

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana met in regular session with Mayor David Dupuis presiding and the following Aldermen present:

Present: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO,
MARILYN CAMPBELL, GALE SMITH, & JUDE REESE

Absent: NONE

Public Comment (3 minutes per person per agenda item)

Motion was made by GALE SMITH, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JUDE REESE, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

December 5, 2013	Utility Fund	\$ 50,000.00
December 30, 2013	Utility Fund	\$200,000.00

Todd Vincent, Engineer with Sellers & Associates gave an update on the Street Improvement Project and stated that the base work has been completed and some streets the asphalt has been started, however with the cold temperatures the project has been stopped until warmer weather conditions are back.

The Fire Station project is still being worked on by the USDA.

Mayor David Dupuis recommended a resolution to adopt the System Survey & Questionnaire required for the Town audit and thereupon, the following resolution was offered by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH:

RESOLUTION 1-2014

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SYSTEM SURVEY
AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 24:517**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire which was received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and which was properly completed by the Clerk of the Town of Gueydan and presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said System and Compliance Questionnaire be filed in the records of the Town of Gueydan and certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. LLC, of Abbeville, Louisiana, whose proposal was accepted by the Governing Body for the audit of the records of the Town of Gueydan for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. The auditors will during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers of the questionnaire and submit to the Legislative Auditor and the Municipality a report containing his opinions as to the validity of the answers therein contained.

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO, MARILYN CAMPBELL,
GALE SMITH & JUDE REESE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And this resolution was declared adopted on this 7TH day of January, 2014.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/David Dupuis
Mayor

Mayor David Dupuis informed the Governing Authority that he had attended a meeting of the Gueydan Chamber of Commerce and the Town was asked to support the Whooping Cranes. It was requested that the Town of Gueydan be known as “THE GATEWAY TO THE WHOOPING CRANES”.

The following resolution was offered by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH, and carried:

RESOLUTION 2-2014

WHOOPING CRANES ARE BEING RE-INTRODUCED TO SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA AND GUEYDAN BEING PROCLAIMED “THE GATEWAY TO THE WHOOPING CRANES”

WHEREAS, the Whooping Crane Project is set in our backyard, which new cranes have been released recently;

WHEREAS, a group of Whooping Cranes have arrived and consists of ten birds, seven males and three females, this now brings the total number of cranes in Louisiana to 33;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan does hereby support the Whooping Crane Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Gueydan be known as “THE GATEWAY TO THE WHOOPING CRANES”.

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO, MARILYN CAMPBELL,
GALE SMITH & JUDE REESE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And this resolution was declared adopted on this 7TH day of January, 2014.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/David Dupuis
Mayor

Mr. Francis Delhomme and Mr. Robert Mitchell, representing SLEMCO were in attendance at this meeting and gave a brief explanation of how the SLEMCO bill is figured and Mr. Mitchell presented some energy efficiency tips to those in attendance.

Mayor David Dupuis suggested that a motion be made concerning the Utility Bill Display. Motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL and carried that the utility bill display for the electric and fuel adjustment be shown as one line item on the future bills. The vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, MARILYN CAMPBELL,
GALE SMITH & JUDE REESE

NAYS: SCOTT VALLO

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Therefore motion passed to show the electrical and fuel adjustment rate as one line item on future billings.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque had nothing for tonight's meeting.

Police Chief Kayla Henry had nothing to bring up at this time.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by SCOTT VALLO to enter into executive session concerning Police Matter at 6:30 o'clock P.M.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE and carried to resume in regular session at 6:55 o'clock P.M.

Police Chief Kayla Henry recommended that Kenneth Martin part time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department be placed on administrative leave. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL and carried that Kenneth Martin, part time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department be placed on administrative leave.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:56 o'clock P.M. on this 7TH day of January, 2014.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/David Dupuis
Mayor