

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LEONVILLE, LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, AT 6:00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Leonville was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the meeting room of the Municipal Building.

The mayor called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Nicholas Degueyter, Council Members Kirk Stelly, Amanda Herpin, Benita Kennerson, Billy Lanclos and Kerry Willingham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Kerry Willingham, seconded by Billy Lanclos, and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and accepted as written.

Dwain Grimmnett addressed council concerning flooding on his property at 107 & 119 Elderberry. Mr. Grimmnett requests the town to clean and dig ditches for water to drain, whatever needed for proper drainage.

April Lafleur addressed council concerning 2 horses, goats, and dogs at 238 Hurvey. Animals are causing a disturbance to the neighbors. Town has Ordinances in place, will review.

Public hearing was held for Ordinance No. 1 of 2024, no comments were presented.

On a motion by Kirk Stelly duly seconded by Kerry Willingham the following ordinance was offered for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DISCONNECTION DUE TO NON-PAYMENT
(SEE ATTACHED)


Lance Lee addressed storm water infiltration into sewer collection lines. Will send letters to those that need repair, if customer does not fix, town will fix and bill for material.


Sellers engineering report was given.

Lance Lee, Town Manager gave report. Quotes on maintenance department truck, council requests to keep looking. Gas inspection complete.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be April 09, 2024


Christine Tidwell, Clerk


Nicholas Degueyter, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DISCONNECTION DUE TO NON-PAYMENT

An amendment to Ordinance No. 1 of 1968 Regulating Failure to Pay Water Charges.

WHEREAS the Town of Leonville ("Town") seeks to ensure that its utility enterprises are managed, operated, and maintained in a stable, sustainable, and financially healthy condition; and

WHEREAS the Town of Leonville must collect sufficient service revenue to meet the major maintenance of the utility system and offset the costs of operation and maintenance of the systems to make those systems self-sufficient and to allow the continued support of other Town services.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Leonville, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the said town, that Ordinance No. 1 of 2024, referred to as An Ordinance Regulating Disconnection Due to Non-Payment, shall read as follows:

The Town shall bill monthly services for the previous month by the end of the next month. Payments on accounts shall be due on the "Due Date" as noted on the bill.

If an account is not paid in full by the Due Date, a penalty fee of 10% shall be added to the original amount due the day after the Due Date and the account shall be identified as "DELINQUENT". The account shall remain delinquent until the total past due account balance is paid.

A delinquent fee of \$50.00 will be applied to all accounts not paid in full within 5 calendar days after the due date and be set for "cut-off". The delinquent fee may not be waived once the "cut-off" list is printed, unless due to utility department error. The service will be discontinued, and the meter will remain locked until the bill and delinquent fee is paid in full.

Accounts that have remained in DELINQUENT status as of thirty (30) days past the Due Date shall be identified as "IN COLLECTION". The Town shall first attempt to contact the account holder and collect the remaining outstanding balance. If unsuccessful in the collection attempt, the Town shall apply the account holder's available Deposit towards the past due amount and close the account. If the Deposit is sufficient to pay the account in full, the Town shall return any remaining Deposit to the account holder.

Service shall not be granted to an account holder until ALL past due amounts with the Town are paid in full.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED on the 15th day of February 2024, and after being duly considered at a public hearing;

WHEREUPON the above ordinance was read and submitted to a vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: *Kerry Willingham, Kirk Stelly, Billy Lancelos, Amanda Herpin, Benita Kennerson*

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

This Ordinance was declared adopted the 12 day of March, 2024 to be effective upon adoption.

ATTEST:

/s/ Christine Tidwell
TOWN CLERK

/s/ Nicholas Degueyter
MAYOR