

TOWN OF VINTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Vinton City Hall, 1200 Horridge Street, Vinton, Louisiana

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Vinton City Hall, 1200 Horridge Street, Vinton, Louisiana.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. INVOCATION / PRAYER led by Council Member Stanley

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Vice Fire Chief

4. ROLL CALL Roll call was conducted with all council members present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS- No public comments were made regarding agenda items.

6. MAYOR BONNIE JO BAHNSEN

Bills for the month of May 2026 \$194,233.82 Payroll for May \$ 174,904.03

Agenda Amendment

A motion was made by Council Member Loyd and seconded by Council Member Stanley to amend the agenda to add to the questions from the council for Mr. Powell's homes on 905 Vincent to the agenda. Motion was carried. Council had no questions.

Recognition of Steve Jennings - Mayor Bahnsen recognized Steve Jennings for his service and contributions to the Town of Vinton.

Approval of Payment of Bills – May 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Loyd to approve payment of the May 2026 bills. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – May 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Loyd to approve the minutes of the May 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Millage Rate Approval-

The Council approved of the 5.38 millage rate. Following discussion, a roll call vote was conducted, and the millage rate was approved.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by The Town of Vinton:

(Name of taxing district)

MILLAGE

General Alimony 5.38 mills

(Tax for: e.g. General Alimony, Library, Maintenance)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Calcasieu , State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley, Wright

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 16, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Vinton, Louisiana, this 16th day of June 2026.

(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-532

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-532

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS IN THE VINTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO FUND A COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LOUISIANA LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Conner and seconded by Loyd to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-532 regarding the Technology Fund, which had been introduced at the previous meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

YEAS: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley, Wright

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor

Brandi Patin, City Clerk

Adoption of Ordinance No. 500-

ORDINANCE NO. 500

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24-721 OF ORDINANCE 500 AND SECTION 24-821 OF ORDINANCE 520 RELATIVE TO THE SPECIFIC DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL IN THE TOWN OF VINTON ORDINANCES.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law. The above Ordinance was introduced on the 19th day of May 2026 and adopted on the 16th day of June 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Loyd to amend Ord No. 500 and carried. A roll call vote was conducted with the following results: The motion carried and Ordinance No. 500 was adopted.

YEAS: Conner, Starring, Loyd, Stanley, Wright

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None The motion carried and Ordinance No. 500 was adopted.

Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor

Brandi Patin, City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Stanley and seconded by Council Member Loyd to adopt Resolution No. 2026-17 designating **The DeQuincy News** as the Official Journal for the Town of Vinton for the ensuing year. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING **Dequincy News** AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN JOURNAL.

WHEREAS LSA-R.S. 43:141 provides that municipal corporations at their first meeting in June of each year shall select a newspaper as official journal for their respective town for a term of one year;

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, in Regular Session convened on the 16th day of June 2026, that:

DeQuincy News is hereby designated and selected as the official journal for the Town of Vinton.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED on this 16th day of June, 2026.

BONNIE JO BAHNSEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

BRANDI PATIN, Town of Vinton Clerk

13. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Terry Vice presented the Public Works Report.

14. FIRE & CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

Chief Chris Vice presented the Fire and Civil Defense Report.

15. POLICE REPORT

Chief Scott Spell presented the Police Department Report and provided an update regarding personnel matters.

16. ATTORNEY REPORT / UPDATES

Town Attorney Jared Watson provided legal updates and addressed matters of concern to the Council.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Loyd and seconded by Council Member Stanley. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor

Brandi Patin, City Clerk