

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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: JOHN LASETER, SCOTT VALLO, ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

Absent: CLAUDETTE PRICE

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 February 4, 2021 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 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:

February 4, 2020	Utility Fund	\$75,000.00
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Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$191.42.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates, informed the governing authority that request for Partial Payment #1 in the amount of \$110,300.85. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to agree for partial payment #1 in the amount of \$110,300.85 with an advance request from the Delta Regional Authority for funds.

A resolution to adopt the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan through the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried the following resolution was presented for adoption:

**VERMILION PARISH
LOUISIANA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2021

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN

2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the VERMILION PARISH OHSEP recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property in VERMILION PARISH

WHEREAS the VERMILION PARISH OHSEP has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2020; and

WHEREAS THE 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in VERMILION PARISH from the impact of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the TOWN OF GUEYDAN demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA adopts the 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM.

ADOPTED by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, 1 absent and 0 abstaining, this 2nd day of March 2021.

By: JOHN LASETER, SCOTT VALLO, ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

ATTEST BY: S/Roxanna Richard
Roxanna Richard, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY: S/Jude D. Reese
Jude D. Reese, Mayor

Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “SEWERAGE SYSTEM RATES” IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ.” A public hearing will be held before the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. on April 6, 2021 which meeting will be held on April 6, 2021, to adopt said ordinance which begins at 6:00 p.m. for final adoption.

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to introduce an ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBCHAPTER 25B, SECTION 25:51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “WATER RATES” IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ”. A public hearing will be held before the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. on April 6, 2021, followed by a regular meeting of April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for final adoption.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO 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 DOLLAR OF ASSESSMENT VALUATION OF SAID TAX”. Public hearing will be at 5:45 p.m. held before the regular meeting of May 4, 2021, which meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and be presented for final adoption.

Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to amend the agenda to include Mr. Kevin Bihm representing Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA). Mr. Bihm explained the purpose of LEPA and presented a resolution for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to rejoin LEPA.

The following resolution was offered by JASON SUIRE and seconded by JOHN LASETER:

RESOLUTION 3-2021

A resolution approving the appointment of a Director and Alternate Director to represent the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, as provided by Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan adopted a resolution on November 6, 1984, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, (the “Town”), to determine whether the provisions of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes creating the

Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (“LEPA”) shall apply to the Town, indicating its intention to become a member of LEPA in the event a majority of qualified electors of the Town voted in favor thereof; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 1985 at a special election held in the Town, a majority of the qualified electors of the Town voting in said election approved the proposition submitted at said special election to determine whether the provisions of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes creating the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority shall apply to the Town; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 1985, the LEPA Board of Directors unanimously adopted Ordinance Number 85-1 to increase the LEPA Board of Directors by accepting the Town of Gueydan as a Member of LEPA; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 1999, the Town of Gueydan adopted Resolution 12-99 to cancel its membership with LEPA; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1999, the LEPA Board of Directors adopted Ordinance Number 99-1 to reduce the number of directors serving on the LEPA Board of Directors by eliminating the membership of the Town of Gueydan; and

WHEREAS the Town of Gueydan desire to re-join LEPA as a Member and be represented on the LEPA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS Section 4545.35(B) of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes provides that in such event, the provisions of said Chapter shall apply to the Town beginning on the date of promulgation of the official results of the special election; and in such case the Town shall be represented on the Board of Directors of the Authority in the manner as provided by R.S. 33:4545.4; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town, the governing authority of the Town, desires to approve the appointment of Mayor Jude Reese, by the Mayor of the Town as the Director of said Authority, and the appointment of Jeffrey Lamson, Electrical Superintendent by the Mayor of the Town as an Alternate Director of the said Authority:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Town:

SECTION 1. That, under the authority of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, and in accordance with the approval of a majority of qualified electors voting at the special election held in the Town of Gueydan on January 19, 1985, the appointment of Mayor Jude Reese, a citizen of the United States, and shall be domiciled in, or an employee of, the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, as a Director and member of the Board of Directors is approved, said appointment having been made by the Mayor as required by R.S. 13:4545.4.

SECTION 2. That, under the authority of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, and in accordance with the approval of a majority of the qualified electors voting at the special election held in the Town of Gueydan, January 19, 1985, the appointment of Jeffrey Lamson, a citizen of the United States, and shall be domiciled in, or an employee of, the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, as an Alternate Director and member of the Board of Directors of the Authority is approved, said appointment having been made by the Mayor as required by R.S. 13:454.4.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the provisions of Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes shall apply to the Town of Gueydan, beginning on the date of promulgation of the official results of said special election.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: CLAUDETTE PRICE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 2nd day of March 2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Fire Chief Evans Bourque was not at this meeting.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot presented the resignation of Patrolman Donte' Nickerson. Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the resignation of Donte' Nickerson.

Chief Theriot recommended that Richard Meyer be promoted to Captain. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to promote Richard Meyer to Captain with the Gueydan Police Department.

Chief Theriot presented the information for a K-9 officer. After a discussion of the issue of having a K-9 Officer, motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by ANITA DUPUIS and carried to accept the proposal for a K-9 officer in the amount of \$9,500.00. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: JASON SUIRE & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS: SCOTT VALLO & JOHN LASETER

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: CLAUDETTE PRICE

Due to the vote being two (2) yes and two (2) nays Mayor Jude Reese broke the tie with a YES vote. Therefore, motion passed.

Chief Theriot informed the governing authority the police department needs to evidence file lockers. Chief Theriot was informed by the governing authority to purchase the evidence file lockers.

Ms. Heather Martin requested to be on the agenda for police department issues, Ms. Martin was not at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:48 o'clock P.M. on this 2ND day of March 2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

