

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held February 9, 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: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER, & SCOTT VALLO

Absent: ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

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

Motion was made by JOHN LASETER, 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 January 5, 2021 that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and 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 SCOTT VALLO, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

January 13, 2021	Utility Fund	\$30,000.00
January 26, 2021	Utility Fund	\$30,000.00
January 20, 2021	Sales Tax	\$84,833.28 *

To Utility Fund:

January 20, 2021	Sales Tax	\$21,635.46 *
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- Denotes Insurance Payment Transfers

There were no billing adjustments for this month. Billing adjustments for the November, December and January will be presented at the March, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers and Associates informed the governing authority the bids were opened on January 28, 2021, for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant – Sewer Rehabilitation, and after review it is recommended to award the bid to Mitchell Contracting in the amount of \$443,300.00.

Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept the bid of Mitchell Contracting in the amount of \$443, 300.00

Mr. Cramer, gave a briefing update on the ongoing projects of the Simon Addition Levee, and the pump station.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended a resolution to adopt the System Survey & Questionnaire required for the Town audit and thereupon, the following resolution was offered by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE :

RESOLUTION 1-2021

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SYSTEM SURVEY AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 24:517

BE IT RESOLVED, that the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire which was received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and which was properly

completed by the Clerk of the Town of Gueydan and presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said System and Compliance Questionnaire be filed in the records of the Town of Gueydan and certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. LLC, of Abbeville, Louisiana, whose proposal was accepted by the Governing Body for the audit of the records of the Town of Gueydan for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The auditors will during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers of the questionnaire and submit to the Legislative Auditor and the Municipality a report containing his opinions as to the validity of the answers therein contained.

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER, &SCOTT VALLO

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

And this resolution was declared adopted on this 9TH day of February,2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Fire Chief Evans Bourque informed the governing authority that training is being started up.

Fire Chief Bourque recommended adding Blaine Hebert to the roster for the Gueydan Volunteer Fire Department. Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to add Blaine Hebert to the roster for the Gueydan Fire Department.

The agenda from the February 2, 2021 meeting was amended and posted on the doors of City Hall on February 3, 2021.

Allstate Insurance Company sent in a Penalty Waiver Request for consideration, after a discussion it was motioned by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to deny the waiver requested by Allstate Insurance Company. The votes thereon went as follows:

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, JOHN LASETER & SCOTT VALLO

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

Mr. Todd Abshire, of Louisiana Rural Water Association, informed the governing authority that the Mayor had contacted his company and asked for a rate study on Water and Wastewater rates. Mr. Abshire explained how the rate study is performed and suggested applicable rates to the Town to maintain each said department. No action was taken at this meeting, Mayor Reese did state that an ordinance will be introduced at the next regular meeting to set rates concerning water and wastewater.

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 6:49 o'clock P.M. on this 9TH day of February,2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

