

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent : LAUREL PORTIE’ & JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of April 4, 2023, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

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

To General Fund:

April 04, 2023	Utility Fund	\$15,000.00
April 17, 2023	Utility Fund	\$30,000.00
April 20, 2023	Utility Fund	\$ 5,000.00

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$173.62 for the month of April 2023.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates, gave an update on the pump station project and future work to be done on the project.

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 LEVYING AND ORDERING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, AND SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AGAINST EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TOWN” and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

The following Ordinance was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS, and carried:

ORDINANCE 2023-1

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ORDERING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, AND SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AGAINST EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TAX.

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, that a public meeting convened on this 2nd day of May 2023, which Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution, that the following millage rate (s) be, and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to advalorem taxation within said Town for the year 2023, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	MILLAGE
General Alimony	4.22

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC. that this Ordinance be recorded in the Official Records of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, that copies be filed with the Tax Assessor of said Parish, and that same be published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC., that the Assessor of the Parish of Vermilion, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2023 the taxes herein levied, and the Tax Collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC, that all taxes are due and payable by December 31, 2023, and after this date thereof a penalty will be assessed at 1% per month until paid in full. Should notices of delinquency have to be mailed all charges for postage, and copies will be added to cover cost associated with mail out.

SECTION V: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that inasmuch as Notice of proposed adoption of this Ordinance has been published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan, Vermilion Parish, as required by law on April 13, 2023, and no opposition having been filed thereto, this Ordinance having been considered Section by Section and submitted to a vote upon the whole, the vote thereon resulted as follows:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE & LAUREL PORTIE’

And the Ordinance was therefore adopted on this 2ND day of May 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Motion by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to adopt the millage rate of 4.22 for the year 2023.

Motion by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to authorize Mayor Jude D. Reese to sign a contract and all necessary paperwork between the Town of Gueydan and P Group Drug Testing Consortium.

Police Chief Cru Delcambre recommended the approval of the provisional hiring of Christopher Trahan II as a police officer with the Town of Gueydan Police Department. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to accept the recommendation of Chief Cru Delcambre on the provisional hiring of Christopher Trahan II as a full-time police officer, effective April 17, 2023.

Police Chief Cru Delcambre recommended the approval of the provisional hiring of Landon Primeaux as a part time patrolman with the Gueydan Fire Department. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to accept the recommendation of Landon Primeaux as a part time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department effective April 17, 2023.

The Bank of Gueydan has notified the Town of Gueydan that Certificates of Deposit will no longer accrue interest longer than 12 months. Since the Town has Certificates of Deposit #XX-X851-9 which matures 08/03/2023 and #XX-X045-1 which matures 11/01/2023 in the best interest of the Town is to renew said certificates for 12-month periods. Motion by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to renew above mentioned certificates of deposit for a 12-month period upon maturity.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:17 o’clock P.M. on this 2ND day of May 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

