

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, December 5, 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, LAUREL PORTIE',  
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

Absent: JOHN LASETER

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

Motion was made by JASON SUIRE , seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' , and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of November 7, 2023 that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by EFREM LIVINSTON, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed. No discussion was held concerning the comparison of budget to actual.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, 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:

November 02, 2023	Utility Fund	\$45,000.00
November 27, 2023	Utility Fund	\$34,000.00

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAURE PORTIE' and carried to accept the billing adjustments for the month of November, 2023.

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates, gave a brief update of the ongoing projects and stated there was not much change to report. All projects are still in the waiting game due to having to wait on GOHSEP, FEMA and the state to award the grants and changes to all projects that have been submitted.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried for the renewal of the following liquor licenses for the year of 2024.

Café Veiller, LLC	Campbell's Grocery
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Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON, and carried for the renewal of the following beer license for the year of 2024.

Maria Hebert	D/B/A	Fat George's
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According to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan, Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-31, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated and the dates, times of Council Meetings of 2024 shall be the first Tuesday of each month are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>		<u>TIME</u>
January	2, 2024	6:00 P.M.
February	6, 2024	6:00 P.M.
MARCH	5, 2024	6:00 P.M.
APRIL	2, 2024	6:00 P.M.
MAY	7, 2024	6:00 P.M.
JUNE	4, 2024	6:00 P.M.
JULY	2, 2024	6:00 P.M.
AUGUST	6, 2024	6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER	3, 2024	6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER	1, 2024	6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER	5, 2024	6:00 P.M.
DECEMBER	3, 2024	6:00 P.M.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to accept the 2024 Council Meeting Dates as presented.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE and carried to adopt a service agreement between the Town of Gueydan and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury:

RESOLUTION 10-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY AND THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:1321 ET. SEQ.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R. S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish and any city, town, or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La.R.S.33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Police Jury and the Town of Gueydan wish to enter into an agreement to perform routine maintenance projects for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. These projects include routine culvert installation, hauling of aggregate for drives and shoulders, patching of roads, grading of shoulders and mowing of roadside ditches.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Gueydan does:

RESOLVE THAT, they will provide some labor, equipment, and the cost of materials as mutually agreed, upon for each project, by the mayor and/or council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does.

RESOLVE THAT, to also provide labor, equipment, and cost of some materials, subject to each project being reviewed by the respective Police Juror and parish supervisor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties, that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the Police Jury and the Town of Gueydan, and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon resulted as follows:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, LAUREL PORTIE’, ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JOHN LASETER

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of December 2023.

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 ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVNUUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to adopt “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN **AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET** OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023” and there being no opposition voiced for or against at the Public Hearing of December 5, 2023 Mayor Jude Reese recommended the adoption of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2023

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED  
OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND  
EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place in Town Hall Meeting Room on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, that:

SECTION I: The attached amended estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Gueydan, during the same period.

SECTION II: The attached amended estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Gueydan during the same period.

SECTION III: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION IV: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2020 budget document as the estimated amounts.

Notice of introduction of this Ordinance, required by law was published on November 23, 2023.

After a public hearing was held on December 5, 2023 on the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS to adopt the Ordinance a record vote was taken and the following result was:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, LAUREL PORTIE', ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JOHN LASETER

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance be duly adopted on this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE and carried "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN **OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**, and there being no opposition voiced for or against at Public Hearing on December 5, 2023, Mayor Jude Reese is recommended the adoption of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-3

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET  
OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, met in regular session at its regular meeting place in Town Hall Meeting Room on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 that:

SECTION 1: That the attached detailed estimate of revenue for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 and is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana during the same period.

SECTION 2: That the attached estimate of expenditures, by departments, for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 and same is hereby adopted to serve as a Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of the Operating Budget of Expenditures is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amounts therein set within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures included within the 2024 Budget.

Notice of this Ordinance, required by law was published on November 23, 2023.

After a public hearing was held on December 5, 2023, the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE to adopt the Ordinance a record vote was taken and the following result was:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, LAUREL PORTIE’, ANITA DUPUIS, & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JOHN LASETER

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance be duly adopted on this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2023.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to adopt the 2023 Amended Budget.

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to adopt the 2023 Proposed Operating Budget.

	2023 Proposed	2023 Amended	2024 Proposed
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000
Licenses and permits	67,457	57,457	57,000
Intergovernmental	329,427	36,176	36,176
Charges for services	3,000	3,200	4,000
Charges for services - Utility Fund	2,385,400	2,385,400	2,280,400
Fines and forfeits	8,000	20,000	25,000
Interest	1,800	1,893	25,620
Miscellaneous	29,800	117,398	60,209
Total	3,144,884	2,941,524	2,808,405
Expenditures:			
General government	245,675	282,139	168,619
Public safety	333,436	422,031	349,711
Fire	228,590	266,604	255,656
Streets and drainage	223,859	239,773	235,080
Culture and recreation	37,750	44,136	43,936
Utility fund expenses	1,757,985	1,930,361	1,766,902
Capital outlay	-	92,933	73,600
Debt service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Total expenditures	2,827,295	3,277,977	2,893,504
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	317,589	(336,453)	(85,099)
Other revenues (expenses):			
Interest income-utility fund	700	700	4,532
Capital grant - utility fund	50,000	38,000	38,000
Total other revenues (expenses)	50,700	38,700	42,532

Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	750,000	1,199,112	1,074,112
Transfers out	<u>(750,000)</u>	<u>(1,199,112)</u>	<u>(1,074,112)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over expenditures			
and other uses-ALL TOWN funds	\$ 368,289	\$ (297,753)	\$ (42,567)

A resolution was presented for adoption between the Town of Gueydan, and LEPA concerning the execution of certain agreements. After a discussion, the resolution wss tabled. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to table the adoption of the resolution between the Town of Gueydan and LEPA for the execution of certain agreements.

Ms. Paula Wilson submitted an agenda request to be included to speak her concerns about the playground and equipment (cleaning). Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to allow Ms. Paula Wilson to speak of her concerns of the playground and equipment which included washing/cleaning of playground equipment. The mayor and board of aldermen informed Ms. Wilson that the matter will be addressed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:30 o’clock P.M. on this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of December,2023.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor