

Vinton City Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

City Hall – Vinton, Louisiana

I. Call meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Vinton City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

II. Invocation The invocation was led by Ronnie Ruffin.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Diane Conner, Stephanie Hardy, BB Loyd, Lindsey Stanley

Council Members Absent: Micheal Wright

V. Citizens in the Audience

- Livia Lynn Cormier, World Baby Petite – introduced
- Don Bolin, Calcasieu Parish Administrator – not present
- Judd Bares, District 12, Calcasieu Parish Jury – not present

VI. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting held July 15, 2025.
 - Motion by Hardy, seconded by Stanley, Motion carried

VII. Bid Items: None

VIII. Discussion and Action Items

Motion was made by council member Conner, seconded by Loyd and carried for Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen to serve as Director on the LEPA Board and Jared Watson, Town Attorney, to serve as Alternate Director motion by Conner, seconded by Loyd motion carried.

Resolution NO: 2025-2

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana that the mayor's appointment Bonnie Jo Bahnsen to serve as Director and Jared Watson town attorney to serve as Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority ("LEPA") is hereby approved.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Wright

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of August, 2025



Mayor, Bonnie Jo Bahnsen



City Clerk, Brandi Patin

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN IMPLEMENTING A GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM THROUGH THE RESTORE LOUISIANA INFRASTRUCTURE: FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE NON-FEDERAL SHARE MATCH PROGRAM FOR CALCASIEU PARISH IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE LAURA.

WHEREAS the City of Vinton has applied for funding under the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program, administered through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Non-Federal Share Match Program, in response to damages and recovery efforts following Hurricane Laura; and

WHEREAS the amount of funding requested by the City of Vinton under this program is One Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight and 63/100 Dollars (\$190,958.63); and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations require that the City of Vinton certify that the activities for which CDBG-DR funds are being requested are designed to reimburse the City for expenses incurred in response to conditions that posed a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, which the City was unable to finance on its own, and for which no other funds were available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vinton hereby authorizes Mayor Bonnie Jo Bahnsen to execute all documents, contracts, certifications, and agreements necessary for the implementation and administration of the above-described grant on behalf of the City of Vinton, and to bind the City to the same, effective August 19, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council affirms its support for the grant request in the amount of \$190,958.63 and hereby directs the Mayor and any designated representatives to take all actions required to fulfill the obligations of the City of Vinton under this grant program.

Having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley

NAYS: NA

ABSENT: Wright

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of August 2025.

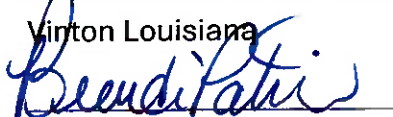


Bonnie Jo Bahnsen, Mayor

CERTIFICATION.

I, BRANDI PATIN, CITY CLERK, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the governing authority of the City of Vinton at its meeting on August 19, 2025, at which a quorum was present and voting.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE OF THIS OFFICE, this 19th day of August 2025,
Vinton Louisiana



Brandi Patin, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-4

Resolution supporting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Calcasieu Corridor Coalition (3 C District).

this is between the Mayor's of the City of Vinton, City of DeQuincy, Town of Iowa, City of Lake Charles, City of Westlake, City of Sulphur and Calcasieu Parish that jointly share a common interest in fostering comprehensive, cooperative, coordinated, and consensus in public infrastructure in the designated arterial corridors of I-10, I-210, Proposed North Loop Segment 1, Proposed North Loop Segment 2 and Proposed I-514; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to outline the mutual intention of the Parties to explore collaborative opportunities to meet critical needs identified individually and through a united purpose, plan and strategy; and

WHEREAS, this MOU is only for discussion purposes and there is no legally binding obligation on the part of any Party unless and until mutually satisfactory written agreements are executed and delivered between all parties.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby support the Memorandum of Understanding for the Calcasieu Corridor Coalition.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wright

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 19th day of August 2025.

ATTEST:



Brandi Patin, City Clerk



Mayor, Bonnie Jo Bahnsen

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-5

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Vinton, the town council authorized at its August __19__, 2025 monthly town council meeting that Mayor Bahnsen can enter into the purchase of property located at Corporate Drive and West Street, describe on the attached Exhibit "A" for the price of \$100,000.00.

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as followed and approved. Motion by Hardy, seconded by Stanley motion carried unanimously.

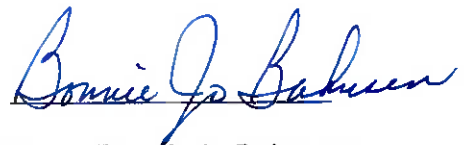
YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley

NAYS:

ABSENT: Wright



City Clerk, Brandi Patin



Mayor, Bonnie Jo Bahnsen

Ordinances – Final Vote of Approval

- Ordinance No. 2025-522: Setting pay rate for Carla Sigler, Magistrate – Approved unanimously.

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley NAYS: None Absent: Wright

- Ordinance No. 2025-523: Setting pay rate for Jared Watson, Town Attorney – Motion by Diane, seconded by Loyd. Approved unanimously.

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley NAYS: None ABSENT: Wright

- Ordinance No. 2025-524: Setting pay rate for Brandi Patin, City Clerk – Approved unanimously.

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley NAYS : None ABSENT: Wright

Ordinance No. 2025-525: Setting pay rate for Debbie McBride, Court Clerk – Approved unanimously.

YEAS: Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Stanley NAYS: None ABSENT: Wright

2. Hiring – Police Officer

Approval to hire Julian Jones as Full-Time Police Officer, upon recommendation of Chief E. Scott Spell, motion by Stanley, seconded by Conner. motion carried unanimously.

3. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion was made to nominate Stephanie Hardy by Stanley, seconded by Conner and carried.

XI. Updates

- Community Courtesy Reminders:
 - Don't blow grass clippings into road/storm drains.
 - Trash cans must be removed within 24 hours of pickup.
 - Vinton Mayor's Armed Forces meeting was held on August 14. Veterans' Day Parade event is set for September 11th 2pm.

XII. Reports

Motion by Hardy to approve hearing of reports and recommendations.

1. Police Report – Chief E. Scott Spell
2. Fire Report – Chief Chris Vice
3. Public Works Report – Director Terry Vice (Workorder Activity, Water & Street Report)
4. Code Enforcement – To be determined (discussion with Mayor & Chief Spell)
5. Attorney Report – Jared Watson
6. City Clerk Report – Brandi Patin

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned Motion made by Loyd, seconded by Hardy and carried.



City Clerk, Brandi Patin



Mayor, Bonnie Jo Bahnsen