

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 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,
JENNIFER DAVID & JASON SUIRE

Absent: ANITA DUPUIS

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

Motion was made by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, 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 4, 2022, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

October 04, 2022	Utility Fund	\$40,000.00
October 12, 2022	Utility Fund	\$40,000.00
October 25, 2022	Utility Fund	\$30,000.00

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to approve the billing adjustments for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$608.11.

Sellers & Associates had nothing to report.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER to enter executive session concerning LEPA at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to return into regular session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022. A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting held on December 6, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. Ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 pm.

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 3023. A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting on December 6, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. Ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Since Notice has been published in the Town’s Official Journal that a Public Hearing would be held to consider the adoption of the Ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTILCE I, SEC.2-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS” and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

The following Ordinance was introduced by JOHN LASETER, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE, and carried:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER2, ARTICLE I, SEC. 2-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS”.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened on this 1ST day of November 2022, provisions of Chapter 2, Article I, Sec 2-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan entitled “Compensation of Officers” is hereby amended to read as follows:

The compensation to be received by the municipal officers of the town is hereby fixed as follows:

- (1) Mayor, per month \$1,400.00
- (2) Aldermen, per month \$ 250.00
- (If more than one special call meeting of the Board of Aldermen is held during any month, Aldermen are to receive an additional \$15.00 per meeting for each meeting held thereafter during that month. No additional compensation shall be paid for the first special call meeting held per month.)
- (3) Chief of police, per month \$ 3,333.35
- (4) City Clerk \$ 663.00
- (5) Clerk of Mayor’s Court \$ 306.00

SECTION 2: All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2023.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that any part of this Ordinance or Amendment thereto which shall be held in invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or impair any part of this Ordinance .

This Ordinance having been considered section by section and submitted to a vote upon the whole, the vote thereon resulted as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER,
JENNIFER DAVID & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: ANITA DUPUIS

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 1st day of November 2022.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Councilmember JASON SUIRE presented the following ordinances to be introduced.

Introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25E ENTITLED “PAYMENT OF ELECTRIC BILLS; DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT”. Motion by JASON SUIRE and there being no second, motion failed for lack of a second to introduce the above ordinance.

Introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25D SECTION 25:86 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN ENTITLED “BILLINGS FOR GAS SERVICE, DATE DUE, DATE DELINQUENT; DISCONNECTION”. Motion by JASON SUIRE and there being no second, motion failed for lack of a second to introduce the above ordinance.

Introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C SECTION 25:56 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN ENTITLED BILLING FOR SEWERAGE SERVICE, DATE DUE, DATE DELINQUENT; DISCONNECTION”. Motion by JASON SUIRE, and there being no second, motion failed for lack of a second to introduce the above ordinance.

Introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25 SECTION 25:22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN ENTITLED “BILLINGS FOR WATER SERVICE, DUE DATE, DATE DELINQUENT; PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGE”. Motion by JASON SUIRE, and there being no second, motion failed for lack of a second to introduce the above ordinance.

Councilmember CLAUDETTE PRICE requested to no longer live stream all council meetings. Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to discontinue live stream on Facebook for all council meetings. The vote then resulted as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE & JOHN LASETER

NAYS: JENNIFER DAVID & JASON SUIRE

ABSENT: ANITA DUPUIS

Since there being a tie vote Mayor Jude Reese broke the tie with a YEA vote to discontinue the live stream on Facebook for all future council meetings.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:46 o'clock P.M. on this 1ST day of November,2022.

S/Roxanna Richard

Clerk

S/Jude Reese

Mayor