

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR  
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER  
701 EIGHTH STREET  
December 17, 2021, 10:00 AM

The Town of Lake Arthur Mayor and Board of Council met in Regular session at 701 Eighth Street, Lake Arthur, LA 70549, on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting being duly exercised per requirements of open meeting law. Mayor Sherry Crochet called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Councilman Hanks 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, and Ricky Monceaux. Absent was Auldon Robinson and Roberta Palermo. Also attending, Town Clerk Mindy Marcantel; Town Attorney Richard Arceneaux; about ten citizens; and a representative from American Press. Mayor Crochet and council members received a copy of the budget to actual comparison of the general fund printout and/or major special revenues funds that includes a monthly financial statement. The citizens on the agenda as guest did not attend meeting.

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

It was motioned by David Hanks, seconded by Sampson Lejeune to approve adopting the minutes from regular meeting held on November 3, 2021, as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

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

It was motioned by Sampson Lejeune, seconded by David Hanks to Adopt a Resolution for the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant Program. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

~ **RESOLUTION** ~

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Arthur has retained Aucoin & Associates, Inc. of Eunice, LA for administrative and engineering services in connection with an application for funding for a Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant program for outdoor fitness and playground area improvements and

WHEREAS, Town officials are committed to this project and aware of its value to provide suitable space for activities to encourage physical distancing and support social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Lake Arthur by way of this resolution do hereby commit to partial funding for this project in accord with the following: \$35,000.00 for Administrative Services; up to \$24,400.00 for Engineering Services and \$10,200.00 for Resident Project Representative Services. These costs are to be paid from local funds for the Love Louisiana Outdoors Grant program for outdoor fitness and playground area improvements.

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 at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021.

/s/ Mindy Marcantel /s/ Sherry Crochet  
MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK SHERRY CROCHET, MAYOR

It was motioned by Ricky Monceaux, seconded by Sampson Lejeune to Adopt a Resolution to purchase the Real Property approving the purchase of real property located at tract of land being part of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad r/w located in Sections Fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Southwestern District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution**

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT TRACT OF LAND BEING PART OF THE ABANDONED UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD R/W LOCATED IN SECTIONS FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Arthur has a need for property and land use in Lake Arthur at the following location;

WHEREAS, according to the Survey prepared by Todd J. Landry, the property is described as: "A 5.36 Acre tract of land being part of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad R/W located in Sections Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Southwestern District, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the south R/W line of Fifth Street and the north R/W line of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad in the Town of Lake Arthur Louisiana, thence go S 57° 59' 04" E along the abandoned Railroad R/W a distance of 921.06 feet to a 5/8" rod in the northwest R/W line of Fourth Street, thence S 32° 00' 57" W along the northwest R/W line of Fourth Street to its intersection with the southern R/W line of the abandoned railroad, thence N 57° 59' 03" W along the abandoned railroad R/W line a distance of 578.31 feet to a 5/8" rod on the east R/W line of Kellogg Street, thence N 21° 29' 34" W along the east R/W line of Kellogg Street a distance of 453.92 feet to its intersection with the south R/W line of Fifth Street, thence N 68° 27' 15" E along the south R/W line of Fifth Street a distance of 37.35 feet to the Point of Beginning is available for the consideration amount of \$26,800.00, from South Louisiana Building & Development, Inc and/or the Rightful Heirs Of Genevie Conner Hoffpauir Estates in Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

WHEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Council Members deem it in the best interest of the town to purchase the above described property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Council Members meeting in regular session this 17th day of December 2021 that a certain Act of Sale between the Town of Lake Arthur and South Louisiana Building & Development, Inc. and/or the rightful heirs of Genevie Conner Hoffpauir Estates in Lake Arthur, Louisiana, be hereby approved under the terms and conditions as specifically stated therein and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into and execute said Act of Sale.

The aforesaid a Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Ricky Monceaux, Sampson Lejeune, David Hanks,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roberta Palermo, Auldon Robinson

ABSTAINING: None

THUS DONE AND PASSED by a majority of the Board of Council Members of the Town of Lake Arthur, at a regular meeting convened on December 17, 2021.

/s/Sherry Crochet

SHERRY CROCHET, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
/s/ Mindy Marcantel

MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief Justin Abshire, it was motioned by Sampson Lejeune, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve the removal of Cory Vincent as Assistant Fire Chief of the Lake Arthur Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief Justin Abshire, it was motioned by David Hanks, seconded by Sampson Lejeune to approve hiring Kyle Klein and Gary Guidry Jr. as Assistant Fire Chiefs for the Lake Arthur Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Crochet announced the 2021 Annual Lake Arthur Christmas Festival/Fireworks was a momentous success. Mayor Crochet thanked all those who decorated the Town for the festivities. Mayor Crochet told the garbage rate will be four dollars and twenty-seven cents higher starting on the January 1, 2022.

A motion by Ricky Monceaux, seconded by Sampson Lejeune to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:  
/s/Mindy Marcantel  
MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK

APPROVED:  
/s/Sherry Crochet  
SHERRY CROCHET, MAYOR