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## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:09 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Mayor Mark A. Moore, Sr. presided.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Henry Doaty, (District B), James Green (District C), Darry Green, (District D), Howard Loche (District E)

Absent: None

The Invocation was given by Mayor Moore. Mr. D. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sterlington Mayor Matt Talbert, vice president for District C for the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), announced to the Council the mid-winter conference is scheduled February 2-4, 2026. Mr. Talbert also announced he is affiliated with the META project, which, if the City partners with Grow NELA, could be afforded incentives that could bring new homes to the city. Mr. Dean Blackett, of PAC Environmental, spoke to the Council to encourage the City's efforts to fight blight and improve housing in the community.

Mr. Charles Bradford, 1320 North Washington Street, asked the Council to halt any permits or approvals for the solar panel industry until a town meeting about the matter has been had. Mr. Bradford also asked for clarity about making public comments on items that are added to the agenda during the meeting.

Mr. Tony Miles, 611 Pearl, asked for an update on his request for a memorial and holiday in honor of former mayor Henry Charles Cotton.

Mr. Tommy Harris, representing Sun Beam Solar, requested clarity regarding the moratorium halting operation of the solar industry in the city limits of Bastrop.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025, were approved by consent.

The Finance Committee Report, December 2025 was approved by consent.

The Council requested a report on Zoning meetings be provided each month.

A request by Quails Forever for a one-day alcohol permit for Choice Brands to serve at an event scheduled February 6, 2026, was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jason Shanas requested the Council consider sewer connection and annexation of the property located at 3660 New Monroe Road into the city limits of Bastrop for the development of an RV park.

Mr. Hamad Khan, Golden Beams Power, LLC provided information in support of developing the solar industry in the city limits of Bastrop. The Council discussed the request to develop the industry in Bastrop.

After discussion, Mr. Loche left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Police Chief Leondrio Reed provided an update on staffing in the Police Department.

During discussion, Mayor Moore left the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Fire Chief Timothy Williams thanked the public for donations during the annual Toy Drive. During the presentation, Mr. Doaty left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Lee Ernest Thornton gave updates regarding Code Enforcement. During the discussion, Mr. Loche returned at 8:11 p.m.

The Council discussed applying for grants.

Mr. Doaty returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Attorney Jones stated procedures are being put in place to streamline the occupational license process.

Attorney Ricky Smith announced that budget meetings will begin in February ahead of the passage of the 2026-2027 annual budget. A timeline is forthcoming.

During discussion, Mr. D. Green left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

The Mayor and Council discussed the status of the Eastside Elementary School building.

Ms. Alice Newsome Robinson and Councilman Darry Green were appointed members of the Quality Assurance Panel on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed vote of four in favor. Mr. D. Green was away from the meeting. Other members will include the Police and Fire Chief and Sheriff.

The Council discussed Resolution 26-2122 adopting non-civil service employee policy revisions.

During discussion, Mr. D. Green returned to the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Resolution 26-2122, adopting non-civil service employee policy revisions, was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

The CEA revision for Mary Hawkins for work completed at 1305 Meeks Street (District B \$4,500) was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

The settlement of claim of Ms. Lenoir RE: Sewer Backup in residence for \$3,000.00, was approved on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 26-4284, an ordinance to amend and re-enact the alcohol license procedure and fees in Sec. 4-4, 4-10, and 4-13 was introduced.

Ordinance 26-4285 to amend the Occupational License revocation and procedures in Sec 13-9 was introduced.

Mr. Charles Bradford was allowed to make more public comments on a motion by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Charles Bradford made additional comments regarding the Solar Industry in Bastrop.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.