

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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 January 7, 2025, 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.

Mayor Jude Reese presented the LAMP interest to those present. No action was taken.

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

To General Fund:

January 07, 2025	Utility Fund	\$32,314.39
January 20, 2025	Utility Fund	\$29,131.29
January 04, 2025	Sales Tax	\$ 7,924.83
January 28, 2025	Sales Tax	\$22,704.27

To Utility Fund:

January 28, 2025	Sales Tax	\$ 2,124.11
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Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON and carried to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$1,143.86 for the month of January 2025.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates gave an update on the ongoing projects. The HMGP Drainage Pump Station Site Improvements, a preconstruction meeting was held on February 4, 2025 and a discussion was held on the construction schedule as well as Notice to Proceed which will be on or before March 17, 2025 and the project completed by October 3, 2025, also discussed the critical path of pump rehabilitation and suggested removing as soon as possible to be able to reinstall.

Mr. Cramer informed the governing authority that the LCDBG Clearance Program Application that the received Permission to Publish a combined Notice of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/PROF) for the Environmental Review Record. This process takes a little more time as it has to be published in the paper for a certain number of days and allow for a comment period. Permission to advertise for bids should be sometime in April, 2025. The update on the LWI Round 2 Application all the field survey work is completed and now Sellers & Associates are compiling the drainage study for the application.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended a resolution to adopt the System Survey & Questionnaire required for the Town audit and thereupon, the following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by EFREM LIVINGSTON:

RESOLUTION 1-2025

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SYSTEM SURVEY
AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 24:517**

BE IT RESOLVED that the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire which was received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and which was properly completed by the Clerk of the Town of Gueydan and presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said System and Compliance Questionnaire be filed in the records of the Town of Gueydan and certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the firm of Kolder, Slaven & Co. LLC, of Abbeville, Louisiana, whose proposal was accepted by the Governing Body for the audit of the records of the Town of Gueydan for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. The auditors will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers of the questionnaire and submit to the Legislative Auditor and the Municipality a report containing his opinions as to the validity of the answers therein contained.

YEAS: EFREM LIVINGSTON, JOHN LASETER, & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: LAUREL PORTIE' & JASON SUIRE

And this resolution was declared adopted on the 11th day of February 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-1

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 11TH day of February 2025 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	5.00
Drug Stores	56.25
Miscellaneous Repair & Sale Shop	43.75
Ice Vending Machine	125.00

SPECIAL

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 hookup per hookup	10.00
Privately Owned RV Park	100.00
Residential outside of corporate limits	43.75
Commercial outside of corporate limits	56.25

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 to 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 & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN : NONE

ABSENT: LAUREL PORTIE' & JASON SUIRE

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 11TH day of February 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-2

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 11TH day of

February 2025, 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	5.00
Drug Stores	31.25
Miscellaneous Repair & Sale Shop	31.25
Ice Vending Machine	62.50
 <u>SPECIAL</u>	
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 to 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 FURTHER 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.

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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, & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN : NONE

ABSENT: LAUREL PORTIE' & JASON SUIRE

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 11TH day, of February 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

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 6:28 P.M. o'clock P.M. on this 11TH day of February 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor