

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, December 3, 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: JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE',
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

Absent : EFREM LIVINGSTON

Public Comment on 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 November 12, 2024, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE', and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

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

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

To General Fund: November 06, 2024,	Utility Fund	\$12,000.00
To General Fund: November 12, 2024	Utility Fund	\$31,308.16
To General Fund: November 14, 2024	Utility Fund	\$11,000.00
To General Fund: November 20, 2024	Utility Fund	\$25,537.41
To General Fund: November 25, 2024	Utility Fund	\$27,941.40
To Utility Fund: November 14, 2024 American Rescue Plan Act		\$15,698.27
To General Fund: November 14, 2024	Sales Tax Fund	\$ 7,933.29
To Utility Fund: November 14, 2024	Sales Tax Fund	\$ 1,758.89

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$2,535.69 for the month of November 2024.

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates, informed the governing authority the progress on the LCDBG Clearance program, asbestos testing should begin within the next week, with the results being turned in soon thereafter.

Mr. Cramer presented the governing authority with Change Order #1 which would decrease the bid by \$155,839.00 for the drainage project. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept the change order for said project.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to approve the following liquor licenses for the year 2025:

Café' Veiller	D/B/A	Cafe' Veiller
Campbell's Grocery	D/B/A	Campbell's Grocery

There were no applications for renewal of Beer licenses.

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	7, 2025	6:00 P.M.
February	4, 2025	6:00 P.M.
MARCH	11, 2025 Second Tuesday	6:00 P.M.
APRIL	1, 2025	6:00 P.M.
MAY	6, 2025	6:00 P.M.
JUNE	3, 2025	6:00 P.M.
JULY	1, 2025	6:00 P.M.
AUGUST	5, 2025	6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER	2, 2025	6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER	7, 2025	6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER	4, 2025	6:00 P.M.
DECEMBER	7, 2025	6:00 P.M.

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

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

RESOLUTION 8-2024

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, 2025 through December 31, 2025. 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 : JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE', ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: EFREM LIVINGSTON

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 3RD day of December 2024.

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, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, the public inquired on the determination of the figures presented, and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to adopt "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN **AMENDED 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 the Public Hearing of December 3, 2024, Mayor Jude Reese recommended the adoption of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-4

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN **AMENDED**
OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, met in the Regular Session at its regular meeting place in Town Hall Meeting Room on this 3RD day of December 2024, that:

SECTION I: The attached amended estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, 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 2017 budget document as the estimated amounts.

Notice of introduction of this Ordinance, required by law, was published on November 16, 2024.

After a public hearing was held on December 3, 2024, on the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER to adopt the Ordinance a record vote was taken, and the following result was:

YEAS: JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE',
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: EFREM LIVINGSTON

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance be duly adopted on this 3RD day of December 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 ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, the public inquired on the determination of the figures presented, and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN **OPERATING** BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, and there being no opposition voiced for or against at Public Hearing on December 3, 2024, Mayor Jude Reese recommended the adoption of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-5

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET
OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

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 3RD day of December 2024, that:

SECTION 1: That the attached detailed estimate of revenue for the year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025 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 2025 Budget.

Notice of this Ordinance, required by law, was published on November 16, 2024.

After a public hearing was held on December 3, 2024, the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by

JOHN LASETER to adopt the Ordinance a record vote was taken, and the following result was:

YEAS : JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE, & JASON SUIRE

NAYS : ANITA DUPUIS

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: EFREM LIVINGSTON

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance be duly adopted on this 3RD day of December 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to adopt the 2024 amended budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken and resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: ANITA DUPUIS

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: EFREM LIVINGSTON

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to adopt the 2025 proposed budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken and resulted as follows:

YEAS: JOHN LASETER, LAUREL PORTIE' & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: ANITA DUPUIS

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: EFREM LIVINGSTON

	<u>2024 Proposed</u>	<u>2024 Amended</u>	<u>2025 Proposed</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 320,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000
Licenses and permits	57,000	70,428	78,000
Intergovernmental	36,176	49,692	70,552
Charges for services	4,000	4,000	4,000
Charges for services - Utility Fund	2,280,400	2,283,200	2,349,500
Fines and forfeits	25,000	25,000	25,000
Interest	25,620	40,716	43,000

Miscellaneous	60,209	76,909	96,409
Total	2,808,405	2,809,945	2,926,461
Expenditures:			
General government	168,619	290,636	253,797
Public safety	349,711	462,877	399,062
Fire	255,656	306,547	285,252
Streets and drainage	235,080	217,424	191,900
Culture and recreation	43,936	52,309	37,150
Utility fund expenses	1,768,902	2,092,844	1,719,300
Capital outlay	73,600	57,440	40,000
Debt service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Total expenditures	2,895,504	3,480,077	2,926,461
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures	(87,099)	(670,132)	-
Other revenues (expenses):			
Interest income-utility fund	4,532	9,432	8,000
Capital grant - utility fund	38,000	195,000	450,000
Total other revenues (expenses)	42,532	204,432	458,000
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	1,074,122	1,701,947	1,150,000
Transfers out	<u>(1,074,122)</u>	<u>(1,649,227)</u>	<u>(1,150,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	<u>52,720</u>	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over expenditures			
and other uses-ALL TOWN funds	\$ (44,567)	\$ (412,980)	\$ 458,000

Mayor Jude Reese requested to amend the agenda to include use of debit cards for utilities that have been disconnected. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to amend the agenda to include the use of debit cards for utilities that have been disconnected for non-payment. After a discussion, it was agreed to re-write the policy and procedure and be presented at the next regular meeting.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, to introduce the ordinance for Water and Sewer rates be amended at the next meeting with the charges of \$5.00 for water and \$5.00 for Sewer for churches. The Ordinance will be introduced at the January 2025 meeting and be presented at the February, 2025 meeting for final adoption.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 7:15 o'clock P.M. on this 3RD day of December 2024.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor