

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Lindy Bolgiano.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Shannon D. Bares (Division A), Mayor Pro Tem Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Matt Romero (Division C), Nicholas Niland (Division D), Simone B. Champagne (Division E).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Nicole Guidry (City Clerk), Terry Bourque (COO), Cathryn Greig (CFO), Jean Paul Broussard (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Josh Smith (Assistant Director of Parks & Rec.).

Mayor Ritter recognized LA State Representative Josh Carlson who presented Ms. Pamela Granger with a House Resolution of recognition for the 10th Anniversary of McBade Engineers and Consultants, LLC.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Approval of June 11, 2026 minutes.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, approving the June 11, 2026 minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGETS

4.1 Public Hearing on the following:

Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 515-2026 - An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Budget Ordinance No. 516-2026 - An Ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Mayor Ritter opened the Public Hearing and welcomed Brad Kolder, CPA, who in summary presented the following information.

The budget satisfies the legal requirement of filing as set forth under R.S. 39:1316 since the consolidated budget statement adheres to the uniform revenue and expenditure classifications and includes information consistent with that required by the Annual Report on the Budget. The budget documents include projected revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Utility Fund and Parks and Recreation Fund. Additionally, the documents provide significant aspects of the budget which are detailed below:

ALL FUNDS

Revenues and expenditures have either increased or decreased on a line-item basis from the previous year for each revenue source and expenditure category.

REVENUES

Sales tax revenue for the 2026-2027 fiscal year will remain flat compared to full year 2026 estimates.

Budgeted a 4% increase in ad-valorem taxes for FY 2027.

SRO Program - an increase of 2% is projected for LPSS contract and negotiations are ongoing with ARCA.

Utility System - revenues for FY 2027 budget include growth across all utility departments driven by an anticipated increase in housing. The budget includes a 4% increase in new utility customers. Effective 7.1.26 water and sewer rates will increase by 5% in line with CPI and garbage rates will increase by 4.2%, based on CPI.

EXPENDITURES

All departments, excluding the police department and council, have proposed a 4% increase for most employees. The police department is budgeted fully staffed, with a 2% increase in line with the adopted police pay plan.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The budget includes a capital outlay request for numerous items totaling \$27 million. This capital outlay request includes the fourth-year payment for the Axon Enterprise contract, approximately \$12.1 million for road improvements, \$13.5 million for utility projects and approximately \$1.3 million for improvements to Parks & Recreation.

Mayor Ritter opened the floor for public comment at this time.

In response to a request for 6 additional employees and 8 vehicles, various discussions were held with Chief Broussard on the condition of the Police Department's budget and the \$2 million in revenue supplemented by other funds to cover the department's budget. Furthermore, it was noted that the law requires the city to have a minimum of 60 days in reserve.

Public comment was received from Sgt. L. Landry.

Mr. Romero also presented questions on the proposed sidewalk trails and restroom expansion under Parks & Recreation.

5. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

5.1 Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 515-2026 - An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, was read aloud and opened for Public Hearing by Mayor Ritter.

Mayor Ritter stated that the budget has been amended since introduction. The amended copy of the budget was provided in the packets and reflects the most accurate expenses being captured for this FY.

Hearing no comments, a motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, adopting Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 515-2026, as amended.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Adopted.

5.2 Budget Ordinance No. 516-2026 - An Ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Youngsville, Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, was read aloud and opened for Public Hearing by Mayor Ritter.

Mayor Ritter stated that the budget has been amended since introduction, to revise fund balances. The amended copy of the budget was provided in the packets.

Hearing no comments, a motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, adopting Budget Ordinance No. 516-2026, as amended and further amending the Capital Projects Budget – 1981 Sales Tax Fund – Police, removing Item 9 “Repaving 304 Fourth St” in the amount of \$44,000 and adding two leased fully equipped vehicles not to exceed \$40,000, pending receipt of two lease agreements by City Hall.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Adopted.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry

Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor