

## **Town of Vinton**

### **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **INVOCATION / PRAYER**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll call was conducted.

**Present:** Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley

**Absent:** Wright

**Payroll Number February 2026 \$ 187,724.26 Bills for February 2026 \$ 113,388.65**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were heard for items listed on the agenda. None

#### **MAYORAL AGENDA**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by **Starring**, seconded by **Stanley**, to approve the minutes of the February 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

##### **2. Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by **Loyd**, seconded by **Starring**, to approve payment of bills for February 2026 (presented at the March meeting). Motion carried.

##### **3. Ms. Bonnie Mosses – Increase in Electricity Rates: not present.**

##### **4. Appointment of Julie Coleman, Clerk of Court**

A resolution was introduced to adopt the resolution to appoint Julie Coleman as Court Clerk for Mayors Court.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR BAHNSEN RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT JULIE COLEMAN AS THE COURT CLERK FOR THE MAYOR'S COURT FOR THE TOWN OF VINTON, LOUISIANA.**

**Roll Call:**

- Yeas: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley    Nays: None    Absent: Wright

**Result:** Motion carried.

**5. South Street Cell Tower Lease**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUTH STREET CELL TOWER**

A motion was made by **Loyd**, seconded by **Conner**, to approve and authorize mayor to sign the South Street Cell Tower lease. Motion carried.

- Yeas: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley    Nays: None    Absent: Wright

**Result:** Motion carried.

**6. Adoption of Annexation Ordinance**

(An ordinance expanding and enlarging municipal boundaries involving CPSB property introduced February 2026 meeting)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-531**

**AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING AND ENLARGING THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF VINTON VIA ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ("CPSB") BETWEEN CERTAIN LANDS ALREADY OWNED BY THE CPSB WITHIN THE TOWN CITY LIMITS AND INTERSTATE 10.**

A motion was made by **Stanley**, seconded by **Loyd**, to adopt the ordinance.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Yeas: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley    Nays: None    Absent: Wright

**Result:** Ordinance adopted.

**7. Abandoned & Junked Property Ordinance (Amendment to Ordinance 521)**

A motion was made by **Conner**, seconded by **Stanley**, to adopt amendments to the ordinance introduced February 24<sup>th</sup>2026.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Yeas: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley    Nays: None    Absent: Wright

**Result:** Ordinance adopted.

**8. Adoption of Chapter 14 – Criminal Code & Highway Regulatory Act**

A motion was made by **Starring**, seconded by **Conner**, to adopt the ordinance introduced February 2026 meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-529**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TITLE 14 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE & THE LOUISIANA HIGHWAY REGULATORY ACT, WHERE APPLICABLE, AS AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF VINTON, LOUISIANA, FOR PROSECUTION & ENFORCEMENT IN THE VINTON MAYOR’S COURT**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Yeas: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley    Nays: None    Absent: Wright

**Result:** Ordinance adopted.

**9. Public Records Request Fee**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2026-9**

A motion was made by **Loyd**, seconded by **Stanley**, to approve the resolution establishing fees for public records requests and copies motion carried.

The fee schedule is as follows:

- General Copies / Electronic Copies – \$1.00 per page (first 50 pages)
- Additional Pages Over 50 – \$0.50 per page
- Color Copies – \$1.00 per page
- Weekly Reports – \$10.00
- Monthly Reports – \$20.00
- Quarterly Reports – \$60.00
- Annual Reports – \$100.00

**10. Surplus Fire Department Equipment**

**Resolution No 2026-10**

A motion was made by **Stanley**, seconded by **Conner**, to declare certain fire department equipment as surplus and authorize the mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for donation to Ward 4 Fire District 3 Allen Parish Fire Dept.

**Vote:** Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

- **Public Works – Terry Vice:** Absent
- **Fire & Civil Defense – Chief Chris Vice:** Report given
- **Police – Chief Scott Spell:** Report given
- **Attorney – Jared Watson:** Report given

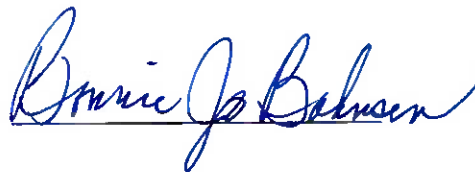
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by **Starring**, seconded by **Loyd**, to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Motion carried.



Brandi Patin, City Clerk



Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor