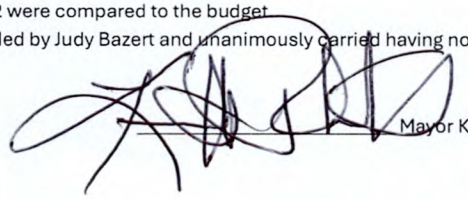
TOWN OF MANSURA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Mansura met on September 14, 2026, at 6:00p.m.
The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Mayor Kenneth Pickett, Mayor Pro Tempore Bruce Jackson, Alderman Glenn Mckinley, Alderwoman Judy Bazert, Judy James, and Lucille Hayes.
Mr. Nick Chatelain from Risk Services of Louisiana addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding the renewal of the Town's automobile insurance and a quote for general liability, property, and cyber insurance.
Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried to approve automobile, general liability, cyber, and property insurance through Risk Services of Louisiana and to obtain a quote for combining the Town's remaining insurance coverage.
Mrs. Melissa Becker from Rapides Area Planning Commission addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding the Floodplain Manager.
Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to appoint Melissa Becker of the Rapides Area Planning Commission as the Floodplain Manager for the Town of Mansura.
Mr. Rashad Qaasim addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding leasing the old library for his nonprofit organization. Mr. Qaasim stated that the organization's paperwork has not yet been completed. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen agreed to table the matter and asked Mr. Qaasim to return before the Council once all required paperwork is complete.
Mrs. Hallee Walters, President of the Chamber of Commerce, updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the Chamber's upcoming events. The Christmas Parade will be held on December 5, 2026. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on the walking track, and Mrs. Walters requested that the Mayor and Council members participate in lighting the trees. The Chamber also plans to bring back the rides for the Cochon de Lait festival. The mayor will speak with the CPA about obtaining dirt for the baseball field in preparation for the Cochon de Lait festival.
Mrs. Patricia Jacobs addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about getting a copy of the horse ordinance draft.
Motioned by Glenn McKinley, seconded by Lucille Hayes and unanimously carried to set a public hearing on October 12, 2026, at 5:45pm for horse ordinance #9-14-26.
Mrs. Alissa Piazza Tassin addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding her candidacy for District Judge, Division B.
Mr. Thomas David, Town Engineer, informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about an upcoming meeting regarding Bayou Lacombe. Alderwoman Judy Bazert stated that she would like to attend the meeting. Mr. David agreed to notify all council members of the meeting.
Motioned by Judy Bazert, seconded by Bruce Jackson and unanimously carried for the town not to provide the 25 percent FEMA match for the Bayou Lacombe project.
Mr. Thomas David advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that an advertisement was put in the paper for Tony Road overlay.
Alderwoman Judy James informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the Veterans Day program scheduled for November 11, 2026, at 3pm. She also stated that she would check with the Police Dept on the Halloween event.
Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Aldermen that the Sales Tax renewal will be on the December 12, 2026, ballot. Early voting will be held from November 28-December 5, 2026.
Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Aldermen about Mr. Thomas David looking into getting a grant for abandoned houses and cleaning up properties with overgrown grass.
Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Aldermen that the Splash Pad is closed due to damage. He also stated that a repair quote was received from Gibko Nursey.
Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried to keep the Splash Pad closed and have the damage repaired next year. The Town Attorney will also look into cameras.
Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the minutes of the August 10, 2026, meeting.
Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Glenn McKinley and unanimously carried to approve August bills for payment.
Mayor Pickett informed the Board of Aldermen that the Street Dept truck is in the shop at Hixson.
The financial statement for August was reviewed by the town council.
General fund, Sales 01 and Sales 02 were compared to the budget.
Motioned by Bruce Jackson, seconded by Judy Bazert and unanimously carried having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

S/Kayla Bannister, Town Clerk



Mayor Kenneth Pickett