

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 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, & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent : LAUREL PORTIE & JASON SUIRE

Public Comment on 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 October 1, 2024, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed with a presentation of budget to actuals.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to accept the LAMP interest for September and October 2024 as presented.

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: October 01, 2024	Utility Fund	\$34,021.64
To General Fund: October 14, 2024	Utility Fund	\$33,181.79
To General Fund: October 15, 2024	Utility Fund	\$ 2,238.38
To General Fund: October 28, 2024	Utility Fund	\$36,723.21
To General Fund: October 15, 2024	Sales Tax	\$ 7,526.93
To Utility Fund: October 15, 2024	Sales Tax	\$ 2,238.38

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to accept the billing adjustments for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$2,364.79.

Larry Cramer, Engineer with Sellers & Associates the Pump Station project is over budget and plans were submitted to FEMA but no response has been received after several contacts. Sellers & Associates have met with the contractor to revise plans and submitted a change order and scheduled a meeting with the contractor to look at the project.

The Clearance Project the service agreement has been submitted to the contractor for the asbestos testing contract.

The LWI Round 2 has a revised scope of work and plans to get survey crew to do a drainage study.

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2024

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance 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, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Motion by EFREM LIVINGSTON, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024”. A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting held on December 3, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. and ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by EFREM LIVINGSTON seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FO4R THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025”. A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting held on December 3, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. ordinance will be presented for final adoption at this meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Abbie Mouton requested to be on the agenda to discuss sewage and water charges for town churches. A discussion was held on this matter and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by ANITA DUPUIS seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:44 o'clock P.M. on this 12TH day of November 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

