

Agenda
Town of Cottonport
Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council
Cottonport Community Center @ 939 Bryan Street
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @ 6:00p.m.

Call Meeting to Order 6:00p.m. - Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation

Present: Mayor: Terry Jeansonne ___ **Mayor Pro-Temp:** Curtis Francisco X

Council Members: Kenneth Friels X Spencer Lemoine X Demple Prater X Margaret P. Jenkins

Town Clerk: Renee Gaspard X **Town Attorney:** Brandon Scott X **Town Engineer:** Brendon Gaspard & Assist Jake Gauthier X

Absent: Mayor Terry Jeansonne & Council Member Margaret Jenkins

Agenda Item 1: That a motion be passed accepting the minutes of the previous regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, as published.

Motion: Kenneth Friels ___ **Seconded by** Demple Prater ___ **Passed Unanimously**

Agenda Item 2: To Introduce an Ordinance 2026-3 to modify the water rate for the Raymond Laborde Correctional Center (RLCC) which was \$1.90 per thousand gallons, which was done August 2020. The new water rate increase will be \$3.44 per thousand gallons. This will be effective October 1, 2026, which reflects September's bill.

Motion Demple Prater ___ **Seconded by** Kenneth Friels ___ **Passed Unanimously**

Agenda Item 2 Amended to read: To Introduce an Ordinance 2026-3 to modify the water rate for the Raymond Laborde Correctional Center (RLCC) which was \$1.90 per thousand gallons, this was done in August 2020. The new water rate will increase by \$1.90, which will be a total of \$3.80 per thousand gallons. This will be effective October 1, 2026.

Motion Kenneth Friels ___ **Seconded by** Spencer Lemoine ___ **Passed Unanimously**

Agenda Item 3: To Adopt Ordinance 2026-2, the increase of water and sewer rates for Commercial and Residential Customers. The new water rates will be as follows;

Commercial Customers (In Town) Water Base Rate is \$28.96 for the first 2000 gallons, the rate will increase to \$36.00 for the first 2000 gallons. Outside Corporation Limits, Water Base Rate is \$28.96 for the first 2000 gallons, will increase to \$37.50 for the first 200 gallons.

Commercial Sewer Base Rate, \$0.00 will be set at \$25.00 for the first 2000 gallons.

Record Vote:

3 Yeas- Council Member Demple Prater, Council Member Spence Lemoine, and Councilman at Large Curtis Francisco

1 Nay- Council Member Kenneth Friels

0 Abstain

2 Absent- Mayor Terry Jeansonne and Council Member Margaret Jenkins

Residential Customers (In Town) Water Base Rate is \$28.96 for the first 2000 gallons, the rate will increase to \$34.00 for the first 2000 gallons. Outside the Corporation Limits Water Base Rate is \$28.96 for the first 2000 gallons the rate will increase to \$35.50 for the first 2000 gallons.

Residential Sewer Base Rate is \$18.66 for the first 2000 gallons, the rate will increase to \$21.00 for the first 2000 gallons.

The increase will be effective October 1, 2026. Record Vote;

3 Yeas- Council Member Spencer Lemoine, Council Member Demple Prater, and Council Member at Large Curtis Francisco

1 Nay- Council Member Kenneth Friels

0 Abstain

2 Absent- Mayor Terry Jeansonne and Council Member Margaret Jenkins

Other Business

Town Attorney, Brandon Scott will discuss blighted properties and give an update on the status of the law as it relates to criminal prosecution.

Agenda Item 4: To pass a motion to pay Register 1 July Invoices.

Motion Spencer Lemoine ___ **Seconded by** Demple Prater ___ **Passed Unanimously**

Agenda Item 5: With no further business this meeting is adjourned

Motion: Kenneth Friels ___ **Seconded by** Spencer Lemoine ___ **Passed Unanimously**

/S/ Renee L. Gaspard
Town Clerk

/S/ Curtis Francisco
Mayor Pro-Temp

TOWN OF COTTONPORT
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: AUGUST 12 ,2026 TIME: 5:45 pm

REASON(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

To Adopt Ordinance 2026-2 , modification of water and sewer rates
Commerical Rates In-Town: Water Current \$28.96 will increase to \$36.00
for the first 2000 gallons and \$5.00 thereafter. Out of Town Current \$28.96
will increase to \$37.50 for the first 2000 gallons. Sewer Rate Current \$0.00 will
increase to \$25.00 for the first 2000 gallons, and \$5.00 thereafter
Residential Rates In-Town: Water Current \$28.96 will increase to \$34.00 for
first 2000 gallons and \$5.00 thereafter Out of Town Current \$28.96 will increase
to \$35.50 for the first 2000 gallons. Sewer \$21.00 will increase to \$25.00 first 2000 gallons

PRESENT:

Sherman Augustine	Mayor Pro- -Temp Curtis Francisco
Lisa Thevenot	Town Attorney Brandon Scott
Gayle Thevenot	Council Member Spencer Lemoine
Randy Theriot	Council Member Kenneth friels
	Council Member Demple Prater
	Town Clerk Renee Gaspard

COMMENTS:

One of the main questions asked was why the increase. The cost of
providing water and sewer services has continued to rise. Our rates have not increase
in 7 years. The modest adjustment will help cover the rising costs of: Higher energy
costs are driving up operating expenses, treatment chemicals are more expensive than
ever before, competitive wages help us attract and retain qualified professionals
for some labor and maintainence we may have, required water quality testing and
regulatory fees continue to increase
We are committed to providing safe, reliable water and sewer services to our
community today and for years to come.
Thank you for being a valued customer and part of our community