**Village of Elizabeth**

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

Public Council meeting was held 4/21/25 at 6:30pm at the Elizabeth Village Hall, 230 Poplar Street, Elizabeth, LA. The notice of Meeting having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Mandy Green at 6:30pm. Opening prayer led by Denise Lee, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

**Mayor, Council and Staff Present Council and Staff Absent**

Mandy Green, Mayor Shane Ware, Police Chief

Mea Dillehay, Council Steven Self, Fire Dept Asst Chief

Stacy Weldon, Council Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief

Denise Lee, Clerk

Heather Sutton, Attorney

Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer

1. No comments from the public on any agenda item
2. Mea Dillehay made a motion to approve minutes for the regular council meeting of March 10, 2025. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
3. Mea Dillehay made a motion to approve the agenda. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
4. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**
	* 1. Brad Rachel, MMLH engineer, gave an update on the current sewer grants. Brad stated that a letter was sent to the project contractor for the LDEQ sewer improvement project that they were less than 4% complete on the work and 98% done on the contract time and the village was going to pursue default on the contract if he did not respond within 7 days. The contractor and the bond company received the letter on the 15th. Day 7 is April 22, 2025. If there is no response, the village could take further steps to cancel the contract and pursue the bond council. The council discussed and wanted to pursue the default if there is no response. Heather Sutton, Attorney stated she will look further at the contract and work with Brad on getting a letter ready to be sent to the contractor.
5. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
	* 1. Monthly report given by Mayor that 6 notices were recently sent out for property maintenance. The council discussed that some more needed to clean up the yards with the out of season decorations and make the yards neat.
6. **POLICE CHIEF**
	* 1. Not present to give report.
		2. Stacy Weldon made a motion to table discussions of Animal Control Officer until May meeting, if Chief present.
7. **FIRE CHIEF**
	* 1. Monthly report given by Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer.
		2. She stated that the pumper truck was fixed and could be used.
		3. The council stated that they felt the Fire Department did a good job on the recent fire on Maple Street.
		4. The fire dept are currently counting the tickets sold for BBQ Fundraiser with chicken and/or pork on April 27, 2025, that will go to the High School scholarship fund for Jr. Fire Department members. They will report next month on how many sold.
8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**\*Old Business**

* + 1. The Easter Egg Hunt at Piney Park was quite a success. Everyone enjoyed the day.

**\*New Business**

1. Stacy Weldon made a motion to increase the phone allowance checks from $65.00 to $67.00. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
2. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt a **Fair Housing Proclamation** which declares the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
3. **VILLAGE ATTORNEY**
4. No further statements made on Ordinance 26C concerning mobile homes as to whether to keep the Special Use/Non-conforming Permits updated.
5. Discussed submitting a resolution for an AG Opinion on holding tax sales concerning property maintenance liens.
6. **COUNCIL**
7. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt **Resolution 132-2025** which allows the attorney to request an AG Opinion on advalorem tax sales concerning property maintenance liens. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
8. Stacy Weldon made a motion to adopt **Resolution 133-2025** which changes the council meeting date for May 2025 due to high school graduation on May 12, 2025, regular meeting day to May 19, 2025 at 5:30pm.
9. Mea Dillehay introduced **Ordinance 50-2025 Levy and Collect 1% Sales Tax** to use for any lawful purpose in the Village. Public hearing to be held on May 19th meeting prior to adoption. Council stated to please pass the word to everyone in the Village to please vote YES.
10. Mea Dillehay made a motion to approve expenses for March 2025 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.
11. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Weldon seconded. All in favor.

Approved by:/s/Mandy L Green, Mayor 4/22/25 Attest by:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk 4/22/25

\*Public hearing prior to adoption of Ordinance 50-2025 Levy and Collect 1% Sales Tax on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:30pm. \*Public hearing prior to adoption of amendment to Ordinance 26C of the rezoning of Parcel No. 0550010750A from Residential A to M1 at intersection of Hwy 112 & Hwy 10 on May 19, 2025 at 5:30pm.