

Town of Bernice
Council Meeting
June 10, 2025

Mayor Mildred Ferguson and the Town Council met in regular session June 10, 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; Lana Patton, Town Clerk; Brittany Jackson, Asst. Town Clerk; Police Officer Robert Owen; Bob Meyers, Riley Engineers; Jackie Hill, Dart; Mary Barrios, Reeves Memorial Medical Center; Dinah Griffin; and citizens.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. Gene Terral led the prayer. Lana Patton called the roll. Lanell Clubbs made a motion with Karen Hall seconding the motion to approve the previous minutes. Vote was unanimously approved. The Council was presented with financial reports.

Bob Meyers, Engineer with Riley Engineers, addressed the council regarding drainage problems in certain areas of town. Mr. Meyers stated that he will be looking for funding to take care of the drainage. Mr. Meyers also spoke to the council about the problems the town would encounter with speed humps.

Dinah Griffin addressed her concerns with speeding traffic, ditch problems, and noise problems.

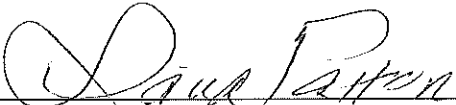
Jackie Hill spoke to the council on the services that Dart offers to the community.

Mayor Ferguson gave an update on the activities of the town saying that the walking trail is being repaired. Mayor Ferguson also said that the LMA District B Meeting will be held in Ruston on June 24th. Mary Barrios, with Reeves Memorial Medical Center, reported on the Back to School Backpack program. Ms. Barrios also said that the Corney Creek Festival will be held on October 4, 2025.

Police Officer Robert Owen presented a letter from Police Chief Larry Jones who is recommending that Robert Owen and Arica Thompson be changed from part-time to full-time officers. Joanna Ward made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to approve the recommendation. Vote was unanimously approved. Police Chief Larry Jones also recommended that Martravious Kennedy be hired as a full-time patrol officer. Joanna

Ward made a motion with Karen Hall seconding the motion to approve the recommendation pending a psychological test, drug test, and qualifying on a weapon. Vote was unanimously approved.

Joanna Ward made a motion with Amy Pesnell seconding the motion to approve payment of bills. Gene Terral made a motion with Lanell Clubbs seconding the motion to adjourn.


Attest: Lana Patton, Town Clerk


Approve: Mayor Mildred Ferguson