

Town of Bernice
Council Meeting
September 9, 2025

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session on August 12, 2025, 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; Brittany Jackson, Town Clerk; Police Chief Larry Jones; Police Officer Arica Thompson; Martravious Kennedy; Dena Lee, The Banner, and citizens.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Gene Terral led the prayer. Brittany Jackson called the roll. Lanell Clubbs made a motion, with Karen Hall seconding the motion, to approve the previous minutes. The vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ferguson reported that the Corney Creek Pageant had a great turnout this year with 43 contestants participating. She also mentioned that A Community Fun Day, sponsored by New Hopewell Baptist Church, is scheduled for September 13th at the Civic Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, Mayor Ferguson stated that the Northeast Louisiana Music Trail will honor Robert "Slim" Finley with the unveiling of a plaque on September 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Depot Museum. She further reported that the Corney Creek Festival is set for October 4th, with the first clue for the treasure hunt at 9:00 a.m., the parade beginning at 10:00 a.m., and the Hall of Fame ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Moreover, Mayor Ferguson announced that the National Night Out will take place at the Farmerville Courthouse Square on October 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Finally, she stated that Trunk-or-Treat will be held at the Bernice Civic Center on October 31st, with the specific time to be determined. Mayor Ferguson also announced that a DART meeting would take place on September 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Police Chief Larry Jones reported that he now has an officer on morning shifts and will send two officers to the academy for training in January 2026.

Karen Hall made a motion, with Amy Pesnell seconding the motion, to pay the bills. The vote was unanimously approved. Gene Terral made a motion, with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion, to adjourn.

Brittany Jackson

Attest: Brittany Jackson
Assistant Town Clerk

Mildred Ferguson

Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson