

City of Ville Platte
Public Hearing for Ordinance to amend Utility Services Definitions Ordinance

126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA
Minutes for March 8, 2022 held at 4:30 PM

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine announced the commencement of the first Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the city ordinance defining Industrial Service and read the following posting announcing same on the March 8, 2022 Ville Platte City Council Agenda.

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine opened the hearing by orally reading the proposed amendment to the ordinance as such:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE 06-17-2019(1) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 33:4712, PRESCRIBING THE RATES, CHARGES, AND DEPOSITS ON WATER, SEWER AND GAS SERVICE ACCOUNTS SERVED BY THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

- V. Industrial Service is defined as (a) sewer service provided for use by large industrial entities which *either* do not receive water service from the City *or do produce goods for wholesale only*, and (b) gas service provided for use by large industrial entities with average gas usage of 1,000 CCF or more per month on average over a twelve-month period.

No other comments were made.

At 4:45 PM Mayor Jennifer Vidrine announced the public hearing was concluded.

City of Ville Platte
Public Hearing for Ordinance to amend the City Council Election Districts Ordinance

126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA
Minutes for March 8, 2022 held at 4:30 PM

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine announced the commencement of the second Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the city ordinance defining the Ville Platte City Council Election Districts and read the following posting announcing same on the March 8, 2022 Ville Platte City Council Agenda.

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine opened the hearing and called on Dirk Deville, Chief Administrative Officer to orally read the proposed amendment to the ordinance as such:

AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA, UNDER PLAN 3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, there are presently six single member voting districts for the City of Ville Platte, designated as Districts A, B, C, D, E, and F, said Districts having been created by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Census of the U.S. Census Bureau, and after considering all annexations, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte commissioned a reapportionment study which determined that unequal apportionment of the municipal population exists and, therefore the boundaries of the six single member voting districts should be changed to reflect as nearly as possible and equal apportionment of said population, as required by law, particularly La R.S. 33:382 and La. R.S. 33:1371;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte, in regular session assembled, that Plan 3 be adopted and the six single member voting districts for City of Ville Platte Board of Aldermen be hereby amended as follows: to-wit:

SECTION I

(Definition of District A)

District A of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled “District A”, and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION II

(Definition of District B)

District B of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled “District B”, and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION III

(Definition of District C)

District C of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled “District C”, and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION IV

(Definition of District D)

District D of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled “District D”, and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION V

(Definition of District E)

District E of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled “District E”, and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION VI

(Definition of District F)

District F of the municipality of the City of Ville Platte shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District F", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This amended ordinance is to become effective at the end of the terms of office of the current members of the Board of Aldermen on December 31, 2014, as provided by La. R.S. 33:1371 (B) or otherwise provided by law.

After being considered section by section and being put to a vote on the whole, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the said ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this _____ day of _____, **2022**.

JENNIFER VIDRINE, MAYOR

HILDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

The above ordinance was presented to the Mayor by the Clerk, approved by the Mayor and returned to the Clerk on this _____ day of _____, **2022**.

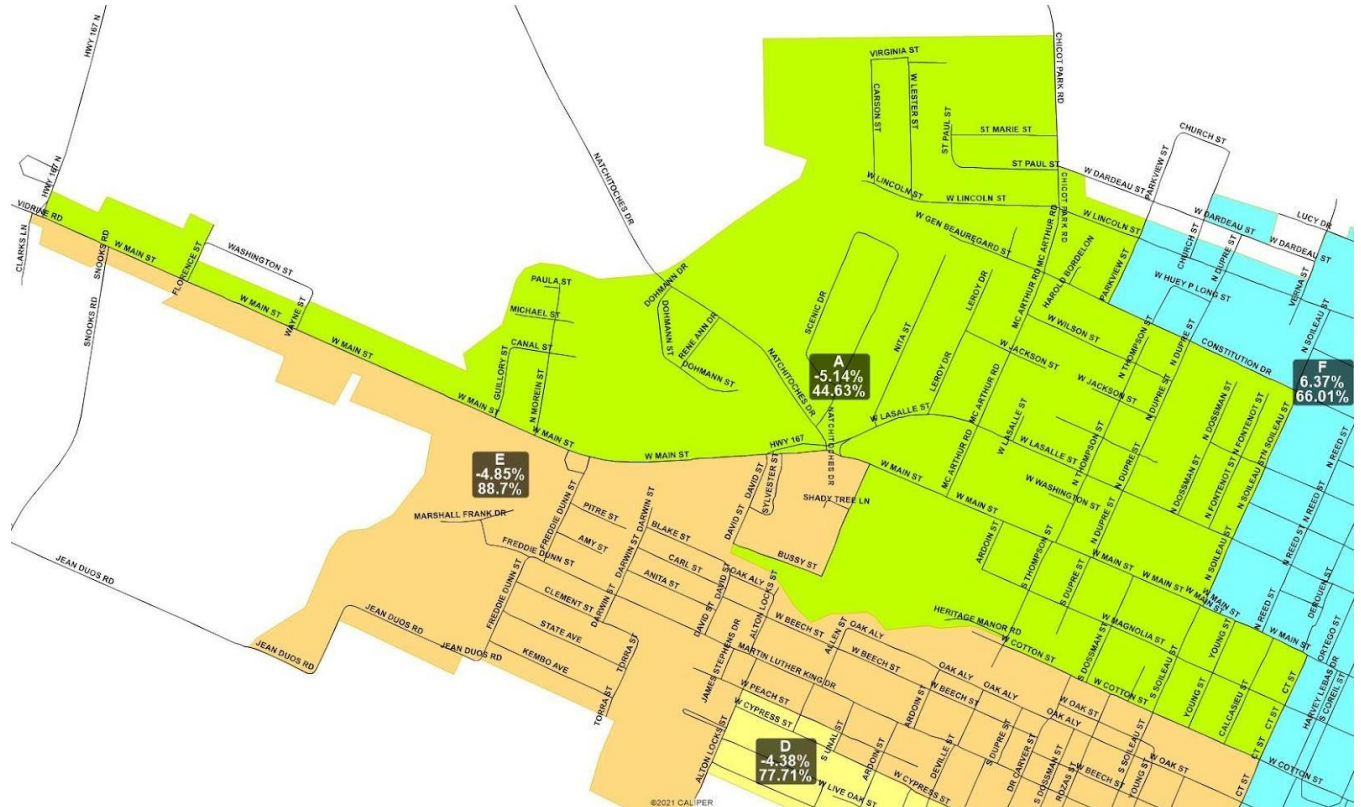
**CITY OF VILLE PLATTE REAPPORTIONMENT EXHIBIT
DISTRICT A**

District A:

Commencing from the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Court St. and West Cotton St., thence westerly on West Cotton St. to the intersection with the centerline of South Thompson St., thence northerly on South Thompson to the intersection with the centerline of the drainage canal, thence generally westerly on the drainage canal to the intersection with the centerline of David St., thence northerly on David St. to the intersection with the centerline of Bussy St., thence easterly and northerly on Bussy St. to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 167, also designated as West Main St., thence westerly on West Main St. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Ville Platte, thence generally northerly, easterly, northerly, easterly, southerly, and easterly to the intersection with the centerline of Parkview St., thence southerly on Parkview St. to the intersection with the centerline of West General Beauregard St., thence easterly on West General Beauregard St. to the intersection with

the centerline of North Soileau St., thence southerly on North Soileau St. to the intersection with the centerline of West Main St., thence easterly on West Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of Court St., thence southerly on Court St. to the intersection with the centerline of West Cotton St. and the Point of Beginning.

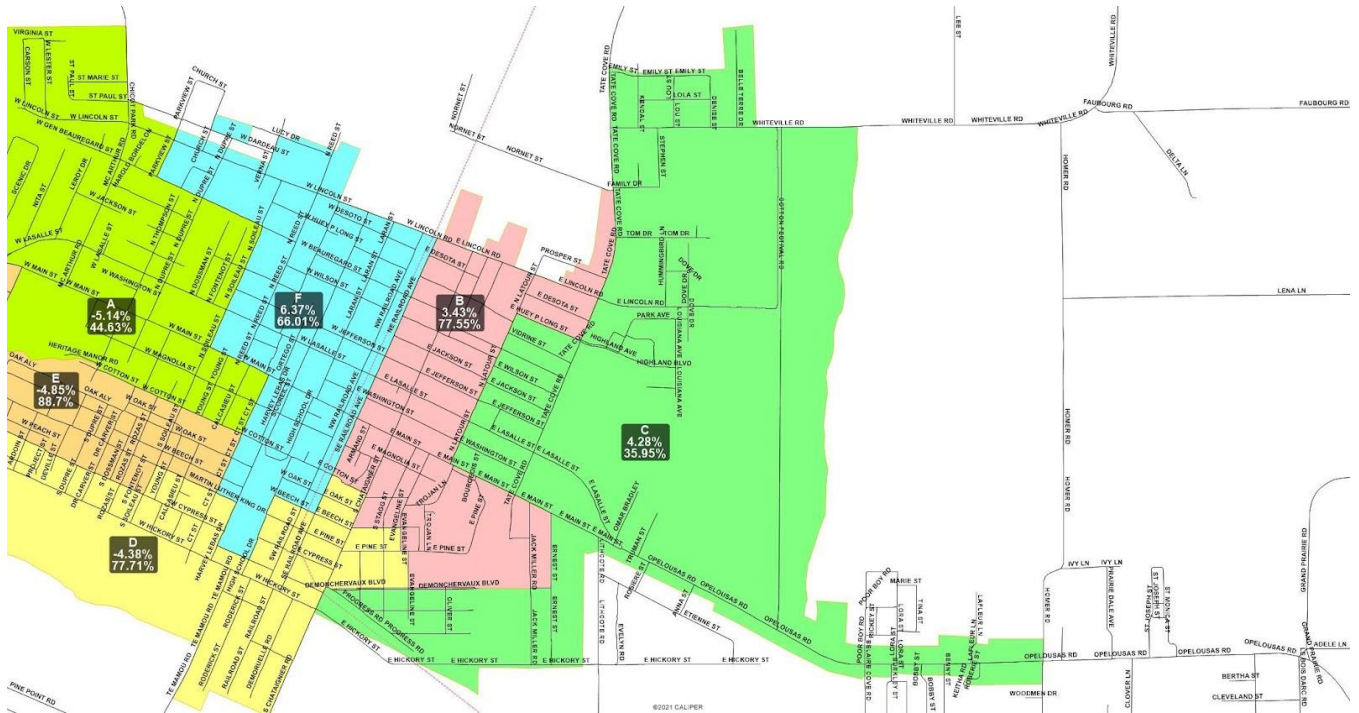
Plat of District A



**City of Ville Platte Reapportionment Exhibit
District B**

District B:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of SE Railroad Ave. and East Cotton St., thence easterly on East Cotton St. to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 29, also designated as South Chataignier St., thence southerly on South Chataignier St. to the intersection with the centerline of E. Beech St., thence easterly on E. Beech St. to the intersection with the centerline of Evangeline St., thence southerly on Evangeline St. to the intersection with the centerline of E. Pine St., thence easterly on E. Pine St. to the intersection with the centerline of Evangeline St., thence southerly on Evangeline St. to the intersection with the centerline of Demonchervaux Blvd., thence easterly on Demonchervaux Blvd. to the intersection with the centerline of Ernest St., thence northerly on Ernest St. to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 167, also designated as East Main St., thence westerly on East Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Latour St., thence northerly on North Latour St. to the intersection with the centerline of E. Huey P. Long St., thence easterly on E. Huey P. Long St. to the intersection with the centerline of Tate Cove Rd., thence northerly on Tate Cove Rd. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Ville Platte, thence generally westerly, southerly, westerly, southerly, and westerly on the municipal

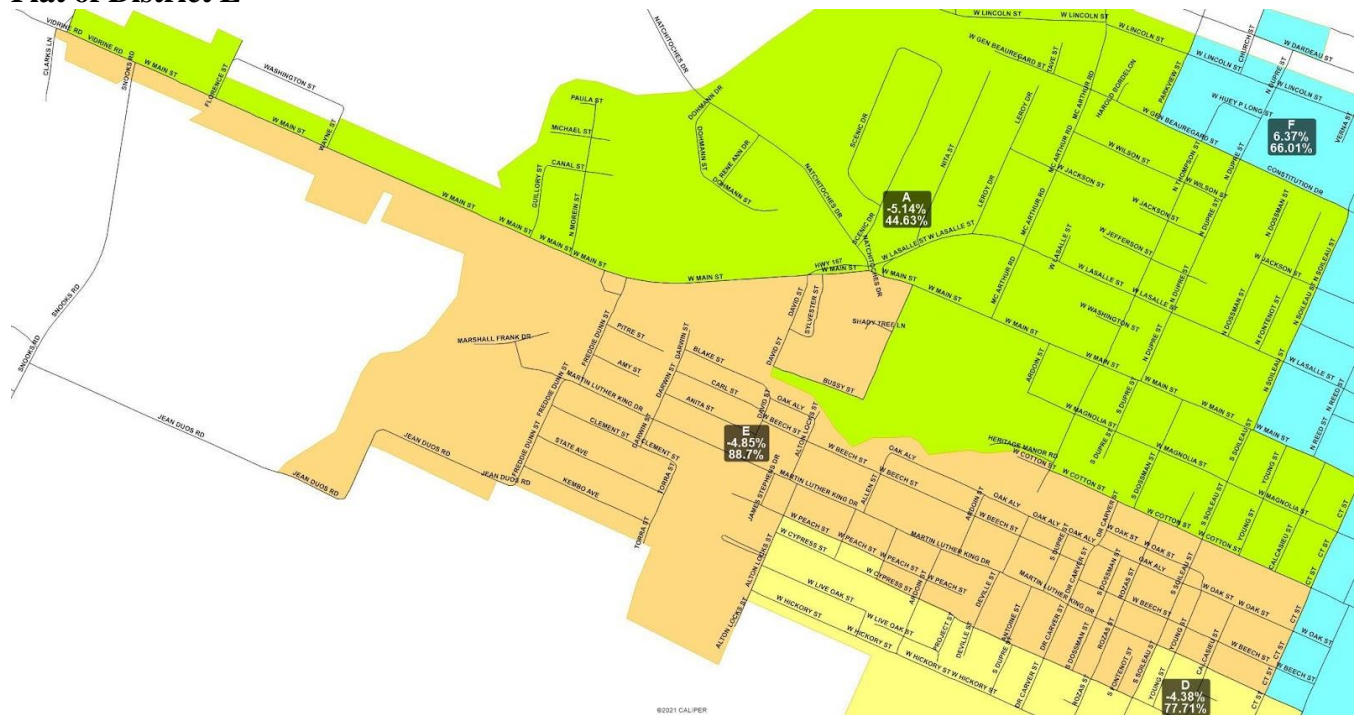


City of Ville Platte Reapportionment Exhibit District D

District D:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Court St. and Martin Luther King Dr., thence easterly on Martin Luther King Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of Harvey Lebas Dr., thence southerly on Harvey Lebas Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of West Live Oak St., thence easterly on West Live Oak St. to the intersection with the centerline of High School Dr., thence northerly on High School Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of West Beech St., thence easterly on West Beech St. to the intersection with the centerline of South East Railroad Dr., thence northerly on South East Railroad Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of East Cotton St., thence easterly on East Cotton St. to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 29, also designated as South Chataignier St., thence southerly on South Chataignier St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Beech St., thence easterly on East Beech St. to the intersection with the centerline of Evangeline St., thence southerly on Evangeline St. to the intersection with the centerline of E. Pine St., thence easterly on E. Pine St. to the intersection with the centerline of Evangeline St., thence southerly on Evangeline St. to the intersection with the centerline of Demonchervaux Blvd., thence westerly on Demonchervaux Blvd. to the intersection with the centerline of S. Chataignier St., thence southerly on S. Chataignier St. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Ville Platte, thence generally westerly, northerly, and westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Alton Locks St., thence northerly on Alton Locks St. to the intersection with the centerline of W. Peach St., thence westerly on W. Peach St. to the intersection with the centerline of S. Unal St., thence southerly on S. Unal St. to the intersection with the centerline of W. Cypress St., thence easterly on W. Cypress St. to the intersection with the centerline of S. Soileau St., thence northerly on S. Soileau St. to the intersection with the centerline of Martin

Plat of District E

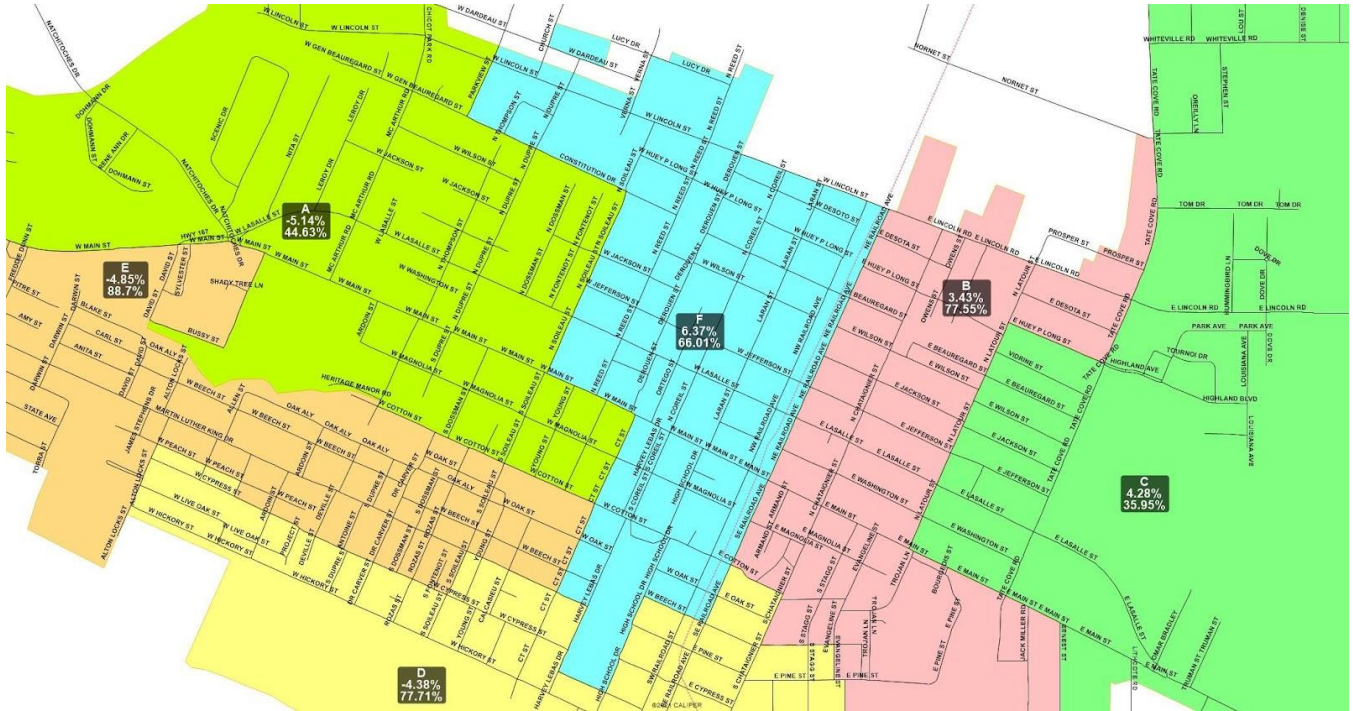


City of Ville Platte Reapportionment Exhibit District F

District F:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Court St. and Martin Luther King Dr., thence easterly on Martin Luther King Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of Harvey Lebas Dr., thence southerly on Harvey Lebas Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of West Live Oak St., thence easterly on West Live Oak St. to the intersection with the centerline of High School Dr., thence northerly on High School Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of West Beech St., thence easterly on West Beech St. to the intersection with the centerline of South East Railroad Ave., thence northerly on South East Railroad Dr. to the intersection with the centerline of North East Railroad Ave., thence northerly on North East Railroad Ave. to the intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of Ville Platte, thence westerly, northerly, westerly, and southerly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of Parkview St., thence southerly on Parkview St. to the intersection with the centerline of W. General Beauregard St., thence easterly on W. General Beauregard St. to the intersection with the centerline of N. Soileau St., thence southerly on N. Soileau St. to the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 157, also designated as W. Main St., thence easterly on W. Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of Court St., thence southerly on Court St. to the intersection with the centerline of Martin Luther King Dr. and the Point of Beginning.

Plat of District F



No other comments were made.

At 5:00 PM Mayor Jennifer Vidrine announced the public hearing was concluded.

City of Ville Platte
Regular Monthly City Council Meeting

126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA
Minutes for March 8, 2022 held at 5:00 PM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte met in a Regular Session in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 126 E. Main St. Ville Platte, LA on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:00 PM. The *The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vidrine.*

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, Councilwoman Faye Lemoine, Councilmen Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, Jordan Anderson, Councilwoman Christina Sam and Councilman Bryant Riggs, and City Clerk Hilda Edwards, and Dirk Deville, Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Soileau, Fire Chief.

Absent was: Eric Lafleur, Police Chief Neil Laretigue

Following the Invocation and Pledge, roll called by Hilda Edwards, City Clerk, and announced that a quorum was present. The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ville Platte were duly convened as the Governing Authority of the City of Ville Platte.

1. Minutes-Regular Monthly Meeting January 11, 2022

It was moved by Councilwoman Lemoine and seconded by Councilman Joseph to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried unanimously

Items added to the Agenda:

It was moved by Councilman Joseph and seconded by Councilman Perron and with no opposition, adding the following items to the agenda:

1. Monthly Expenses
2. Salary increase for staff person
3. Introduction of ordinance

2. Monthly Report for January 2022 (Budget to Actual)

The expenses for the month of January 2022 were \$184,648.07 and the expenses for the month of February were \$203,135.10. The expenses were \$18,487.03 more in the month of February than in the month of January due to one-time expenses for Pipeline Integrity regarding the gas department, software system maintenance and Aquametrics. Budget to Actual for all departments included. The **LAMP Report** was made as well disclosing a balance of \$2,371,303.67.

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Joseph to approve the March monthly report. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Vidrine announced **Team Up To Clean Up Day** scheduled in conjunction with the Lieutenant Governor for April 23, 2022. She announced that the Mayor's Institute of City Design (MICD) from Washington D.C. had selected 6 mayors, she was fortunate to be selected, the institute would be assisting the city with design and construction of pocket park projects and a new entrance to the city at no cost. She announced that the City of Ville Platte had received a \$306,000.00 grant from the Delta Regional Authority for new sewer pumps and that we are preparing to apply for infrastructure monies from the federal government when they become available. She announced that road repairs and resurfacing of 25 streets were to begin anytime. She reported on street camera to be placed throughout the city and she reported on street signs, stop signs and street lights.

Council Comments:

Lemoine: Councilwoman Lemoine questioned about milky water: Don White explained that cleaning the water towers is resulting in air in the lines causing this phenomenon and can be resolved by letting ones faucet run for a few seconds; Councilwoman Lemoine also questioned about grass cuttings being blown in the streets and left there affecting drainage etc., she asked that we reiterate this concern to our residents and suggested consideration of an ordinance if problem persists; Councilwoman Lemoine asked about Livestock Ordinance and Dirk Deville advised he would look into same and report back; Councilwoman Lemoine brought attention to the erosion problems in canals and effect it is having on the stability of guard rails: Mayor Vidrine asked City Engineer Ronnie Landreneau and he agreed to review same; Councilwoman Lemoine questioned who could make a formal request of someone to have the Rotary sign just off the intersection of W. Lasalle Street at Natchitoches Drive removed to avoid it obstructing traffic vision: Mayor directed Dirk Deville to contact Rotary president for assistance.

Sam: Councilwoman Sam expressed concern regarding potholes on MLK Drive: Don White advised we had just received new batch of coal mix and working on same; Councilwoman Sam expressed concern regarding poor quality of Jean Duos Road: Mayor advised it was included in the upcoming street project; Councilwoman Sam asked about the traffic situation at James Stephens: Mayor advised that she

had spoken with Chief Lartigue who assured an officer had been assigned to that detail; Councilwoman Sam reiterated light outages in her district.

Joseph: Councilman Joseph had no comments.

Anderson: Councilman Anderson had no comments

Perron: Councilman Perron had no comments

Riggs: Councilman Riggs advise that Acadiana Works would like to use property where old police department was located for parking; Councilman Riggs advised all concerned that he had been in contact with the Department of Transportation and they would be providing him with a timeline for the repair and resurfacing of State Highway LA 10 (US Hwy 167) within the city limits of Ville Platte in the near future and he would be sharing that info with the mayor and council.

Public Comments on Agenda Items listed (4 minutes each)—No public comments
Agenda Items:

- 1. Fire Chief Report- He advised that we went from a “Very High Fire Danger” category to a “High Fire Danger” category. He cautioned residents regarding our ordinance prohibiting the burning of yard debris and he made the following report for February – 32 calls for the Ville Platte area; 2 structure fire calls, 1 vehicle fire call, 11 grass fire calls, 2 trash fire calls, 1 rescue extrication call, 9 alarm activation calls, 2 hazardous condition calls, 2 mutual aid calls in St. Landry Fire District 3; No fatalities. He also encouraged residents to check their fire alarms to ensure they’re working properly and to update their contact information with 911.**
- 2. Engineer’s Report-Ronnie Landreneau**
Ronnie Landreneau appeared before the Council and gave updates on the 306K Delta Regional Authority Grant, the street project, the parks projects, the sewer project and the Phase IV water project. He also addressed to areas of concern regarding erosion.
- 3. New Sewer Plant – Notice To Proceed – Sustainability Partners.** Mayor announced the “Notice To Proceed” would be tabled for today allowing the city attorney time to complete his review of the contract.
- 4. TriCom Real Estate Cell Tower –** Mayor announced that a public hearing to receive public input regarding the proposed tower to be located at 1738 W. Main Street would be held at 4:45 PM on April 12, 2022 prior to the regular council meeting.
- 5. Wendy Johnson – Complaint –** Ms. Johnson made formal complaint against another resident of Ville Platte.
- 6. Helena Joseph – Complaint –** Ms. Joseph reaffirmed Ms. Johnson’s complaint.

Abandoned Property/Blighted/Overgrown Properties

City Clerk Hilda Edwards reported no new activity regarding the Abandoned Property/Blighted/Overgrown Properties program.

Ordinances:

1. Introduction

- a) Ordinance to amend Section 3-47 of Article II of Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances to amend paragraph (d) to become paragraph (e) and replace the current content of paragraph (d) with “There shall be exempt from this section any restaurant that completes and adheres to all the stipulations, conditions and considerations contained in an **“EXPANSION OF LICENSED PREMISES AGREEMENT”** as developed and maintained by the City of Ville Platte.”

The ordinance was introduced by Councilwoman Faye Lemoine, it was introduced as follow:

A Public Hearing will be held on April 12, 2022 at 4:430 PM.

2. Adoption

a) Industrial Service Ordinance

It was moved by Councilman Riggs and seconded by Councilman Anderson to adopt the amendments to the Industrial Service Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

b) City Election Districts Ordinance (Plan 3)

It was moved by Councilman Joseph and seconded by Councilwoman Sam to adopt the City Election Districts Ordinance known as “Plan 3”. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- 1. **Connie Lamke of CASA Foundation** appeared to encourage city participation in “Love the boot” week April 18 thru April 23 in conjunction with the “Team Up To Clean Up” campaign.
- 2. **Ms. Chantel Washington** appeared to introduce and inform the council regarding her new business, a Hooka Club.

Reports

Chief of Police’s Report-Neal Lartigue

There were a total of 780 calls for assistance in the month of January 2021---33 citations, 11 arrests of which 11 were felony arrest. Officers responded to 27 automobile accidents. Calls were up 46, citations up 22, felony arrests were up 8, accidents up 3 and no fatalities.

Adjournment

With there being no other business, Mayor Vidrine called for a motion to adjourn. A motion by Councilwoman Lemoine and seconded by Councilwoman Sam to adjourn.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05

Approved By:

Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor

Attest By:

Hilda Edwards, City Clerk