

Since Notice has been published in the Town's Official Journal that a Public Hearing would be held to adopt the Ordinance concerning "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, DEALING WITH THE OFFICIAL USE OF POLICE VEHICLES". Mayor Chris Theriot opened the public hearing and there being no opinions voice for or against Mayor Theriot closed the public hearing.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 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 Chris Theriot presiding and the following Aldermen present:

Present: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO,
MARILYN CAMPBELL, & GALE SMITH

Absent: JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by GALE SMITH, and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of July 7, 2015, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

Motion by MARILYN CAMPBELL, seconded by GALE SMITH, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

July 2, 2015	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
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Sellers & Associates had nothing to present at this meeting. Mayor Chris Theriot informed the Governing Authority that the Request For Proposals on the Electric Contract have been accepted on July 29, 2015 and the study of each proposal is ongoing.

Mayor Theriot also informed the Governing Authority there are ongoing issues at the Water Treatment plant with some of the equipment malfunctions that are trying to be resolved at this time.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to table the adoption of the Ordinance "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, DEALING WITH THE OFFICIAL USE OF POLICE VEHICLES" for 30 days.

The vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO, MARILYN CAMPBELL
& GALE SMITH

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

Thereupon the Ordinance was tabled for 30 days.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque had nothing to report at this meeting.

Police Chief Kayla Henry had nothing to report at this meeting.

Mayor Chris Theriot requested for a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Gueydan and LaMats.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Gueydan and LaMats.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2015

A Resolution authorizing Mayor Chris Theriot to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for and on behalf of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMats) to assist in the collection of fees and delinquent taxes, including, but not limited to, tax sales.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's municipalities have an obligation under the Louisiana State Constitution to collect those debts owed to them;

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Louisiana are faced with delinquent property taxes and are obligated to collect such delinquent taxes while keeping within budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, *Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14 (C)* provides that political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavor agreements with public and private entities as long as public purpose is served; and

WHEREAS, the collection of delinquent property taxes and to sell such properties in accordance with applicable law in order for the municipality to meet its constitutional obligation as well as to prevent blighted property and to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Gueydan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan has the ability to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any public or private entity to assist in the collection of delinquent property taxes and to assist in tax sales; and

WHEREAS, LAMATS is a private entity that offers services to public bodies including the collection of delinquent property taxes and tax sales

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with LaMats would be an efficient and cost effective way for the Town of Gueydan to collect delinquent property taxes and assist in tax sales and desires to engage LaMATS for the performance of those services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Gueydan, Louisiana acting as the governing authority of said Town of Gueydan that:

Mayor Chris P. Theriot is hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for and on behalf of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS) to assist in the collection of fees and delinquent taxes, including but not limited to tax sales.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, SCOTT VALLO,
MARILYN CAMPBELL & GALE SMITH

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: JASON SUIRE

Adopted: August 4 2015

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Chris Theriot
Mayor

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:24 o'clock P.M. on this 4th day of August, 2015.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Chris Theriot
Mayor