

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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 DUPUIS

Absent: JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by ANITA DUPUIS, 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 3, 2019, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and the following amendments and for correction of Brice Richard d/b/a Cormier's Creole Kitchen for beer license, and correction of Police Jury Resolution 13-29, to reflect motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JOHN LASETER same be adopted as written.

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

Motion by JOHN LASETER, 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:

December 5, 2019	Utility Fund	\$70,000.00
December 30, 2019	Utility Fund	\$40,000.00

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$1,504.46 for the month of December 2019.

Mayor Jude Reese spoke to Larry Cramer engineer with Sellers & Associates and informed the governing authority that the plans on the retention pond and the plat for the project was given to him. The permit for the ditch and levee in Simon addition is being applied for.

Mayor Jude Reese informed the governing authority he had met with Ms. Michelle Broussard who represented Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf about the Velma Lee Hair Memorial Girl Scout Hut. An Act of Donation has been presented to Mayor Reese and after a discussion on said building motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the donation of the Velma Lee Hair Memorial Girl Scout Hut as a town facility.

A discussion was held concerning the handheld meter reading devices no longer compatible with the towns computer system and said handhelds not being supported by manufacturer, it was approved to start using Smart Phone Meter Reading. Motion by JOHN LASETER, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to authorize Mayor Jude Reese to sign the necessary documents for the implementation of doing business with Smart Phone Meter Reading for the monthly meter readings.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque was not in attendance.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot explained the process for bench warrants has been upgraded and a contract through CloudGavel, LLC for the signing of warrants for \$500.00 for the year of 2020. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to

approve and authorize the contract from CloudGavel, LLC for \$500.00 for the year of 2020.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to ratify the hiring of Melissa Leblanc effective December 10, 2019 as a fulltime officer with the Gueydan Police Department.

Motion by ANITA DUPUIS, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to amend the agenda to include Ms. Angela Leblanc.

Ms. Angela Leblanc, representing the Les Dames de Gueydan, explained that the Les Dames de Gueydan teamed up with other organizations on the concerns of Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention. Ms. Leblanc asked that everyone wear blue on January 10 to show your support for this cause. A Proclamation was presented to Mayor Jude Reese and signed supporting Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Mayor Reese proclaimed January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

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 6:21 o'clock P.M. on this 7TH day of January,2020.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude D. Reese
Mayor