

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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'

Absent : ANTA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by LAUREL PORTIE', 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 March 5, 2024, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by LAUREL PORTIE' seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed. Discussion was held on the budget to actual expenditures and revenues.

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to accept the LAMP interest statement for March 2024.

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

To Utility Fund:	March 07, 2024	LAMP Interest	\$ 2,909.11
To General Fund:	March 04, 2024	Utility Fund	\$20,000.00
To General Fund:	March 07, 2024	LAMP Interest	\$ 1,680.48
To General Fund:	March 07, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 6,000.00
To General Fund:	March 07, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 860.55
To General Fund:	March 12, 2024	Utility Fund	\$11,873.84
To General Fund:	March 18, 2024	Utility Fund	\$28,471.05
To General Fund:	March 18, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 5,000.00
To General Fund:	March 27, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 6,000.00

Motion by LAUREL PORTIE' seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$\$20.66 for the month of March 2024.

Larry Cramer with Sellers & Associates was not able to attend, however he did send a memo to let the governing authority know the status of the ongoing progress of work being done.

The repairs behind the fire station (\$17,435) emergency funds have been requested again through APC for the repair of the pump. The rate study is complete, and a meeting will be scheduled to review anticipated and projected expense increases. The LCDBG Clearance grant application, Minvielle & Associates are assisting Sellers & Associates in preparing the environmental clearance documents to submit to the Louisiana Office of Community Development then once cleared then bids can be advertised for.

On the LWI Round 2 Application reviewing the H&H study checklist and will schedule a conference call with GOHSEP and LWI to discuss the possible change in funding for construction.

Councilmember JOHN LASETER discussed his concerns of the civic center with revenues and expenses.

Councilmember LAUREL PORTIE' voiced her concerns on the matter of loose dogs in the community.

A discussion was held concerning the rental rates for the civic center to be included in the policy and procedures. Each member of the governing authority was given a copy of the change that is included in the policy and procedures booklet.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to amend the agenda to include Police Chief Cru Delcambre for tonight's agenda. Police Chief Cru Delcambre recommended that Assistant Chief Matt Touchet be added to the roster of full-time patrolman/officers with the Gueydan Police Department. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to accept the recommendation to add Matt Touchet from part-time officer to full-time officer effective April 2, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by LAUREL PORTIE' seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:56 o'clock P.M. on this 2ND day of April 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor