

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, May 6, 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,
LAUREL PORTIE', & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent : JASON SUIRE

Public Comment on any item on agenda (3 minutes per person)

Motion was made by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE', and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE', and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector along with the discussion of budget to actuals be approved as filed.

LAMP interest was presented. No motion or second was made.

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:	April 28, 2025,	Utility Fund	\$32,962.04
	April 28, 2025,	Utility Fund	\$25,000.00
	April 08, 2025,	Sales Tax Fund	\$71,089.58

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE' and carried to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$213.35 for the month of April, 2025.

Engineers Report

9237 HMGP - Town of Gueydan - Drainage Pump Station Site Improvements

- All embankment, concrete and stone riprap has been completed. Rebuilt pump and engine has been installed. Contractor is ahead of schedule.
- Last week we identified leakage in levee and removed old debris and properly backfilled.

Contractor is wrapping up the embankment protection and we expect to have a walkthrough next week following the rains and site drying out. Town received the Notice of Removal of Contract Conditions letter and Notice to bidders was advertised April 23rd, again on April 30th and May 7th.

Bid package has been emailed to over 30 potential bidders.

Bids will be received on May 29th at 2pm at Town Hall and will plan to consider for award at the following Town meeting on June 3rd.

9612 LCDBG Clearance Program Application

9602-01 LWI - Round 2 Application

One-month extension was granted to complete the H&H and application for the project to June 1st. We are continuing to work on completing application drawings and drainage model.

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 LEVYING AND ORDERING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, AND SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AGAINST EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TOWN" and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Jude Reese closed the public hearing.

The following Ordinance was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried:

ORDINANCE 2025-3

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ORDERING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, AND SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AGAINST EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TAX.

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, that a public meeting convened on this 6TH day of May, 2025, which Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution, that the following millage rate (s) be, and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to advalorem taxation within said Town for the year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	MILLAGE
General Alimony	4.22

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC. that this Ordinance be recorded in the Official Records of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, that copies be filed with the Tax Assessor of said Parish, and that same be published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan.

SECTION III: BE FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC., that the Assessor of the Parish of Vermilion, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the Tax Collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

SECTION IV: BE FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC, that all taxes are due and payable by December 31, 2025, and after this date thereof a penalty will be assessed at 1% per month until paid in full. Should notices of delinquency have to be mailed all charges for postage, and copies will be added to cover cost associated with mail out.

SECTION V: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that inasmuch as Notice of proposed adoption of this Ordinance has been published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan, Vermilion Parish, as required by law on April 23, 2025 and no opposition having been filed thereto, 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

NAYS : NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

And the Ordinance was therefore adopted on this 6th day of May 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

Jude Reese
Mayor

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to adopt the millage rate of 4.22 for the year 2025.

As advertised in the official journal that sealed bids would be received and opened aloud at this meeting the bids resulted as follows:

Homemade Triple Axel Trailer – Minimum Bid \$1,000.00	
J.J. Merchant	\$1,177.77
Army Generator (DZ02953) Minimum Bid \$500.00	
J. J. Merchant	\$ 577.77

Detroit Diesel Generator 4 Cylinder (0703) Minimum Bid \$500.00
Allen Breaux \$605.00
J. J. Merchant \$1,067.77

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to award the Homemade Triple Axel Trailer, Army Diesel Generator 4 Cylinder (0703) & the Detroit Diesel Generator 4 Cylinder (0703) to J. J. Merchant.

Bids were opened in the public meeting for the 1987 International Tractor Fifth Wheel Trailer (7992) with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00. J. J. Merchant submitted a bid of \$2,577.77 which was below the minimum. No action was taken pending legal advice from the city attorney.

Bids were opened for the 2007 Crown Victoria (1952) with a minimum bid of \$2,000. J. J. Merchant submitted a bid of \$577.77 which was below the minimum. No action was taken pending legal advice from the city attorney.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried to seek legal advice from the city attorney concerning the reserves not met on the two above bids.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by LAUREL PORTIE’ and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:18 P.M. on this 6th day of May 2025.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor