

PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, 6:00 PM

A public hearing was held on September 1, 2021, at 6:00 pm 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 Sherry Crochet; Council Member David Hanks, Roberta Palermo, Sampson Lejeune, and Auldon Robinson. Absent: Ricky Monceaux. Town Clerk Mindy Marcantel; Town Attorney Rick Arceneaux; about five citizens; and representatives from the Lake Charles American Press. Mayor Crochet called the public hearing to order at which time she read the public hearing items on the agenda.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 597, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 506 which established rates for garbage disposal for the Town of Lake Arthur.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 598, an ordinance amending ordinance number 568 which established rates for garbage services, also to provide for late fees and fees for non-sufficient funds (NSF) of payment by check. Question or comments were Mayor Crochet closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm.

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, 6:01 PM

The Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Lake Arthur met this day in regular meeting. Notice of the meeting was duly exercised as per requirements of open meeting law. Mayor Sherry Crochet called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Councilman Robinson gave the invocation and Mayor Sherry Crochet led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Mindy Marcantel called roll and the following were present: Council Members: David Hanks; Sampson LeJeune; Roberta Palermo, and Auldon Robinson. Absent: Ricky Monceaux. Also attending, Town Clerk Mindy Marcantel; Town Attorney Richard Arceneaux; about five citizens; and representatives from the Lake Charles American Press. Mayor Crochet and council members were given a copy of the budget to actual comparison of the general fund printout and/or special revenues funds that includes a monthly financial statement.

It was motioned by Roberta Palermo, seconded by David Hanks to adopt the agenda. A roll call was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Roberta Palermo, seconded by David Hanks to approve minutes from regular meeting held on August 4, 2021, as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Sampson Lejeune, seconded by David Hanks to approve paying the bills. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by David Hanks, seconded by Roberta Palermo to adopt Ordinance No. 597, an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 506 which established rates for garbage disposal for the Town of Lake Arthur. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

*******THE NEW PRICES WILL TAKE AFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2022*******

**ORDINANCE NO. 597
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 506 WHICH ESTABLISHED RATES FOR GARBAGE DISPOSAL FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, in session duly convened, desire to amend Ordinance No. 501 for the Town of Lake Arthur, to adjust rates for the service of residential and business garbage/trash collection, and the use of the flat-bed truck and extraordinary loads garbage/trash to compensate for the increasing cost of fuel and disposal to sustain the garbage trucks and garbage cans.

AND WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur desire to continue the rates for garbage disposal to residential customers, business customers without dumpsters, and other customers without dumpsters, extraordinary loads, use of flat-bed truck, as adopted in Ordinance No. 506.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, in session duly convened, do hereby make, and ordain this ordinance amending Ordinance No. 506, establishing new rates for garbage collection, to supersede any and all such prior ordinances. The following rates are hereby adopted, to-wit:

Residential consumers having one (1) 96-gallon trash container- \$21.00 monthly with a weekly pick-up. No commercial cans for residents.

Residential consumers requiring additional 96-gallon trash container-\$5.00 monthly per container, after the initial container, with a weekly pick-up.

Residents requesting an extra trash container must keep that container for six months or more.

Businesses having one (1) 96-gallon trash container- \$21.00 monthly with a weekly pick-up

Businesses with an occupational license having (1) 300-gallon commercial trash container- \$30.73 monthly with a weekly pick-up

Businesses with an occupational license that require additional containers- \$30.73 per 300-gallon commercial container, after the initial container, with a weekly pick-up.

Extraordinary loads: such as construction/demolition debris and all other items, for use of flatbed truck rental fee: \$100.00 for half loads, \$200.00 for full loads.

ABSOLUTELY NO GARBAGE/TRASH is allowed on the side of road. All garbage/trash, or other small items **MUST** be in a garbage can rented by the Town of Lake Arthur. Any garbage/trash put on side of road will result in the violation of the Town of Lake Arthur's Ordinance No. 514, LA R.S 30:2531 for Littering which will result in ticket for a fine and court cost.

White Goods such as freezers, washers, dryers, mattress, and couches only. Will be picked up on TUESDAY. All other items that do not fit in 96 gallons trash can will have to be hauled to the landfill by citizens. Jefferson Davis Parish Landfill does not charge any parish citizen.

The Town of Lake Arthur will assess a 3% increase annually to compensate for the change in the consumer price index (CPI).

THUS, DONE AND PASSED in a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council Members for the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, held on the 1st day of September 2021.

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

YEAS: David Hanks, Roberta Palermo, Sampson Lejeune, Auldon Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ricky Monceaux

ABSTAIN: None

Whereupon the presiding officer declared the above ordinance duly adopted on the 1st day of September 2021 and to be effective and enforceable upon adoption.

/s/ Sherry Crochet
SHERRY CROCHET, MAYOR

/s/ Mindy Marcantel
MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK

It was motioned by Sampson Lejeune, seconded by Roberta Palermo to adopt Ordinance No. 598, an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 568 which established rates for garbage services, also to provide for late fees and fees for non-sufficient funds. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 598

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 568, SETTING UTILITY BILLING DATES AND DELINQUENT/ DISCONNECT PROCEDURES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE SERVICES, ALSO TO PROVIDE FOR LATE FEES AND FEES FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF) OF PAYMENT BY CHECK

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 518, that was later amended by Ordinance No 568, set due dates, disconnections and defaults, and reconnection fees for payments of Water, Wastewater, and Garbage Services provided by the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there is no additional required mandate for notice of delinquency and disconnection; and

WHEREAS, fees for payments by checks with Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) of a checking account need to be set;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, that the utility billing and collection of payments be as follows:

All users shall be billed monthly.

Billings for any month shall be made within the last five (5) days of the month for that month.

Payments are due within fifteen (15) days of the month following the billing.

Payments received on account after the fifteenth day of the month shall be assessed a **late fee of ten (\$10.00)** dollars per billing month.

Any payment not received within forty-five (45) days after the end of the billing month shall be deemed delinquent and cause for disconnection of services.

Notice of delinquency shall be printed on the monthly billing statement.

If no payment is received after said dates on billing notice, services shall be discontinued until such bill is paid in full.

A reconnection fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars will be assessed for accounts having their services continued.

A fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be assessed for payments made by check with non-sufficient funds

After public hearing was held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on motion by Council Member Sampson Lejeune, seconded by Council Member Roberta Palermo, to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken, and the following result was had:

YEAS: David Hanks, Roberta Palermo, Sampson Lejeune, Auldon Robinson

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ricky Monceaux

ABSTAIN:

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above ordinance duly adopted on this 1st day of September, 2021.

/s/ Sherry Crochet

/s/ Mindy Marcantel

SHERRY CROCHET, MAYOR

MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK

It was motioned by David Hanks, seconded by Sampson Lejeune, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.