

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

Present: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER,  
SCOTT VALLO, & ANITA DUPUIS

Absent: JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by CLAUDETTE PRICE, 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 February 5, 2019 that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

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

To General Fund:

February 25, 2019	Utility Fund	\$30,000.00
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Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$40,078.25 due to over readings and payments post marked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to remove the penalty.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers and Associates addressed the governing authority informing those present of the ongoing projects with the USDA application, as well as the drainage project.

Ms. Cathy Hair requested to be on the agenda however was not at this meeting.

Mr. Donald Segura representing the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District explained the facts about the water district and asked for support of the upcoming Tax renewal on May 4, 2019.

The following resolution was offered by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION 5-2019**

THE TECHE VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT IS  
HAVING A PROPERTY MILLAGE RENEWAL ELECTION ON  
MAY 4, 2019 AND IS IN ASKING FOR SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the benefits of the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District have projects which consist of Environmental, Economic, Coastal Restoration and Hurricane Recovery;

WHEREAS, the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District protects our future ground water supply;

WHEREAS, the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District is holding a property millage renewal election on May 4, 2019;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that said Governing Body is endorsing this cause for the renewal of the Millage renewal of the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to declare the 1991 Ford Red Truck as surplus with sealed bids being accepted by April 2, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. with a minimum bid of \$500.00, and sealed bids will be open publicly at the regular meeting of April 2, 2019, at which time said meeting beings at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to declare the 1993 International Pole Truck as Junk.

The following resolution was offered by CLAUDETTE PRICE seconded by SCOTT VALLO and unanimously carried:

### **RESOLUTION 6-2019**

#### **A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT AND ENGINEER AND TO COMMIT COSTS FOR THE FY 2020-2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gueydan deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for a sewer rehabilitation project; and

**WHEREAS**, professional engineering services are necessary in connection with the preparation of the application and the engineering design and inspection, should the project be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, professional grants consulting, and administrative consulting services are necessary to assist in the preparation of the application and the partial administration of the grant, should the project be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the base rating factors and points, up to four (4) bonus points will be assigned to those applicants which commit other funds to pay the cost of the application preparation and should the project be funded, all the associated administrative costs and commits to pay the engineering fees associated with the implementation of this project should the project be funded.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of Town of Gueydan that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Sellers & Associates, Inc. to assist with the application preparation and if the application is funded, provide the professional engineering services required and the Town hereby commits to pay all the engineering fees associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program should the project be funded to receive two (2) bonus points in the rating of the application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Minvielle and Associates, Inc. to prepare the application for funding and if the application is funded, provide the professional grant administrative services required and the Town hereby commits

to pay all the costs associated with the preparation of the application and all of the grant administrative consulting fees associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program should the project be funded to receive two (2) more bonus points in the rating of this application.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was duly adopted.

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to introduce an ordinance entitled "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 DOLLARE OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TOWN." Public hearing will be held on April 2, 2019 at 5:50 o'clock P.M., before the next scheduled regular meeting which said meeting begins at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on APRIL 2, 2019 at which time ordinance will be presented for final adoption.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to approve a liquor license pending verification the State of Louisiana approval, to Lockwoods Grill, LLC, D/B/A Lockwoods Grill.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to give approval for Mayor Jude Reese to negotiate a reduction with Sheriff Mike Couvillon on the drug task force payment.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque recommended the removal of Charles Tommy Jones from the roster of volunteers due to Mr. Jones moving out of state. Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried that Charles Tommy Jones be removed form the roster of volunteers with the Gueydan Fire Department.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot recommended that Richard Meyer be moved from the status of Reserve Officer to the status of part time officer. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried that Richard Meyer be a part time officer with the Gueydan Police Department.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot recommended that Matt Touchet be hired as a part time officer with the Gueydan Police Department. Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to hire Matt Touchet as a part time officer with the Gueydan Police Department.

Chief Theriot requested that each officer be allowed to have a citation book. After a discussion on this matter motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried a policy change is need and be adopted with the Policies and Procedures manual.

Chief Theriot requested that the police department get a listing of updated fines and court cost. No action was taken.

Chief Theriot informed the governing authority that a K-9 would be donated to the town and after his explanation on the information no action was taken.

Chief Theriot commented on the ongoing Sheriff Office Investigation. No action was taken.

Chief Theriot voiced his concerns of the A/C Vent and police and fire station cleaning and Mayor Reese informed Chief Theriot he is in the process of getting this taken care of.

Chief Theriot recommended the appointment of Patrolman Kimberly Kibodeaux to the rank of Captain and Assistant Chief to act on behalf of the Chief for official business in his absence. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the recommendation of Chief Theriot to appoint Kimberly Kibodeaux as Captain

and Assistant Chief, to allow Ms. Kibodeaux act on Chief Theriot's behalf for official business in the Chief's absence. Mayor Reese explained that Assistant Chief Kimberly Kibodeaux can inform the governing authority of information for the police department however, the final request for anything must be made by Chief Theriot.

Mayor Jude Reese informed the governing authority of the request for amendment to the CWEF grant for water repairs. Mayor Reese also stated that the sewer plant repairs are in progress.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 7:19 o'clock P.M. on this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of March,2019.

S/ Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/ Jude Reese  
Mayor