

Town of Bernice
Council Meeting
March 11, 2025

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session March 11, 2025, in the Council Room of the Town Hall with the following present: Amy Pesnell, Karen Hall, Joanna Ward, and Lanell Clubbs with Gene Terral being absent. Also present: Town Attorney Joe Cusimano; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Police Chief Larry Jones; Dan Dansby, Servline NLC Service Line, and citizens.

Mayor Mildred Ferguson called the meeting to order. Karen Hall led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll. Amy Pesnell made a motion with Karen Hall seconding the motion to approve the previous minutes. The vote was unanimously approved.


Dan Dansby with Servline NLC Service Line addressed the council regarding the service his company can provide the citizens of Bernice in case of broken water lines leading to high water bills. Mr. Dansby explained that this is insurance to cover a high water bill in case of a leak or running toilet one time a year. Mr. Dansby reported that this charge would be added to the water bill and that the customer can opt out of the program if they choose. Joanna Ward made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to approve a \$2,500.00 limit for water at a rate of \$1.80 per month and a \$2,500.00 limit at a rate of \$1.80 per month for sewer. The vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ferguson reported on the activities of the town. Mayor Ferguson said that DART will hold their meeting at the Town Hall tomorrow. Mayor Ferguson also said that Brokers of Hope is having a diaper and wipe drive, and the town and Reeves Memorial will have boxes for the donated goods. Mayor Ferguson said that National Nutrition Month is being observed and that the Go Green Stay Lean National Nutrition Walk will be held Monday, March 17th at 10:30 a.m. The event, sponsored by Reeves Memorial Medical Center, will award a prize for the St. Patrick's Day best costume. Mayor Ferguson said she is recommending a raise for the Mayor and the Town Clerk saying it had been many years since they had received one. Mayor Ferguson said that she will check on the amount and bring it back to the next meeting by bringing a Proposed Ordinance to the next meeting.

Police Chief Larry Jones reported on the activities of the Bernice Police Department saying they had made four arrests in March, with one of them being for a warrant for Capitol Murder. Chief Jones informed the council that the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office donated a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Bernice Police Department.

Amy Pesnell made a motion with Karen Hall seconding the motion to approve payment of bills. The vote was unanimously approved.

Amy Pesnell made a motion to adjourn with Karen Hall seconding the motion.



Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk



Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson