

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 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,
LAUREL PORTIE’, & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent : JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed. Audit finding discuss monthly budget to actual comparison, and the discussion is as follows:

	Period Actual	YTD Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund				
Revenue	109,547.59	687,879.33	1,207,984.00	520,104.87
Expenditures:				
General & Administrative	14,113.47	138,891.64	243,975.00	105,083.36
Police Department	33,134.28	244,117.60	333,436.00	89,318.40
Fire Department	19,960.19	151,901.54	228,590.00	76,688.46
Streets & Bridges	15,090.65	122,333.13	213,200.00	90,866.67
Drainage	225.33	6,302.79	10,550.00	4,247.21
Sanitation	0.00	0.00	109.00	109.00
Community Center	1,014.50	18,779.11	37,750.00	18,970.89
Meeting Hall	138.71	901.22	1,700.00	798.78
Dept 81 – Capital Outlay	0.00	35,812.76	.00	(35,812.76)
Total Expenditures	83,677.13	719,039.79	1,069,310.00	350,2700.21
Profit (Loss)	25,870.66	(31,160.46)	138,674.00	169,834.46
Sales Tax Revenue				
Expenditures:				
Expenses & Transfers Out		124,302.96	.00	(124,302.96)
Total Expenditures		124,302.96	.00	(124,302.96)
Profit (Loss)	19,968.34	(9,141.63)	301,500.00	310,641.63
Utility Fund Revenue				
Misc. Rev & Transfers	2,024.07	66,289.66	75,700.00	9,410.34
Electrical	162,307.44	754,013.25	1,750,000.00	995,986.75
Gas	7,250.41	94,794.53	250,000.00	155,205.17
Sewer	14,125.20	85,129.80	161,900.00	76,770.20
Water	17,111.20	101,058.15	198,500.00	97,441.85
Total Revenues	202,836.32	1,101,285.69	2,436,100.00	1,1334,814.31
Expenditures:				
Transfers Out	105,000.00	519,000.00	750,000.00	231,000.00
Electrical	14,160.44	457,712.45	1,084,650.00	626,937.55
Gas	13,193.52	140,753.79	223,900.00	83,146.21
Sewer	15,826.62	98,850.98	200,960.00	102,109.02
Water	14,773.98	119,192.43	248,475.00	129,282.57
Dept 84 ARPA Sewer	0.00	32,240.76	0.00	(32,240.78)
Dept 85 ARPA Water	0.00	11,612.00	0.00	(11,612.00)
Total Expenditure	162,954.56	1,379,362.41	2,507,985.00	1,128,622.59
Profit (Loss)	39,881.76	(278,076.72)	(71,885.00)	206,191.72

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

To General Fund:

June 7, 2023	Utility Fund	\$ 7,000.00
June 13, 2023	Utility Fund	\$35,000.00
June 22, 2023	Utility Fund	\$ 8,000.00
June 27, 2023	Utility Fund	\$28,000.00

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$311.11 for the month of June,2023.

Sellers & Associates had nothing to report. Mayor Jude Reese gave a brief update of the ongoing grant process for the blighted/abandoned properties.

Motion by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to declare as surplus one (1) Server Tower (no hard drive), two (2) Dell Monitors, and two (2) Dell Desktop computers (no hard drives), and will advertise for bids to be announced at the August 1, 2023, meeting which minimum bids will be announced and the opening of sealed bids September 5, 2023 meeting.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, second by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to acknowledge the audit finding of the credit card statement which included late fees. The Town will be watching closely to pay credit card bills in a timely manner.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to amend the agenda to include Police Chief Cru Delcambre. Chief Delcambre recommended to rescind the hiring of Jason Viator as a patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department.

Chief Delcambre recommended the acceptance of the provisional hiring of Zachary Guidry to be made to be a full-time position. Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to accept the hiring of Zachary Guidry as a full time Patrolman with the Gueydan Fire Department effective June 26, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:24 o’clock P.M. on this 11TH day of July,2023.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor