

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, October 1, 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', 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 September 3, 2024, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector with the budget to actual discussion, be approved as filed.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, 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: September 03, 2024	Utility Fund	\$33,298.37
To General Fund: September 11, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 9,693.91
To General Fund: September 16, 2024	Utility Fund	\$29,865.53
To General Fund: September 23, 2024	Utility Fund	\$15,376.71
To General Fund: September 30, 2024	Utility Fund	\$34,021.64
To General Fund: September 11, 2024	Sales Tax Fund	\$ 7,526.93
To Utility Fund: September 11, 2024	Sales Tax Fund	\$ 1,682.64

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$28.70.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to change the meeting date of November 5, 2024, to the date of November 12, 2024, due to November 5, 2024, being election day.

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates informed the governing authority that the Pump project is still being coordinated with the contractor awaiting pricing of changes so that project will be within funding grant.

The Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2 grant is being coordinated to be revised for the scope of work and budget.

The LCDBG Clearance Program Grant has sent Request for Proposal for the asbestos testing and inspection and motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to award the contract to Ritter Contracting. A notification will be sent to the contractor informing of the award.

The following was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE', and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2024**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Outlay Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and proper for the Town to submit application(s) to the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gueydan hereby commits to a local match of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost or any cost overrun.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that Sellers and Associates is hereby authorized to submit the necessary documents for the Capital Outlay Program on behalf of the Town of Gueydan and that the Honorable Jude Reese, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign all documents related to the 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Program, including any Cooperative Endeavor Agreements, reports, studies, plans, certifications, assurances, contracts, change orders, requests for information or disbursements, close-out documents, and any other documents required in connection with the Capital Outlay Program.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was approved.

The following Ordinance was introduced by EFREM LIVINGSTON, seconded by JOHN LASETER:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024.-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C, SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED "SEWERAGE SYSTEM" 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 1<sup>ST</sup> day of October 2024, that the provisions of Sub-Chapter 25C, Section 25:21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan entitled "Sewerage Rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

<u>CLASS OF USERS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Residential	\$ 22.50
Offices	31.25
Grocery Stores	31.25
Warehouses	31.25
Lumber Yards	31.25
Hardware Stores	31.25

Appliance Stores	31.25
Implement Companies	31.25
Beauty Shops	31.25
Welding Shops	31.25
Auto Repair Shops	31.25
Bars & Lounges	31.25
Banks	31.25
Dry Cleaners	31.25
Medical Clinics	31.25
Hospitals	31.25
Restaurants	31.25
Pool Halls	31.25
Drive- Inns	31.25
Laundromats	31.25
Service Stations	31.25
Car Wash	31.25
Automatic Car Washer-Units	31.25
Churches	31.25
Drug Stores	31.25
Ice Vending Machine	62.50

SPECIAL

Gueydan High School	75.00
Jesse Owens School	62.50
St. Peter's School	22.50
Un-Sprinkled Dryers	22.50
Sprinkled Dryers	22.50
Assembly Halls	31.25
Gueydan Memorial Guest Home	375.00
Privately Owned RV Parks	62.50
Residential outside of corporate limits	31.25
Commercial 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 Gas 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 1<sup>ST</sup> day, of October 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to authorize Mayor Jude Reese to sign an agreement with the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to amend the agenda to include Civic Center Rental Rates. The following is the new civic center rental rates effective immediately, October 1, 2024.

Civic Center Rental:

\$50.00 Deposit (Non-refundable) holds the date  
\$800.00 Rental Fee  
\$10.00 an hour to decorate the day before the event

Total \$930.00

When the rent is paid \$80.00 will also be added for 8 hours to decorate. In the event that it doesn't take the whole 8 hours to decorate, the remaining balance will be refunded.

After a discussion, a roll call vote was requested by Mayor Reese:

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE', & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: ANITA DUPUIS

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mr. Robert Broussard, requested to be on the agenda to discuss his concerns of cleaning of certain ditches/culverts. No action was taken.

Mrs. June Campbell presented Possible Civic Center Solutions and gave her input on her concerns.

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 6:54 o'clock P.M. on this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of October 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude Reese  
Mayor

