

**TOWN OF STERLINGTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA**

6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

TOWN HALL

COUNCIL MEETING CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Matt Talbert called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Erica Hughes, Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett and Zack Howse. Absent from meeting was Ashton Courson. A quorum was present and acting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Talbert gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Latoya Jackson w/The Acceleration and Dwayne Dillard.

Town Personnel in attendance were Town Clerk, Natalie Penrose, Town Attorney Devin Jones, and Chief of Police Cobi Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor read the Public Comments Law out loud to the audience, and read each item listed on the agenda for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Tuesday, November 18, 2025

M/S/C (MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED) (Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett) approve the meeting minutes for November 18, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

SHELIA KAY DOWNHOUR W/OUACHITA GREEN

Shelia Kay Downhour with Ouachita Green spoke before council.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE APPLICATION-JUSTIN WREN

M/S/C (Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse) approves the Occupational License Application for Justin Wren.

ANNEXATION REQUEST-CHRIST CHURCH STERLINGTON

M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approve the Annexation Request for Christ Church in Sterlington.

PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPT AMENDED 2025 BUDGET

M/S/C (Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett) approves the adoption of the Amended 2025 Budget Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Billy Clarkson-Yeah Erica Hughes-Yeah Charles Hodnett-Yeah

Zack Howse-Yeah

Absent: Ashton Courson

Nays: None

ADOPT 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approves the adoption of the 2026 Proposed Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Charles Hodnett-Yeah Billy Clarkson-Yeah Zack Howse-Yeah

Erica Hughes – Yeah

Absent: Ashton Courson

Nays: None

INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11 (OTG)

Amendment to Ordinance No. 2024-11(OTG) was introduced.

INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11-26 (OTG)

Amendment to Ordinance No. 2024-11-26(OTG) was introduced.

INTRODUCE HERBICIDE ORDINANCE

The Herbicide Ordinance was introduced.

BALLPARK WATER DISCUSSION

M/S/C (Zack Howse, Billy Clarkson) approve the Town in assisting to pay the water bill at the Sterlington Sports Complex.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS 2026 RENEWAL

M/S/C (Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse) approve the Employee Benefits Renewal with BCBS.

BUDGETS & FINANCIALS-November 2025

November 2025 Budgets & Financial were presented.

AGED PAYABLES – NOVEMBER 2025

Aged Payables for November 2025 were presented to council.

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2025

Monthly Expenditures through December 15, 2025 were presented to council.

ADJOURN



Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk



Matt Talbert, Mayor