

TOWN OF BERNICE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
5:00PM
403 E. Fourth St.

- I. Call to Order.....Mayor Ferguson
- II. Prayer.....Gene Terral
- III. Roll Call.....Lana Patton
- IV. Approve Previous Minutes.....Mayor Ferguson
- V. Public Hearing Ord 420 Special Events.....Mayor Ferguson
- VI. Vote on Ord Special Events..... Mayor Ferguson
- VII. Approve 2024 Millage Rate..... Mayor Ferguson
- VIII. Town Updates.....Mayor Ferguson
- IX. Police Department.....Officer Cutsinger
- X. Fire Department.....Fire Chief Murphey
- XI. Approve Payment of Bills.....Mayor Ferguson
- XII. Adjournment.....Gene Terral

Lana Patton, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
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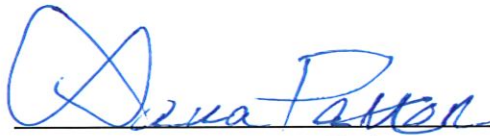
Town of Bernice
Special Council Meeting
June 5, 2024

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session June 5, 2024 in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Gene Terral, Amy Pesnell, Karen Hall, Joanna Ward, and Lanell Clubbs. Also present: Town Attorney Joe Cusimano; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Police Chief Gerald Lee; and citizens. Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Gene Terral led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll.

Gene Terral made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Vote was unanimous. Joanna Ward made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Amy Pesnell seconding the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Ferguson asked for citizen views and opinions on the agenda item. Joanna Ward made a motion to place Gerald Lee on Administrative Leave until a State Police investigation is completed. Lanell Clubbs seconded the motion. Votes were as follows: Yeas: Terral, Pesnell, Hall, Ward, Clubbs. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

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
June 11, 2024

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session June 11, 2024 in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Gene Terral, Amy Pesnell, Karen Hall, Joanna Ward and Lanell Clubbs. Also present: Town Attorney Joe Cusimano; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Police Officer Gloria Cutsinger; Deputy Satterwhite; Water and Sewer Superintendent Shelby Kelley; Dena Lee, The Banner; and citizens.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Amy Pesnell led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll. Amy Pesnell made a motion to approve the previous minutes with Karen Hall seconding the motion. Vote was unanimous.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the recently completed FY 2022 LCDBG Public Facilities Program and Love Louisiana Outdoors grants.

A Public Hearing was held regarding a zoning change, recommended by the Bernice Zoning Commission, for property located at 141 Plum Street from residential to commercial requested by Travonna Tibbs. Amy Pesnell made a motion to approve the recommendation with Lanell Clubbs seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Joanna Ward introduced Proposed Ordinance 420 regarding Special Events. A Public Hearing will be advertised and will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Gene Terral made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to appoint The Banner as the Official Journal for the Town of Bernice. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Ferguson gave updates on the activities in the town. Police Officer Cutsinger gave updates on the Police Department.

Amy Pesnell made a motion to approve payment of bills with Joanna Ward seconding the motion. Vote was unanimous. Gene Terral made a motion to adjourn with Joanna Ward seconding the motion.



Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk



Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson

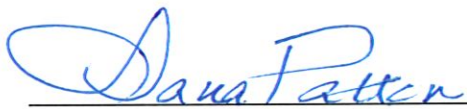
Town of Bernice
Special Council Meeting
June 25, 2024

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in special session June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Gene Terral, Amy Pesnell, Karen Hall, Joanna Ward and Lanell Clubbs. Also present: Town Attorney Joe Cusimano; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Deputy Cade Nolan and Minor Patton.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Karen Hall led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll.

Joanna Ward made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to appoint Minor Patton as Chief Administrative Assistant/Operational Manager of the Bernice Police Department and appoint Cade Nolan as Training Development/Patrol Officer/Safety Supervisor. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Ferguson adjourned the meeting.



Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk



Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson