**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON August 11, 2025.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Louisiana, met at their regular meeting place the City Hall, Rayne, Louisiana, on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot. Absent was Calise Michael Doucet.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, State of Louisiana, were duly convened as the governing authority of said City, by Mayor Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, who stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

There was a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 2025 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and motion carried.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

The following ordinances were offered by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

**Ordinance #2054-2025** - An Ordinance to amend the City of Rayne’s October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Budget.

**Ordinance #2055-2025** - An Ordinance to adopt an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

There was a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to hold a budget hearing at 5:15 P.M. at the September 8, 2025 City Council Meeting for Ordinance 2054-2025 and Ordinance 2055-2025 and motion carried.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

The following resolution was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and duly resolved and adopted on this 11th day of August 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX TO COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH AND ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS WITH THE PARISH OF ACADIA AND ITS POLICE JURY AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE THERETO FOR THE CLEANUP OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF EAST JEFFERSON DAVIS AVENUE BETWEEN THE EXTENSIONS OF SUNRISE AND HUTCHINSON STREETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVED DRAINAGE AND FACILITATING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN THE CITY OF RAYNE**

**WHEREAS,** there is a drainage ditch lying North of East Jefferson Davis Avenue between the Northward extension of Sunrise and Hutchinson Streets (hereinafter the “Ditch”) which serves as a drainage artery for a substantial portion of the City of Rayne.

**WHEREAS,** the City maintains that portion of the Ditch lying South of East Jefferson Davis Avenue; however the portion thereof lying North of East Jefferson Davis Avenue is outside of the corporate limits of the City of Rayne and as such has not been and cannot legally be maintained by the City of Rayne.

**WHEREAS,** the portion of the Ditch lying North of East Jefferson Davis Avenue outside of the corporate limits of the City of Rayne needs to be improved, cleaned, and/or maintained in order to facilitate proper drainage and there is trash, junk, and other dilapidated and/or dangerous structures situated upon the private property bounded on the South by East Jefferson Davis Avenue and on the East by the Ditch (hereinafter the “Property”) which hinders access to and improvement, cleaning and maintenance of the Ditch.

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to coordinate efforts with Acadia Parish and/or the Acadia Parish Police Jury (hereinafter the “Parish”) pursuant to existing intergovernmental agreements and/or to enter into cooperative endeavors with the Parish for the purpose of cleanup of the Property in order to gain access to the Ditch and to improve, clean and maintain the Ditch for the public purpose of improving drainage and alleviating flooding within the City of Rayne.

 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne that the City of Rayne coordinate efforts and cooperate with the Parish for the purpose of cleaning the Property in order to gain access to the Ditch and to improve, clean and maintain the Ditch for purpose of improving drainage and alleviating flooding within the City of Rayne and to use equipment and manpower of the City of Rayne to assist the Parish as reasonably necessary for that purpose;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Charles E. Robichaux be and he is hereby authorized and empowered for and in the name of the City of Rayne to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary or advisable to carry out said purpose including but not limited to intergovernmental or cooperative endeavor agreements.

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

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this 11th day of August 2025**.**

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

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 **CERTIFICATE**

I, **ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX**, Clerk of the City of Rayne, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of August 2025 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

 **BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK**

 **CITY OF RAYNE**

The following resolution was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and duly resolved and adopted on this 11th day of August 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX TO ENTER INTO AND ACCEPT A DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FROM PAULINE LUMBER COMPANY AND THE KOURY FAMILY BEING AN ALLEYWAY RUNNING SOUTH FROM EAST BRANCHE STREET TO LEBLANC STREET**

 **WHEREAS,** there is currently situated a paved alleyway within the City of Rayne which alleyway runs over on and along the following described property:

That portion of the following described property lying between East Branche Street and Leblanc Street within the City of Rayne:

That certain tract or parcel of land together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon, located in Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

That strip of land extending from East Branche Street in a Southerly direction for approximately 1,110 feet in length and 20 feet in width running more or less parallel to the West side of that certain tract of land now or formerly owned by Joseph B. Mear and Pauline Lumber Company, Inc. being described as Lots 1-B and 1-D, and the South half of Lot 1-A as shown upon that certain plat of survey of the subdivision of the estate of Jules Pierre and Marie B. Junot, dated October 28, 1958, prepared by Frank R. Lyman, C. E. attached to that certain act of partition by and between Alice Junot Myers, et al dated November 15, 1958, together with all rights of way servitudes and agreements appertaining thereto and including specifically but not limited to, that servitude agreement dated February 9, 1963, recorded February 19, 1963, in Conveyance Book L22, page 499, Original Act No. bearing Original Act No. 334439 of the records of the Clerk of Courts office in and for Acadia Parish Louisiana, said strip of land or lane being running from East Branche Street to a point approximately 1,110 feet South to the Northern boundary of a tract of land owned by O'Neill A. Landry and Daniel N. Landry.

 Hereinafter referred to as the “Property”.

**WHEREAS** the owners of the Property desire to donate same to the City of Rayne.

**WHEREAS** the donation of the Property to the City of Rayne serves a public purpose in that by acquiring ownership of the Property the City can properly and legally maintain and improve said alleyway and the shoulders and roadside ditches adjacent thereto for the benefit of the public, and accordingly, the City desires to accept the donation of the Property.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the City of Rayne enter into an Act of Donation with the owners of the Property and accept the donation of same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Charles E. Robichaux be and he is hereby authorized and empowered for and in the name of the City of Rayne to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary or advisable to carry out said purpose including but not limited to an Act of Donation of the Property upon such additional terms and conditions as the said Mayor Charles E. Robichaux deems advisable in his discretion.

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

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

 And the resolution was declared adopted on this 11th day of August 2025**.**

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

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I, **ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX**, Clerk of the City of Rayne, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of August 2025 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

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 **CITY OF RAYNE**

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot the City of Rayne financials for July 2025 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the 2024 tax year property tax adjustments was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

City Attorney Michael Landry presented options available to the City for the sale of adjudicated properties and the necessary processes and procedures. The process will be established by ordinance and introduced at the next Council meeting.

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry a request to approve authorization for Change Order #2 for additional concrete sidewalks on the Gossen Memorial Park Concession project was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot a request to consider a street drive request from Rayne East Side Boxing to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 7:00am to 2:00pm on Highway 90/Texas Avenue and Highway 90/ Highway 35 was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the owner of 400 West A School St – Toby Guidry ETAL C/O Kevin Menard was given 30 days to completely remove all vehicles (commercial and passenger) and beds, equipment (including trailers and motors), mowers, ATV’S/UTV’s, parts/scrap/tires was accepted by the Council.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Calise Michael Doucet

The Engineer’s Report was presented by Tim Mader.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and carried.

 YEAS: 4 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

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**ANGELIQUE N. BREAUX, CITY CLERK** **CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**