

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, August 6, 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, & JASON SUIRE

Absent: ANITA DUPUIS

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

Motion was made by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE, 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 2, 2019 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 JASON SUIRE, 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: July 5, 2019	Utility Fund	\$50,000.00
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Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$134.56 for the month of July 2019.

Mayor Jude Reese gave the engineering report sent by Mr. Larry Cramer from Sellers & Associates: The northern aerator was removed and refurbished and is waiting to installed.

The project for the Simon Addition North Levee is reported as the field work was completed and a topographical survey will be prepared, plans will be updated and the construction budget along with a LADOTD permit with the drainage analysis.

A boundary survey for the Simon Addition Improvement Site is in process of being prepared for the boundary plat for agreement and recordation.

A boundary survey for the Town Pump Station Site is in the process for preparing the boundary plat for agreement and recordation. The addition of servitude of 1-acre of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury property to be dedicated as a drainage servitude to be used by the Town as a stormwater detention pond.

Generator project the notice to proceed was issued and shop drawing are complete. The generator is ordered, and delivery is expected in September.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Drainage Pump Station Site Improvements the agreement has be executed by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and will be returned to GOHSEP. The Police Jury will be proceeding with the procurement of the design services.

The Delta Regional Authority application for the Simon Addition Drainage Improvements is in process.

The Capital Outlay Application for streets is a \$375,000 from the state and \$125,000 local match.

The LCDBG Application for Sewer System Improvements has been submitted for review to LCDBG.

Mr. Robert Broussard requested to be on the agenda but could not be in attendance.

The following resolution was offered by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried:

RESOLUTION 9-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIAL AND EMPLOYEE TO SIGN THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORMS FOR THE LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) AND THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF)

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan has been awarded a Louisiana Government Assistance Program Grant and a Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF); and

WHEREAS, under the Louisiana Government Assistance Program, an authorization form designating the Mayor as the Certifying Officer and the Town Clerk Roxanna Richard, as the authorized signatories to sign the LGAP and CWEF Request For Payments forms to draw down funds from said grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to draw down funds, an authorized signature form must be completed with the signatures of the authorized signers of the official and employee who is authorized to sign the forms for Request for Payment under the listed grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that the following official is authorized to sign as the certifying official and the following employee are the only persons hereby authorized to sign Request for Payment forms for the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF):

Jude Reese Certifying Officer
Roxanna Richard, Request for Payment signee

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2019

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program and the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that Mayor Jude Reese is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Councilman SCOTT VALLO voiced his wishes to start a program to award a Citizen of the Month Award. After a short discussion on the idea it will be every other odd month to be given to a citizen or an organization.

Motion by SCOTT VALLOI seconded by JASON SUIRE to amend the agenda to include Coach Roderick Moy.

Coach Moy voiced his concerns about the recreation departments and the high school pertaining to the use of the baseball fields. After a discussion it was suggested that a meeting be held between the Mayor, Recreation President and Coach Moy. Mayor Jude Reese will be contacting the said persons and have a meeting to get the needed answers and to address the issues of concern.

Zim Livingston and Carla Bourque questioned the status of the recreation association, and Ms. Bourque questioned the cleaning and upkeep of the baseball fields and park.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JASON SUIRE to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Michael Couvillon.

Sheriff Michael Couvillon spoke to the governing authority and gave facts and information of the sheriff department since his taking over years ago, along with the plans of the future concerning the sheriff department. Sheriff Couvillon spoke on his reelection campaign for the upcoming election.

Since Notice has been published in the Town's Official Journal that a Public Hearing would beheld concerning the condemnation of certain properties, motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to open the public hearing concerning the properties located at 405 Daspit Street, belonging to Glenna Gillentine, ETALS, 1402 3rd Street, belonging to Bryan LeJeune and Angela Melancon, and 1110 Levert Street, belonging to Charles Breaux, Jr. and Tanya Sarver.

Ms. Glenna Gillentine spoke on the objection of the said property located at 405 Daspit Street. No action will be taken until further legal authority is given to the Town.

The remaining properties will be set to be condemned after all the necessary paperwork has been filed and completed.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to close the Public Hearing, and to proceed with the condemnation of the remaining two (2) properties previously mentioned.

Amber Maxile, Vanessa Maxile and Donald Derouen requested to be on the agenda concerning utilities and billings however they were not in attendance.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque stated that Bo Bourque has resigned from the Gueydan Fire Department and requested for him to be removed from the roster.

Chief Bourque informed those in attendance the results are in for the Fire Rating and Gueydan has gone from a rating of 5 to a 4 which is good news.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot was not present.

Mayor Jude Reese informed the Governing Authority he was contacted by Cleco our current electric provided about extending the current contract.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:40 o'clock P.M. on this 6TH day of August,2019.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor