the Lake Arthur Park. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
8. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve paying the bills. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Announcements:
 - Mayor Bertrand announced June 10th and 11th for the dates of this year's Regatta Festival with hopes for a successful turn out.
 - Mayor Bertrand talked about a present ordinance in relation to campers in town being used as residences and zoning. Discussions on zoning began with Council Member Robert Palermo expressing the need for a simple zoning ordinance.
 - Mayor Bertrand talked about the closed Walmart store and that he was pleased that another business had contacted him, Brookshire Grocery, to occupy the empty building
 - Council Member David Hanks expressed concern that there are no numbers on most houses. He talked about how important it is to put the numbers of the house somewhere that emergency personnel can find the house when there is an emergency.
10. It was **moved by** David Hanks, seconded by Sherry Crochet to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT BERTRAND, MAYOR

CYNTHIA MALLET, TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur, State of Louisiana, on June 1, 2016 and laid over for publication of notice:

ORDINANCE NO. 573

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A
BUDGET OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
TRANSFERS FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR,
LOUISIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2016 AND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lake Arthur, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town of Lake Arthur, State of Louisiana, will meet on July 6, 2016, at six (6:00) o'clock p.m., at the City Hall, Lake Arthur, Louisiana at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinances.

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact City Hall before the meeting. Published in the Jennings Daily News.