

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 BY THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, TO ASSESS A COLLECTION FEE ON DEBTS REFERRED TO COLLECTION AGENCY" and there being no opposition voiced for or against Mayor Chris 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, May 3, 2016, 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, & JASON SUIRE

Absent: NONE

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

Motion was made by JASON SUIRE, 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 April 5, 2016, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

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

To General Fund:

April 05, 2016	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
April 25, 2016	Utility Fund	\$25,000.00

Sellers & Associates contacted Mayor Chris Theriot and gave an update of the project to provide service for a resident on Pasquiere Street for water, and sewer services.

Mayor Theriot informed the Governing Authority of the issues with the Generator at the Drainage pumps and the issues at the Water Plant. These two issues are being worked on to correct the issues and should all be resolved shortly.

Mayor Theriot informed the Governing Authority that he is in the process of getting the street lights along Main Street repaired/replaced.

The following Ordinance was introduced by GALE SMITH, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried:

ORDINANCE 2016-6

**ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA
TO ASSESS A COLLECTION FEE ON DEBTS REFERRED
TO COLLECTION AGENCY**

An ordinance establishing that the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana authorizes the assessment of a collection fee on debts, accounts receivable, costs, fines and fees turned over to a collection agency.

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that there are certain debts and accounts on which the Town of Gueydan has been unable to collect funds due;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that there are certain fines, costs and fees ordered by Town Court which remain outstanding;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that as the governing authority for the Town of Gueydan, there exists a duty to exercise due diligence in collecting public funds;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that the Town of Gueydan is hereby authorized by state law to contract with a collection agency for the collection of one or more of the following items:

1. Debts and accounts receivable including, but not limited to unpaid utility fees, penalties, interest and other sums due the municipality, as applicable; or
2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in municipal court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that a collection fee will be required to obtain the services of a collection agency to collect these sums, and desires to assess such a fee;

WHEREAS, in case any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of said ordinance, but the same shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this ordinance which validate or make legal any provisions thereof shall be deemed to apply hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, in legal and regular and/or special session, acting as the "Governing Authority" of said Town, adopt the following ordinance to the Town of Gueydan Code.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Counsel of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana:

SECTION I. The Town of Gueydan hereby assesses a collection fee in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the delinquent municipal debt when the Town of Gueydan has entered into a contract with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau ("LAMATS") for collection of the above listed items. This fee will be added to all sums submitted to the collection agency regardless of age.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION III. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance was introduced on the 5th day April, 2016.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the 21st day of April, 2016.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

There being a favorable vote on the ordinance of at least a majority of the authorized members of the Governing Authority, the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 2016.

S/Roxanna Richard
Roxanna Richard, LMMC
Town Clerk

S/Chris Theriot
Chris Theriot
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by MARILYN CAMPBELL, and carried to declare the following equipment as JUNK: One (1) Gateway Monitor, One (1) Dell Monitor, One (1) Antec Tower minus hard drive, One (1) HG Monitor, One (1) Ultra Tower minus hard drive, One (1) Ultra Tower minus hard drive, One (1) Dell Tower minus hard drive, One (1) Panasonic laptop minus hard drive, and One (1) IBM Think pad laptop minus hard drive.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque was not at the meeting.

Police Chief Kayla Henry was not at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:26 o'clock P.M. on this 3rd day of May, 2016.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Chris Theriot
Mayor