

## **REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026– 6:00 P.M.**

**Vinton Town Hall | 1200 Horridge Street**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Public Meeting of the Town of Vinton was called to order by Mayor Bahnsen at 6:00 P.M.

### **INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Mayor Bahnsen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members, Conner, Starring, Loyd, and Stanley.

Absent: Council Member Wright

Also Present: Brandi Patin, Municipal Clerk; Chris Vice, Fire Chief & Jared Watson Town Attorney

**Total Payroll for December 2025      \$ 190,737.41**

**Total Bills for December 2025      \$ 216,079.49**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments to speak on agenda items. NONE

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### **MAYORAL ITEMS**

#### **Mayor Bahnsen**

- **Approval of December 2025 Minutes**

A motion was made by Council Member Loyd and seconded by Council Member Starring to approve the minutes of the December 2025 meeting.

Motion carried.

- **Approval of Bills –December 2025**

A motion was made by Council Member Starring and seconded by Council Member Loyd to approve and pay the bills for December 2025.

Motion carried.

- **Howard Foreman was not present at the meeting**

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- Amend Ordinance No. 388 for Mardi Gras and Memorial Day**  
 Council discussed amending Ordinance No. 388 to include Mardi Gras and Memorial Day as recognized holidays. After discussion, Council Member Starring made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 388 as presented. Council Member Loyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Council Approval to Reschedule February 17, 2026, Regular Council Meeting**  
 Council discussed rescheduling the February 17, 2026, Regular Council Meeting due to Mardi Gras Day to February 24, 2026. Council Member Loyd made a motion to approve the rescheduling. Council Member Starring seconded the motion.
- Resolution Authorizing of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) Between the Town of Vinton and Animal Services Calcasieu Parish Police Jury**  
 Council discussed a resolution authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Town of Vinton and Animal Services of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, authorizing Mayor Bahnsen to sign. Council Member Starring made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Loyd seconded the motion and was carried.
- Introduction of Amendment to Town Ordinances Relative to Chapter 14**  
 The proposed amendment to Chapter 14 of the Town Ordinances was introduced and discussed. The item was tabled until the next meeting.
- Introduction and Discussion of Proposed Adjustment to Residential Utility Fees**  
 Council discussed proposed adjustments to residential water, sewer, and garbage fees. Council requested more information prior to further consideration.

## REPORTS

- Public Works Report** – Director Terry Vice presented the Public Works report.
- Fire & Civil Defense Report** – Fire Chief Chris Vice presented the Fire and Civil Defense report.
- Police Report** – Police Chief Scott Spell presented the Police report.
- Attorney Report** – Town Attorney Jared Watson presented his report.

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## REMINDERS

- Please do not blow grass clippings onto roads or into storm drains.
- Trash cans must be removed from the street within 24 hours of pickup.

- *DeQuincy News* is available for purchase at Vinton City Hall and Breaux's Pharmacy for \$0.50.
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

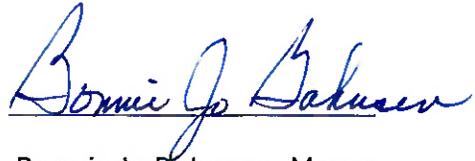
There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Starring and seconded by Council Member Loyd to adjourn the meeting.

## **NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday February 24, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

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Brandi Patin, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie Jo Bahnsen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor