

# TOWN OF BERNICE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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- I. Call to Order.....Mayor Ferguson
- II. Prayer.....Karen Hall
- III. Roll Call..... Lana Patton
- IV. Approve Previous Minutes.....Mayor Ferguson
- V. Approve Dollar General Liquor License.....Mayor Ferguson
- VI. Town Updates.....Mayor Ferguson
- VII. Police Department.....Chief Jones
- VIII. Fire Department.....Chief Murphey
- IX. Payment of Bills.....Mayor Ferguson
- X. Adjournment.....Gene Terral

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Town of Bernice  
Council Meeting  
January 13, 2026

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session on January 13, 2026, in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Gene Terral, Amy Pesnell, Joanna Ward, and Lanell Clubbs with Karen Hall being absent.

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

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Gene Terral led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll. Amy Pesnell made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to approve the previous minutes. Vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ferguson reported on the activities of the town saying that Reeves Memorial Medical Center will have a ribbon cutting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Police Chief Larry Jones reported on the activities of the Police Department. Chief Jones recommended to the council that Demarcus Teague be hired as a full-time patrol officer. Chief Jones stated that Teague is post certified. Joanna Ward made a motion with Amy Pesnell seconding the motion to approve the recommendation pending a psychological evaluation and a drug test. Vote was unanimously approved.

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 Joanna Ward seconding the motion.



Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk



Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson