

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, August 5, 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

Absent: JUDE REESE

Public Comment on any agenda item (3 minutes per person)

Mayor David Dupuis, recommended that the agenda be amended to include Net Metering at tonight's meeting. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to amend the agenda to include Net Metering.

Motion was made by GALE SMITH, seconded by SCOTT VALLO, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of JULY 1, 2014, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

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

To General Fund:

July 2, 2014	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
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Sellers & Associates sent the Estimate for Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) in the amount of \$19,387.92 to be paid to Glenn Lege Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Street Improvements. Motion by GALE SMITH seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL and carried to accept the recommendation from Sellers & Associates for the Estimate for Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) to Glenn Lege Construction Inc, in the amount of \$19,387.92 for the 2013 Street Improvements.

Louisiana Municipal Association Representative Toye Taylor and also representing Louisiana Municipal Advisory & Technical Service Bureau informed the Governing Authority of the Delinquent Property Tax Sale Program.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to adopt an "AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU CORPORTION AND THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA .

Motion by GALE SMITH seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DAVID DUPUIS TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN WITH THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU (LaMATS) TO ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TAX SALES.

WHEREAS, Louisiana’s municipalities have an obligation under the Louisiana State Constitution to collect those debts owed to them;

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Louisiana are faced with delinquent property taxes and are obligated to collect such delinquent taxes while keeping within budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, *Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14 (C)* provides that political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavor agreements with public and private entities as long as a public purpose is served; and

WHEREAS, the collection of delinquent property taxes and to sell such properties in accordance with applicable law in order for the municipality to meet is constitutional obligation as well as to prevent blighted property and to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Gueydan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan has the ability to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any public or private entity to assist in the collection of delinquent property taxes and to assist in tax sales; and

WHEREAS, LAMATS is a private entity that offers services to public bodies including the collection of delinquent property taxes and tax sales

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with LaMATS would be an efficient and cost effective way for the Town of Gueydan to collect delinquent property taxes and assist in tax sales and desires to engage LaMATS for the performance of those services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan acting as the governing authority of said Town that:

Mayor David Dupuis is hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for and on behalf of the Town of Gueydan with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS) to assist in the collection of fees and delinquent taxes, including but not limited to tax sales.

The foegoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JUDE REESE

And this resolution was declared adopted on this 5TH day of August, 2014.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/David Dupuis
Mayor

Fire Chief Evans Bourque presented an application for Chase Abshire to be added to the list of volunteers for the Gueydan Fire Dept. Chief Bourque informed the governing authority the installation and renovation of the fire station door is now complete and the front cement to fix the drive is in progress to be completed.

Police Chief Kayla Henry recommended that Lori Touchet be employed as full time police officer with the Gueydan Police Department. Motions CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL and carried to accept the recommendation of Chief Henry and to hire Lori Touchet as a full time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department at \$12.00 per hour effective August 5, 2014.

Electrical Superintendent Jeffrey Lamson explained the handout of Net Metering. After a discussion motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE no action was taken and issue was tabled until the next meeting pending approval and recommendation by the town attorney.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:21 o'clock P.M. on this 5TH day of August, 2014.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/David Dupuis
Mayor