**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON April 14, 2025.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place the City Hall, Rayne, Louisiana, on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, State of Louisiana, were duly convened as the governing authority of said City, by Mayor Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, who stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

There was a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 2025 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and motion carried.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux a public hearing was opened for the purpose of a public discussion on:

 **Ordinance #2053-2025** - An ordinance Amending ARTICLE IV. ELECTRICAL CODE by enacting Sec. 22-230 “3-Phase Service Application” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne to provide for an application process for residents or businesses  requesting 3-Phase Electrical Service and amending Sec. 78-74 “Responsibility for Furnishing Materials and Equipment” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne to establish a process for the purchase, payment of costs and installation of 3-Phase transformer(s), associated electrical equipment, and metering.

There were no speaker cards presented for discussion.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot the public hearing was closed.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following ordinance was offered by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and duly resolved and adopted on this 14th day of April 2025.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2053-2025**

**An ordinance Amending ARTICLE IV. ELECTRICAL CODE by enacting Sec. 22-230 “3-Phase Service Application” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne to provide for an application process for residences or businesses requesting 3-Phase Electrical Service and amending Sec. 78-74 “Responsibility for Furnishing Materials and Equipment” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne to establish a process for the purchase, payment of costs and installation of 3-Phase transformer(s), associated electrical equipment, and metering.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the board of aldermen of the City of Rayne that ARTICLE IV. ELECTRICAL CODE of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne be amended by enacting Sec. 22-230 “3-Phase Service Application” to read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 22-230. 3-Phase Service Application.**

An individual or entity otherwise eligible for 3-phase electrical service as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne who requests new 3-phase service (“Customer”) from the City of Rayne (hereinafter the “City”) shall make application with the City. The Customer shall provide the City with the load requirements of the Customer’s facility or facilities. The City shall size the proper three-phase transformer(s) associated electrical equipment and metering required to service the Customer load. Thereafter, if said application is approved, the 3-phase transformer(s), associated electrical equipment, and metering shall be purchased and installed as set forth in Sec. 78-74. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the board of aldermen of the City of Rayne that Sec. 78-74 Responsibility for Furnishing Materials and Equipment shall be and hereby is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 78-74. - Responsibility for Furnishing Materials and Equipment.**

1. Except for as may be provided for in subsection (b) hereinbelow, the city utilities system will furnish all distribution transformers to supply power to its customers. Pole-mounted transformers may be used where the total load is less than 300 kva. Where the load is 300 kva or over, the customer will furnish a pad or vault for the transformers. When a pad or vault is used the customer will furnish and install the service conduit from the transformer primary to the pothead on the pole. The city utilities system will furnish and install the cable and potheads. The customer will connect to the secondary side of the transformer.
2. Upon approval of an application for 3-phase electrical service as provided for in Sec. 22-230. 3-Phase Service Application, the 3-phase transformer(s), associated electrical equipment, and metering shall be purchased and installed as described below:
3. The City shall provide Customer with the purchase price of the transformer(s) and associated electrical equipment required for the service of Customer’s facility/facilities. Customer shall make payment to the City for the full purchase price of the transformer(s) and associated electrical equipment prior to the City placing the transformer(s) on order. The City/Customer shall own and be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the transformer(s) and associated electrical equipment.
4. The City shall provide Customer with the purchase price of the metering equipment required for the service of Customer’s facility/facilities. Customer shall make payment to the City for the full purchase price of the metering equipment prior to the City placing the metering equipment on order. The City/Customer shall own and be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the metering equipment.
5. The City shall be responsible for the installation of the transformer(s), associated electrical equipment and metering.
6. The City shall be responsible for the purchase and installation of all overhead wiring, cabling, and poles required to connect Customer’s transformer(s) to the receipt point of Customer’s facility.

(c) Any and all payment(s) to the City from Customer and the details involved in the interconnection of Customer’s facility/facilities to the City’s distribution system will be determined and agreed upon between the Customer and the City.

The above ordinance was adopted on a vote taken by yeas and nays entered on the minutes of the clerk as follows:

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Accordingly said ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 14th day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

The above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by the City Clerk, approved by the Mayor and returned to the City Clerk on this 14th day of April 2025.

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

The following resolution was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and duly resolved and adopted on this 14th day of April 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETIREMENT OF K9**

**AND CONVEYANCE OF OWNERSHIP OF K9 TO ITS HANDLER**

 **WHEREAS** the K9 police dog Jester (hereinafter the “K9”), due to its age, health, and physical condition is unable to perform the essential functions of its job;

**WHEREAS** the Chief of Police has presented to the Mayor a request that said K9 be sold to the police officer who trained or worked with the dog (hereinafter “Handler”) in exchange for said Handler assuming the ownership of the dog, and sole liability, responsibility and obligation for its care and maintenance and all costs thereof; and

**WHEREAS** City ordinances having been complied with the City desires to convey ownership of the K9 to its Handler Matthew Scott, in exchange for said Handler assuming the ownership of the dog, and sole liability, responsibility and obligation for its care and maintenance and all costs thereof;

 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the City of Rayne convey ownership of K9 Jester to its Handler, Matthew Scott, in exchange for said Matthew Scott assuming the ownership of the dog, and sole liability, responsibility and obligation for its care and maintenance and all costs thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Charles E. Robichaux be and he is hereby authorized and empowered for and in the name of the City of Rayne to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary or advisable to carry out said purpose.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of April 2025**.**

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK** **CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

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 **CERTIFICATE**

I, **ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX**, Clerk of the City of Rayne, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 14th day of April 2025 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK**

 **CITY OF RAYNE**

The following resolution was offered by Brian Seth Mouton and seconded by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and duly resolved and adopted on this 14th day of April 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY AS CURATOR**

**FOR THE ABSENTEE OWNERS AND/OR UNOPENED SUCCESSIONS**

**OF THE PREVIOUS OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 407 BAILEY**

**RAYNE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS**

 **WHEREAS** the property located at 407 Bailey, Rayne Louisiana is in a dangerous and dilapidated condition which endangers public health, safety, and welfare and is in need of being condemned and demolished;

**WHEREAS** there are a number of owners of said property who have passed away whose successions have not been opened and/or other owners who are absentees whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be located;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to appoint an attorney as curator for the absentee owners and/or unopened successions of the previous owners of said property as identified by the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving service and/or notice on their behalf of condemnation proceedings involving said properties including rules to show cause, notices of intent to commence demolition; notice of demolition and demand for payment of costs and any other notices required by law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the City of Rayne appoint Glenn Howie. Attorney at law, as curator for the absentee owners and/or unopened successions of the previous owners of said property as identified by the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving service and/or notice on their behalf of condemnation proceedings involving said properties including rules to show cause, notices of intent to commence demolition; notice of demolition and demand for payment of costs and any other notices required by law to serve.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of April 2025**.**

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

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 **CITY OF RAYNE**

The following resolution was offered by Brian Seth Mouton and seconded by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and duly resolved and adopted on this 14th day of April 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY AS CURATOR**

**FOR THE ABSENTEE OWNERS AND/OR UNOPENED SUCCESSIONS**

**OF THE PREVIOUS OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 816 HOLT**

**RAYNE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS**

 **WHEREAS** the property located at 816 Holt, Rayne Louisiana is in a dangerous and dilapidated condition which endangers public health, safety, and welfare and is in need of being condemned and demolished;

**WHEREAS** there are a number of owners of said property who have passed away whose successions have not been opened and/or other owners who are absentees whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be located;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to appoint an attorney as curator for the absentee owners and/or unopened successions of the previous owners of said property as identified by the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving service and/or notice on their behalf of condemnation proceedings involving said properties including rules to show cause, notices of intent to commence demolition; notice of demolition and demand for payment of costs and any other notices required by law;

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This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of April 2025**.**

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK** **CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

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 **CITY OF RAYNE**

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the City of Rayne financials for March 2025 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 Shambertina Young, newly appointed commander of the American Legion-Henderson Post 569 presented plans and goals for Post 569.

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the approval of a 30-day lease for the Frog Festival grounds between the City of Rayne and the Rayne Chamber of Commerce was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet a request for additional payment and contract change order to extend completion by 107 days was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

 On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second from James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot a request to consider a Street Drive request from Precious Paw Prints Animal Rescue to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Highway 90/Texas Avenue, Highway 90/Polk Street and Highway 90/Highway 35 was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the owner of 710 Section Ave – Martin Petitjean II ETAL #1 was given 90 days to demolish the home.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the owner of 405 Malvern Ave – Jessie & Deola Lewis Jr. C/O Amanda Lewis Mathews, represented by Keith Lewis was given 90 days to demolish the home.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Brian Seth Mouton the owner of 804 West D Street – Rosa Mae Senegal Granger C/O Angelina Senegal Logan was given 90 days to demolish the home.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The Engineer’s Report was presented by Tim Mader.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and carried.

 YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK** **CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**