

**Minutes of the Town of Jonesboro
Special Called Meeting – 5:30 P.M.**

**Jonesboro, Louisiana
June 18, 2019**

Call to Order

Mayor Leslie Thompson called the Special Called Meeting to order at 5:35pm

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Mayor Leslie Thompson

Flowers – present

Ginn-present

Johnson-present

Siadek-absent

Stringer-present

A quorum was present

Invocation – Flowers

Pledge – Johnson

Mayor Comments

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget – Ordinance #2019-005

- Proposed/projected budget annual income - \$2,698,703.00
- Budget message submitted – Where the money comes from, what percentage and what these departments these funds are allocated too.
- \$1.7 million from sales tax -which makes up 63% on total income that comes into the town.
- General fund - provides the funds for the general operation of each department.
- Enterprise funds – The money that is generated from water and sewer.
- Solution to budget issue - bring in more revenue or cut expenditures.
- Grant sources- The town needs to position to compete. It's a struggle, due to the majority of agencies are looking for matching funds that they are allocating.
- It is urgent that we adopt the budget by the end of the month in order to be in compliance.

Stringer-Question- How much revenue is the utilities department taking in?

Answer-\$725,000.00 a difference of \$200,000.00. The revenue flow should be where 4 years ago due to no real change and it's been constant, the amount should be \$725,00.00.

Ginn – Request for CPA Kenneth Folden to discuss revenues.

Johnson- The Prison has more beds, are there more people and will the use of water generate an increase our revenue? Mayor- yes this will cause our revenues to increase.

Mayor- too many households that are not paying a water bill. Utilities personnel is currently generating an active list of customers and comparing that list to customers with deposits to identify what households are currently not paying a water bill. The list may contain at least 100 households.

Folden-CPA- Utility reports for the last 10 months have been pulled and a recap was discussed:

Billed – out

Water-\$543,878

Garbage-\$215,000

Sewer-\$235,000

Tax - \$1,300

PSF- \$32,878

Penalties/Late fee - \$21,015

Bulk sales - \$52,000

10 months - estimated \$600,000

12 months- estimated \$900,000

Mayor- meeting with ATT rep on Monday, 6/24/19 regarding astronomical billing for the Town of Jonesboro.

Council Comments

Council comments were expressed.

Mayor Comments

Mayor comments were expressed.


Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Motion carried.



Mayor Leslie Thompson



Vivian McCarden, Clerk

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