

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Camardelle who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Joseph Chauvin followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Elgene Gary

ABSENT: Council Members – Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy

Motion was made by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to open agenda.

Executive Session for legal matters

Motion was made by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizana and unanimously agreed close agenda.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani to convene into executive session to discuss legal matters. Convene at 1:02 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary to reconvene from executive session at 1:12 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary to allow the mayor to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Town Attorney Harry "Chip" Cahill and Jefferson Parish.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of October 25, 2023 scheduled Town Meeting as written.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of October 25 and November 8, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

The following Ordinance was offered by Melissa Pizani, who moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1039

AN ORDINANCE

Upon the request of Entergy Louisiana, LLC, (the "Company"), and pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4401, this municipality's police powers, and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, **Town of Grand Isle**, Louisiana, (the "Municipality") as set forth hereinbelow grants to the Company, its successors and assigns, a franchise, right, and privilege for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of adoption hereof, to distribute, deliver, sell and supply, in such a manner as it chooses, electric service throughout the Municipality, and to the inhabitants thereof, or to any person, firm, or corporation; the right to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such plants, structures, transmission lines, distribution systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and equipment as may be useful or necessary for the generation, production, transportation, distribution, delivery and/or sale of electric service throughout the Municipality; the right to erect, operate, and maintain poles, masts, supports, wires, cables, fibers, transmission lines, conduits, conductors, substations, distribution systems, and any and all other appliances useful or necessary in connection with the sale, transportation, delivery and/or distribution of electric service on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and/or future streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the Municipality; the right to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and the right to connect any such facilities to any other such facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting and/or distributing electric service along the boundaries of the Municipality.

SECTION 1: Be it ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Municipality in regular session duly convened, that the Municipality grants and there is hereby granted to Entergy Louisiana, LLC (the “Company”), its successors and assigns, in addition to the rights and privileges presently enjoyed by the Company, a franchise, right, and privilege from the date of adoption hereof,

- (1) to distribute, deliver, sell and supply electric service throughout the Municipality and to the inhabitants thereof, or to any person, firm, or corporation, in such manner and from such sources as the said Company chooses;
- (2) to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such plants, structures, transmission lines, distribution systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and equipment as may be useful or necessary for the generation, production, transportation, distribution, delivery and/or sale of electric power and energy throughout the Municipality;
- (3) to erect, operate, and maintain poles, masts, supports, wires, cables, fibers, transmission lines, conduits, conductors, substations, distribution systems, and any and all other appliances useful or necessary in connection with the sale, transportation, delivery and/or distribution of electric service on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and/or future streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the Municipality;
- (4) to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and
- (5) to connect any such facilities to any other such facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting and/or distributing electric service into, through, or beyond the boundaries of the Municipality.

SECTION 2: Be it further ordained that this Franchise does not authorize the Company to use its facilities for the transportation, distribution, or sale of electric service for or on behalf of third parties to any person, firm, or corporation other than the Company located within the boundaries of the Municipality, unless and until the Company has been notified , in writing, by the Municipality that the interests of the Municipality, including, but not limited to, its recovery of franchise fee revenue on such third party transactions, are adequately protected in connection with the provision of such third party service by the Company. In the event that the operations of the Company are unbundled, in connection with the adoption of a plan for retail open access or otherwise, the Company will have the right to assign its franchise rights with respect to particular facilities or operations as may be necessary to facilitate unbundled operations; provided, however, that any such assignment (1) shall not result in a reduction in the franchise fees received by the Municipality relating to the provision of electric service within the Municipality; and (2) shall ensure that the Municipality retains all other rights and protections afforded by this Franchise.

SECTION 3: Be it further ordained that this Franchise is granted upon and subject to the following provisions:

- A. In maintaining its properties, the Company shall not unnecessarily or unreasonably damage, impair or obstruct the streets, roads, highways, alleys, sidewalks, and public grounds, and the Company shall at its own expense, without unreasonable delay, make all necessary repairs to remedy any damage or remove any obstruction caused by its operations hereunder, all in accordance with applicable industry standards. The Company shall obtain all necessary permits or approvals for construction, maintenance, and operations; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to any requirements for such permits or approvals that are adopted or amended subsequent to the date of this Ordinance and that, as so adopted or amended, have a material effect on the Company’s rights or obligations pursuant to this Franchise or on the Company’s cost of providing service pursuant to this Franchise.
- B. Upon request, the Company will make its best reasonable efforts to provide current maps for specific areas showing feeder routes and the majority of pole locations, and will provide construction manuals that show the typical structural configurations used by the Company; provided, however, that the provision of such information by the Company shall not relieve the Municipality of any obligations that it may have pursuant to title 40, section 1749.11 or title 45, sections 141-146 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes or any related or successor statutes; and

provided that such information shall be provided by the Company without any warrant as to its accuracy.

C. The Company shall use reasonable precautions to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the Municipality from all damages, losses, and/or expense, including cost of defense, attributable to the negligence or fault of the Company, its agents or employees, while exercising any of the rights and privileges herein granted.

SECTION 4:

A. In consideration of the facts:

- (i) that the Company, pursuant to this Ordinance holds a good, valid, and irrevocable twenty-five year franchise granted by the Municipality; and
- (ii) that, to the extent the Company is permitted by law to provide such service, the Municipality has signed with the Company contracts for the purchase of all its electric service requirements, each of which contracts is for a period of two years from its date, or such longer period as may be required by the applicable rate schedule or other circumstances, and provides for periodic renewals for similar periods unless notice of termination is given as therein provided;
- (iii) and other good and valid considerations, the Company agrees that it will pay to the Municipality a sum of money equal to two percent (2%) of the gross receipts of the Company from the sale of electric service at retail for residential and commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the Municipality (the Company's "gross receipts"), such payments to be calculated on such receipts commencing with the month of September, 2023, the first payment to be due and payable on the 15th day of October, 2023, subsequent payments to be due quarterly thereafter.

B. It is distinctly understood and agreed that the percentage of gross receipts paid to the Municipality shall not apply to or include any receipts from the sale of electric energy to the Municipality, or to Government or Municipal Agencies, or to any sale for industrial purposes or for resale within the corporate limits of the Municipality. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipality to notify the Company of any annexations or other changes in the corporate limits of the Municipality, so that the Company can make any adjustments to its gross receipts calculation that may be necessary as a result of such a change.

C. This obligation to make such payments to the Municipality shall remain in full force and effect so long as (1) the Company holds a good, valid and irrevocable twenty-five (25) year franchise granted by the Municipality, and (2) the Municipality, to the extent permitted by law, purchases all of its electric service requirements from the Company; provided, however:

- i) This contract is wholly and entirely conditioned upon the approval of the Treasury Department of the United States of America and the Department of Revenue of the State of Louisiana, and upon the approval of the Louisiana Public Service Commission of the right of the Company to deduct from its gross revenues and charge as an operating expense any and all amounts which it may pay to the Municipality pursuant hereto other than such amounts as may be collected from customers through a line item on customer bill and in the event of failure to obtain the approval of any such authority for such purpose, the Company shall have the right to cancel this Contract upon thirty (30) days' notice; it being understood that in the event of the cancellation by the Company upon the grounds set out in this paragraph, the Company shall not be entitled to any refund of any monies theretofore paid to the Municipality pursuant hereto.
- (ii) Should the Municipality levy upon Entergy Louisiana, LLC any new taxes, of any nature whatsoever, subsequent to the date of this Contract, or increase the rates of any taxes in existence on the date of this Contract (except uniform ad valorem taxes now authorized

by Article VII, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana or other taxes that are generally applicable to all businesses in the Municipality), then the payments herein provided to be made by the Company to the Municipality will be reduced in an amount equal to the sum of such new and increased taxes, if any. The Additional Franchise Fee shall not be considered to be a new tax or an increase in the rate of a tax for purposes of this provision of the Ordinance.

- (iii) To the extent the Company is permitted by law to provide to the Municipality all of its electric requirements, in the event that retail open access is implemented in Louisiana, and is adopted for the Municipality, the obligation of Entergy Louisiana, LLC to pay a franchise fee as set forth hereinabove shall cease to be conditioned on the purchase by the Municipality of all of its electric requirements from Entergy Louisiana, LLC.

D. The Municipality shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, to review the available data and calculations upon which the franchise fee calculations are based; provided that such notice must be received within three (3) years of the beginning of the period to which the data and/or calculations pertain.

SECTION 5: Be it further ordained that the Municipality shall make, adopt and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect the property and property rights of the Company owned and operated under this Franchise, while still recognizing the rights of any other entities holding valid franchises with the Municipality, and that the Municipality will not in any way interfere with the full legal use by the Company of the property which it now maintains or may hereafter maintain in the Municipality.

SECTION 6: Be it further ordained that this Ordinance, the public health and welfare and the public necessity requiring it, shall take effect from and after its adoption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall file with the Municipality the Company's written acceptance of this Ordinance not later than thirty (30) days from the date of its passage.

SECTION 7: Be it further ordained that this Franchise shall be for a term of twenty-five (25) years from date hereof, and upon exercise by the Company of any of the privileges granted hereunder, this Franchise shall be irrevocable. If either the Municipality or the Company, its legal representatives, successors, or assigns, institutes any action or proceedings to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, the parties hereby agree that specific performance may be sought and obtained for any breach of this Ordinance, without the necessity of proving actual damages; provided, however, that either party may, at its option, waive its right to specific performance and collect damages resulting from any breach hereof or failure to perform hereunder.

SECTION 8: Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed as superseding, repealing, canceling, modifying, or in any way affecting any of the rights enjoyed by Entergy Louisiana, LLC under that certain franchise granted by Ordinance No. 1039, adopted by the Municipality on the 8th day of November, 2023, and said franchise is hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. However, in the event of a conflict between said franchise and this Franchise, the provisions of this Franchise shall be controlling. It is further understood and agreed that the terms and conditions contained in any previous "Side Letter Agreement" or "Most Favored Nations" letter agreement extended by the Company are hereby rescinded and cancelled.

SECTION 9: Nothing herein shall be construed to constitute the grant of a franchise for the provision of any service other than electrical service to customers within the Municipality.

WHEREUPON, in open session said Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Mr. Elgene Gary seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The Mayor then ordered a vote of the yeas and nays on its final passage, and upon roll call such votes were as follows:

For the Adoption of the Ordinance: **YEAS: 3**

Melissa Pizani _____ Kelly Besson Jr. _____ Elgene Gary _____

Against the adoption of the Ordinance: **NAYS: 0**

Present but not voting: **ABSTAINED: 0**

Not present: **ABSENT: 2**

Lan Tivet _____ Brian Barthelemy _____

Whereupon the Mayor declared such legally passed and adopted on this the 8th day of November, 2023.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of November 8, 2023 and November 22, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending section 8.101 of the official Grand Isle Zoning Ordinance regulating zoning change fees.

Walter Maples Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for October 20 – November 2, 2023. Total callouts 46, medicals 7, total arrest & total summons 4, total citations 1, total violations 2, golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$1,282.35, tags sold \$75.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **FEMA Updates** – 2020 Hurricane Zeta still in progress. 2021 Hurricane Ida still in progress. **CPRA Updates** – Stone Contract - Contractor on site. Currently working on west end of island. Construction completion date is December 11, 2023. Dune Repair Updates – Preconstruction meeting week of October 23, 2023 and starting construction by mid-November 2023. **TOGI Pump station rehab**- Sealevel Construction was awarded the job. **Town hall rehab** –Pre-bid mtg held 11-8-23. Bid opening is 12-5-23. **Pump Permits Update** – Landry Hole and Cypress pumps Jefferson Parish is working on funding for 2023. Orange Lane pump station if funded by Jefferson Parish. Jackson Lane pump station design package is set for December 20, 2023. **PPDR Program** – 28 homes have been submitted. Estimated cost \$1.01 million. **Other Business** -Joint motion was made to approve a change order credit of \$27,072.00. Joint motion was made to pay the retainage owed to Tidewater Dock Inc in the amount of \$23,235.70. Joint motion was made to issue Notice of Award to Sea Level Construction to repair the Town of Grand Isle Pump Stations. Request for streetlight on Elm Lane will be sent to Entergy. DOTD site visit to review the striping that is needed along LA 1 in Grand Isle.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Ball Park grass seeds should be in today. 2.) Working on getting Oak Trees to plant this year.

Motion by Melissa Pizani seconded by Kelly Besson Jr and unanimously approved the cancellation of the November 22, 2023 regular schedule Town Council Mtg due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

Motion by Melissa Pizani seconded by Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously approved to the following State of Louisiana upcoming legal holidays. December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2023 are proclaimed holidays.

Joint motion was made to transfer funds within the Police Department budget. Transfer \$577.94 from 5408-13 to 5309-13 building repair, transfer \$89.22 from 5308-13 to 5361-13 , transfer \$300.00 from 5408-13 to 5360-13 food.

Peggy Hebert was recognized and reports on the following: Her camp at 152 Sunset Ln has been experiencing more than ever flooding. Culverts are filled with sand. Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering will evaluate the problem. Mayor Camardelle has asked numerous times for Jefferson Parish to assist again with the cleaning of the culverts.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/reports: Minnich Lane is clogged up where they pulled up the pilings .

Mayor's Report: 1.) USCE came to tour the island by helicopter on October 27, 2023. Picked me up at the heliport on the island and while in the air discussed many projects that are happening and many that need to happen. Spoke about the money allocated in 2024 for the rock jetties.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Mayor's Assistant
Town of Grand Isle