

Village of Elizabeth

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PUBLIC MEETING

Public Council meeting was held 6/8/26 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 Ken Kelly, then Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by Mayor Green.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present

Mandy Green, Mayor
Ken Kelly, Council
Mea Dillehay, Council
Lorrie Odom, Fire Dept Treasurer
Denise Lee, Clerk
Heather Sutton, Attorney

Council and Staff Absent

Shane Ware, Police Chief
Jeb Moore, Fire Dept Asst Chief
Brandon Sweat, Fire Chief
Stacy Weldon, Council

1. No comments from the public on the agenda.
2. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve minutes for the regular council meeting of 5/12/26 with correction of amending Ordinance 9-99 to state Ordinance 99-9.1. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
3. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
4. **CODE COMPLIANCE**
 - A. Mayor Green reported that 4 more property maintenance notices were sent out.
5. **POLICE CHIEF**
 - A. Mayor Green reported that she will speak to Police Chief Ware about doing a notice to donate the 2012 Tahoe Police unit to the Fire Department for a rescue unit.
6. **FIRE CHIEF**
 - A. Monthly report given by Lorrie Odom – 1 call (car wreck) for the month. Lorrie gave a list of what was wrong with the current Fire Rescue unit. Mayor Green stated that Councilwoman Stacy Weldon had requested at the last council meeting she would like a list of things wrong with the rescue unit and a quote by a mechanic to correct these problems.
7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. Update on CWSRF-DEQ Sewer Improvement Grant- Mayor Green reported to Brad Rachel-MMLH engineer, that the manhole lids were not bolted back down, that was previously bolted down prior to them being lined. Brad said he would note to the contractor.
 - B. Update - PHMSA Gas Grant- Brad stated that the plans were about 75% complete. They are still waiting on the Wetlands Delineation. The Core of Eng. will approve and concur with Environmental Review.
8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - *Old Business
 - A. None
 - *New Business
 - B. Remind council of LRWA Management Class- Monday, July 13, 2026 at Lake Charles Event Center
 - C. Mayor Green said she was informed of a way to collect Sales Tax in reference to our future grant projects. Will try to find further information.

9. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

- A. Heather Sutton gave update on 517 Pine Street, Parcel No. 0550006540 -Adjudicated to Allen Parish. She spoke with one of the property owners and they will be unable to redeem the property from the parish and then sell to the Village. Mandy will call the Allen Parish Police Jury to notify them we will pay the taxes and start the process and after 3 years file petition to quiet the title.

10. COUNCIL

- A. Public hearing on an amendments to Ordinance 12-18B to become Ord. 12-18C
 - a) Change section 4.B to state - Notwithstanding the notice requirements set forth in Subsection 4(A)(1) above, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee may undertake the work necessary to bring the property into compliance with Sections 2 of 3 on any property within the Village without issuing additional notice, provided that the property owner has been notified pursuant to Subsection 4(A)(1) at least once during the immediately preceding twelve (12) months and has failed to perform the required work having been given the opportunity to do so. No comments.
 - b) Change Section 4.B.3. – A statement that the property owner liable has within the preceding twelve (12) months, failed to do such work after notification and opportunity to do so pursuant to Subsection 4(A)(1). No comments.
 - c) Change 4.F.-State it shall have the bill for the work delivered by registered mail with return receipt. No comments.
 - d) Change 4.G.- State-Upon failure of property owner to pay the charges within 30days of receipt of the bill, the village may file with recorder of mortgages a certificate showing the cost of such work along with fees. No comments. Public hearing closed.
- B. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt the amendments listed above to become **Ordinance 12-18C Property Maintenance**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- C. Public hearing for amendment to Ordinance 21-19.1 Gas Rates to state calendar year instead of fiscal year FOR LAUF. No comments. Closed Public hearing.
- D. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 21-19.1 Gas Rates** to state calendar year instead of fiscal year to become Ordinance 21-19.2. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- E. Public hearing on an amendment to Ordinance 9-99.1 Occupational License – charge only local businesses or anyone pursuing business within village limits. No comments. Public hearing closed.
- F. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt amendment to **Ordinance 9-99.1 Occupational License** – charge only local businesses or anyone pursuing business within village limit to become Ordinance 9-99.2. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- G. Ken Kelly reintroduced **Ordinance 53-2026 Utility Permitting Process** to allow more time for staff and council to read over ordinance.
- H. Public hearing for **Ordinance 54-2026** which amends the **'25-'26 Proposed General/Utility Budget**. Mayor Green said to state as Police/General/Utility. No further comments. Public hearing closed.
- I. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 54-2026 amending '25-'26 Proposed Police/General/Utility Budget**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- J. Public hearing held for **Ordinance 55-2026** which proposes the **'26-'27 General/Utility Budget and USDA Budget**. Mayor Green said to state as Police/General/Utility. No further comments. Public hearing closed.
- K. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 55-2026 which proposes the '26-'27 Police/General/Utility Budget and USDA Budget**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.

- L. Mea Dillehay introduced an amendment to **Ordinance 01-2015(A8)** to give a cost of living increase to Clerk Salary increasing to \$4038/month.
- M. Public hearing for amendment to Ordinance 19-19 LA Judicial College increasing the special court cost from \$0.50 to \$2.50 to become Ordinance 19-19.1. No comments. Closed public hearing.
- N. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 19-19.1 amending special court cost to \$2.50**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- O. Public hearing for amendment to Ordinance 22-19 increasing fine for failure to appear in court for a traffic summons from \$12.50 to \$25.00 to become Ordinance 22-19.1. No comments. Closed public hearing.
- P. Ken Kelly made a motion to adopt amendment to **Ordinance 22-19 increasing** fine for failure to appear in court for a traffic summons from \$12.50 to \$25.00 to become **Ordinance 22-19.1**. Mea Dillehay seconded. Ken Kelly-yea, Mea Dillehay-yea. Unanimous vote to adopt.
- Q. Ken Kelly introduced **Ordinance 56-2026** which establishes a training and licensure reimbursement policy for employees of the Village of Elizabeth, requiring a repayment agreement for licensing targeting Water, Wastewater (Sewer) and Natural Gas Utility and Law Enforcement POST CERTIFICATION funded by the municipality. Repayment will be established by a sliding scale for repayment upon voluntary separation or negligence of state and federal requirements.
- R. Ken Kelly made a motion to pass **Resolution 149 -2026** selecting the Oakdale Journal as the official journal for FY 2026-2027. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- S. Ken Kelly made a motion to approve expenses for May 2026 and comparison of actual expenses to budget. Mea Dillehay seconded. All in favor.
- T. Mea Dillehay made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kelly seconded. All in favor.

APPROVED BY:/S/Mandy L Green, Mayor 6.11.26 Attest by:/S/Denise Lee, LCMClerk 6.11.26