

Town of Bernice  
Council Meeting  
March 10, 2026

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session on March 10, 2026, in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Gene Terral, Amy Pesnell, Karen Hall, and Lanell Clubbs with Joanna Ward being absent.

Also present: Town Attorney Joe Cusimano; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Police Chief Larry Jones; Dena Lee, The Banner; Jackie Hill, Dart; and citizens.

Mildred Ferguson called the meeting to order. Karen Hall led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll. Gene Terral made a motion, with Karen Hall seconding the motion, to approve the previous minutes. Vote was unanimously approved.

Jackie Hill, representative with DART, addressed the council on what services DART has to offer to the community regarding domestic abuse.

Karen Hall made a motion with Amy Pesnell seconding the motion to approve a resolution informing the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that actions were taken with the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for the Calendar Year of January 2025 – December 2025 to maintain the permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, Number LA0034568. Vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ferguson reported on the activities of the town saying the Town Hall will be closed on Good Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Ferguson also stated that there is a box at the Town Hall from Brokers of Hope for diapers and wipes donations. Police Chief Larry Jones reported on the activities of the Police Department.

Amy Pesnell made a motion to approve payment of bills with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion. Vote was unanimously approved. Gene Terral made a motion to adjourn with Karen Hall seconding the motion.

Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk

  
Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson

# TOWN OF BERNICE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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- I. Call to Order.....Mayor Ferguson
- II. Prayer.....Amy Pesnell
- III. Roll Call..... Lana Patton
- IV. Approve Previous Minutes.....Mayor Ferguson
- V. Town Updates.....Mayor Ferguson
- VI. Police Department.....Larry Jones
- VII. Fire Department.....Dannye Murphey
- VIII. Payment of Bills.....Mildred Ferguson
- IX. Adjournment.....Gene Terral

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