

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Gueydan Civic Center. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Reese at 6:08 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 & JASON SUIRE

Absent : NONE

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 August 6, 2024, and Special Meeting of August 13, 2024, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed, a discussion was held concerning monthly budget to actuals for the financial status of the town.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the LAMP Interest as presented.

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 General Fund:	August 05, 2024	Utility Fund	\$32,560.46
To General Fund:	August 13, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 1,682.64
To General Fund:	August 17, 2024	Utility Fund	\$27,744.03
To General Fund:	August 30, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 5,000.00
To General Fund:	August 13, 2024	Sales Tax	\$ 8,139.44
To Utility Fund:	August 13, 2024	Sales Tax	\$ 1,682.64

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$223.65 for the month of August 2024.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates recommended that a resolution for the 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Grant be considered for the October regular meeting be presented at said meeting.

Mr. Cramer informed the governing authority that the Pump Station project (Hazard Mitigation Project) was bid over budget and that after speaking with the lowest bidder changes to the project are being considered to cut costs.

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 SUB-CHAPTER 25:21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA ENTITLED "WATER RATES". Public comments both for and against were discussed.

The following Ordinance was introduced by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 5-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25B, SECTION 25:21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “WATER RATES” IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of September 2024 that the provisions of Sub-Chapter 25B, Section 25:21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan entitled “Water Rates” is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The monthly rate for the use of the Town of Gueydan’s water system shall be charged to and collected in the amounts and from the classes and special users of the water system as follows:

<u>CLASS OF USERS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Residential	\$ 25.00
Offices	43.75
Grocery Stores	43.75
Warehouses	43.75
Lumber Yards	43.75
Hardware Stores	43.75
Appliance Stores	43.75
Implement Companies	43.75
Beauty Shops	56.25
Welding Shops	56.25
Auto Repair Shops	56.25
Bars & Lounges	56.25
Banks	56.25
Dry Cleaners	56.25
Medical Clinics	56.25
Hospitals	125.00
Restaurants	56.25
Pool Halls	56.25
Drive-Inns	56.25
Laundromats	125.00
Service Stations	100.00
Car Wash	150.00
Automatic Car Washer-Unit	150.00
Churches	43.75
Drug Stores	56.25
Ice Vending Machine	125.00
<u>SPECIAL</u>	
Gueydan High School	250.00
Jesse Owens School	250.00
St. Peter’s School	100.00
Un-Sprinkled Dryers	43.75
Sprinkled Dryers	43.75
Assembly Halls	43.75
Gueydan Memorial Guest Home	500.00
Gueydan Duck Festival RV Park	100.00
Plus August yearly billing	
for the Existing Building and 54 RV Slots	200.00
Any Extra Building	25.00
For every ten (10) new hookups per hookup	10.00
Privately Owned RV Park	100.00
Residential outside of corporate limits	43.75

B. All residential customers who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years shall receive a ten (10%) percent discount for monthly sewerage charges provided that their sewerage billing statement is paid by the fifteenth of the month said statement is rendered.

C. These above rates shall be annually adjusted at the percent change from the previous 12 months using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)* on the first day of January, without the necessity of further action by the mayor and board of aldermen.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all reconnect fees, shut off fees or any other fees not specifically addressed this Ordinance per the Town of Gueydan Water Rates & Fees will stay at the same rate as presently established.

SECTION III: BE IT FURHER ORDAINED that if any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and passage by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana.

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, LAUREL PORTIE’, ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN : NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of September 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor

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 SUB-CHAPTER 25C, SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA ENTITLED “SEWER SYSTEM”. Public comments both for and against were discussed.

Mayor Reese recommended the following ordinance concerning “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C, SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA ENTITLED “SEWERAGE SYSTEM. Motion by JOHN LASETER, Mayor Reese called for a second with no response from the governing authority. Motion failed for lack of a second. Ordinance adoption failed.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN RELATIVE TO GAS RATES”. No motion was made Ordinance introduction failed due to lack of a motion.

A discussion was held concerning the civic center rental rates. After much discussion the subject was tabled for additional options concerning rental rates and hours of use. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to table the Civic Center Rental and Rates until the next meeting on October 1, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by ANITA DUPUIS seconded by JASON SUIRE, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 8:10 o'clock P.M. on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of September, 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor