

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Wednesday, January 7, 2019 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: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER,
SCOTT VALLO, ANITA FREELAND & JASON SUIRE

Absent: NONE

Public Comment 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 December 4, 2018, and Special Meeting of December 30, 2018 that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

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

To General Fund:

December 6, 2018	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
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Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to appoint Alderwoman CLAUDETTE PRICE as the Mayor Pro-tempore.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as Town Clerk.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as Bookkeeper and Tax Collector.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to appoint Evans Bourque as Fire Chief.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to appoint Roxanna Richard as Magistrate's Clerk.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to appoint Edward G. Saal, Jr. as Town Attorney.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to designate the Bank of Gueydan as the fiscal depositor for all the Town of Gueydan funds.

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO, and carried for the acceptance of the following signatures on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit at the Bank of Gueydan, and therefore the following signatures will be honored on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit.

RESOLUTION 1-2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, in regular session convened, that the Bank of Gueydan be named as a depository for the Town of Gueydan and they are hereby authorized to honor checks and/or withdrawals of

all funds on deposit in the Bank of Gueydan when signed by two (2) of the following signatures Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, Claudette Price.

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

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER, SCOTT VALLO,
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 2ND day of January.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

The following resolution was offered by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO, and carried for the acceptance of the following signatures on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit at the Vermilion Bank, and therefore the following signatures will be honored on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit.

RESOLUTION 2-2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, in regular session convened, that the Vermilion Bank be named as a depository for the Town of Gueydan and they are hereby authorized to honor checks and/or withdrawals of all funds on deposit in the Vermilion Bank when signed by two (2) of the following signatures Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, Claudette Price.

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

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER, SCOTT VALLO,
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 2ND day of January, 2019.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to authorize the following to sign and approve purchase orders. Mayor Jude Reese, Roxanna Richard, Kelly Guillory or Rachel Boudreaux. Mayor Jude Reese is authorized to sign any and all purchase orders above the amount of \$500.00.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to appoint Gilbert Hebert as Street Commissioner (no salary attached).

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to appoint Gilbert Hebert as Superintendent of Street, Bridge, Drainage & Sanitation Departments.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to appoint Jeffrey Lamson as Superintendent of the Electric Department.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to appoint Larry Huntley as Superintended of Water, Gas, & Sewer Departments.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to appoint Evans Bourque as a member of the Vermilion Parish Fire Department Board to represent the Town of Gueydan Fire Department

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to appoint Gerad Landry Jr. as a member of the Vermilion Parish Fire Department Board, to represent the Town of Gueydan Fire Department.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to appoint John Laseter as a member of the Vermilion Parish Fire Department Board, to represent the Town of Gueydan Fire Department.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to appoint Anita Dupuis as the representative for the Town of Gueydan on the Vermilion Economic Development Board.

RESOLUTION 3-2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried the Town of Gueydan desires to approve the appointment of ALDERMAN JASON SUIRE to serve as a Director of the Authority and motion by SCOTT VALLO and seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to approve the appointment of MAYOR JUDE REESE to serve as an alternate Director of the Authority to act in the absence of the director herein above named;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of JASON SUIRE to serve as Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Jude Reese to serve as an alternate Director, for like term to act in the absence of the director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER, SCOTT VALLO,
ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 2ND day of January,2019.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers and Associates, Inc., informed the Governing Authority that the boundary surveys are in the final stages, and the generator project is up for final review, then a Notice to Proceed will be issued for the generator project.

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried, that mileage will be paid for meeting that are approved by Mayor Jude Reese for meeting that benefit the Town of Gueydan, when an employee must use his/her personal vehicle.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to approve the amended Policies Procedure Manual.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque recommended that the following individuals be removed from the Gueydan Volunteer Fire Department Roster:

Joe Breaux	Scotty Vincent	Kade Guillory	Cade Theriot
Corey Theriot	Tyler Richard		

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept the fire chief recommendation to remove the above listed individuals from the Gueydan Volunteer Fire Department Roster.

Chief Bourque recommended that following individuals to be added to the roster of the Gueydan Volunteer Fire Department:

Charles Tommy Jones	Bo Bourque
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Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to add the above individuals per the recommendation of Fire Chief Evans Bourque to the roster of the Gueydan Volunteer Fire Department.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot presented the following individual resignations from the Gueydan Police Department all effective December 31, 2018: Benjamin Touchet, Hank Viator, Kayla Henry, and Greg Hebert. Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the above resignations.

Chief Theriot recommended the hiring of Kimberly Kibodeaux as a Patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department. and Steven Kibodeaux as a Patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept the recommendation pending the psychological evaluation results and the drug screening results.

Chief Theriot recommended the following individuals as Reserve Officers for the Gueydan Police Department:

Claude Brendan Richard	Blaine Hebert	Adam Leonard III
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Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the recommendation of Chief Shawn Theriot, pending the results from the psychological evaluation and drug screen results.

Chief Theriot recommended the following individuals as part time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department:

Lori Touchet	Matt Touchet
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Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the above individuals as Part Time Patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department, pending the results from the psychological evaluation and drug screen results.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot informed the Governing Authority and presented each member of the Board a quote for a K-9 officer in the amount of \$8,500.00. After a lengthy discussion, the matter was taken under advisement. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried that the matter of the K-9 officer be taken under advisement and to hold a special meeting. Mayor Reese set a meeting date of Friday, January 18, 2019 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Mayor Reese informed the Governing Authority about the outstanding utility bills and stated that he will be addressing this issue. Certified letters informing the customer to contact this office and to make payment arrangements and if they do not contact city hall and make arrangements all services will be discontinued.

Mayor Reese informed the Governing Authority that he has contacted the Drainage board to clean the canal.

Mayor Reese also informed the Governing Authority that well #5 is being repaired for an estimated cost of \$17,464.00 plus labor.

Mr. Ben Rivera, candidate for State Representative, introduced himself and informed those in attendance he will return at a later day to speak to the council.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:58 o'clock P.M. on this 2ND day of January,2019.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor