

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 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 Jude Reese presiding and the following Aldermen present:

Present: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER,
& SCOTT VALLO, ANITA DUPUIS

Absent: JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by JOHN LASETER, 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 October 6, 2020 that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

Motion by JOHN LASETER, 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:

October 2, 2020	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
October 30, 2020	Utility Fund	\$65,000.00

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$1,441.74 for the month of October, 2020.

Todd Vincent, Engineer with Sellers and Associates, informed the governing authority of the status of the ongoing projects that the Town is working on. The Simon Addition project received bids and said bids were all over budget, so a Change Order No.1 was recommended to allow for a lower cost project.

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to award the contract for the Simon Addition Pump Station to Southern Constructors LLC, in the amount of \$582,309.70. A change order was recommended to decrease the bid amount which SCOTT VALLO, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to accept Change Order No. 1 which is a decrease of the project by \$68,566.00.,so the contract price will be \$391,770.70.

The North Levee project is still in the works, the Permit and Servitude are needed before the said project can begin construction.

The Drainage Pump Station plans have been submitted and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, FEMA and the Town have all received copies of said documents.

The Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LBCDG) the plans have been submitted to the LCDBG office and the Louisiana Department of Health for approval. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to give permission for Mayor Jude D. Reese to sign and submit all the necessary documents concerning the project as soon as approval is received.

The Town of Gueydan has received a grant from the state in the amount of \$375,000.00 for streets with a match share for the Town in the amount of \$125,000.00. Plans and specifications are being worked on now for submittal to the state.

The following resolution was offered by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2020

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL
YEAR 2020-2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT
FUND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to the eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Mayor Reese informed the governing authority that a Certificate of Deposit needed to be redeemed. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to redeem Certificate of Deposit Number 4689976 in the approximate amount of \$107,840.27, which may have additional interest added to the amount.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce the following ordinance for the amended budget: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDHGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,2020." A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting held on December 1, 2020 at 5:45 P.M. and said ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to introduce the following ordinance on the proposed 2021 operating budget: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021." A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting held on December 1, 2020, at 5:45 P.M. and ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 P.M.

A Tax Administration Agreement (Occupational License Tax Agreement) was presented for consideration between the Town of Gueydan and Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC. The Town of Gueydan will continue to issue Beer and Alcohol licenses on the local levels, all other licenses must go through the agreement. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to accept the agreement mentioned above and to authorize Mayor Jude Reese to sign the agreement.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque was not in attendance.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot informed the governing authority that the police department are down to two vehicles, the Impala and the Truck. Chief Theriot presented each councilman and the mayor with quotes for a new police unit. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the governing authority motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 o'clock P.M. on this 3rd day of November 2020.

S/Roxanna Richard

Clerk

S/Jude D. Reese

Mayor