

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, September 7, 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, ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

Absent: NONE

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 August 3, 2021, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JOHN LASETER, 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:

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| August 09, 2021, | Utility Fund | \$50,000.00 |
| August 24, 2021, | Utility Fund | \$40,000.00 |

Motion by JOHN LASETER seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$6,258.77 for the month of August 2021.

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates presented the governing authority with the bid tabulations for the Street Improvements Grant and informed those in attendance that the lowest bid was approximately \$58,000.00 over budget. Mr. Cramer stated he would inquire with the contractor on what could maybe be eliminated and such. A change order maybe needed for the bid.

The LCDBG project update – contractor has completed the force main to the sewer plant. The 3rd street and Boatner issue was due to poor compaction and has been repaired. Other issues have been repaired as well.

Demolition work is being performed on the lift station on 5th street and are awaiting on pumps to arrive.

Mr. Cramer presented partial payment #4 to Southern Constructors in the amount of \$48,311.46 and informed the governing authority that the project is 62% complete. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept partial payment #4.

Mr. Cramer presented Change Order #3 to increase contract time by 61 calendar days due to abnormal weather and site conditions as shown on the records from January to August 2021(it was said at the meeting to October 31, 2021 which was incorrect). Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept change order #3 presented by Southern Constructors, LLC.

Since Notice has been published in the Town's Official Journal that a Public Hearing would be held to consider the adoption of the Ordinances: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C, SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDIANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED "SEWERAGE SYSTEM RATES" IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ:"; and "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

SUB-CHAPTER 25B OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “WATER RATES” IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ” and no opinions were voiced for or against, Mayor Jude Reese recommended the adoption of the following ordinances.

The following Ordinance was introduced by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25C, SECTION 25:55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED “SEWERAGE SYSTEM” IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened on this 7th day of September 2021, that the provisions of Sub-Chapter 25C, Section 25:21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan entitled “Sewerage Rates” is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The monthly rate for the use of the Town of Gueydan’s sewerage system shall be charged to and collected in the amounts and from the classes and special users of the sewerage system as follows:

| <u>CLASS OF USERS</u> | <u>MONTHLY RATE</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Residential | \$ 18.00 |
| Offices | 25.00 |
| Grocery Stores | 25.00 |
| Warehouses | 25.00 |
| Lumber Yards | 25.00 |
| Hardware Stores | 25.00 |
| Appliance Stores | 25.00 |
| Implement Companies | 25.00 |
| Beauty Shops | 25.00 |
| Welding Shops | 25.00 |
| Auto Repair Shops | 25.00 |
| Bars & Lounges | 25.00 |
| Banks | 25.00 |
| Dry Cleaners | 25.00 |
| Medical Clinics | 25.00 |
| Hospitals | 25.00 |
| Restaurants | 25.00 |
| Pool Halls | 25.00 |
| Drive- Inns | 25.00 |
| Laundromats | 25.00 |
| Service Stations | 25.00 |
| Automatic Car Washer-Units | 25.00 |
| Churches | -0- |
| Drug Stores | 25.00 |
| Ice Vending Machine | 50.00 |
| <u>SPECIAL</u> | |
| Gueydan High School | 60.00 |
| Jesse Owens School | 50.00 |
| St. Peter’s School | 18.00 |
| Housing Project – North | N/A |
| Housing Project – South | N/A |
| Unsprinkled Dryers | 18.00 |
| Sprinkled Dryers | 18.00 |
| Hospital Service District No. 3, | |

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| d/b/a Gueydan Memorial Guest Home | 300.00 |
| Residential Users of Sewerage Systems located outside the corporate limits of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana | 25.00 |
| Commercial Users (including but not limited to Grocery Stores) of the sewerage system located Outside the corporate limits of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana | 35.00 |
| Privately Owned RV Parks | 50.00 |

B. All residential customers who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years shall receive a ten (10%) percent discount for monthly sewerage charges provided that their sewerage billing statement is paid by the fifteenth of the month said statement is rendered.

SECTION II: BE IT ORDAINED, ETC, that any part of this Ordinance of Amendment thereto which shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction such holding shall not affect the validity or impair any other part of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance having been considered Section by Section, and submitted to a vote upon the whole, the vote thereon resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 7th day, of September 2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

The following Ordinance was introduced by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JASON SUIRE:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-CHAPTER 25B, SECTION 25:21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, ENTITLED "WATER RATES" IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened on this 7TH day of September 2021 that the provisions of Sub-Chapter 25B, Section 25:21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gueydan entitled "Water Rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The monthly rate for the use of the Town of Gueydan’s water system shall be charged to and collected in the amounts and from the classes and special users of the water system as follows:

| <u>CLASS OF USERS</u> | <u>MONTHLY RATE</u> |
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| Residential | \$ 20.00 |
| Offices | 35.00 |
| Grocery Stores | 35.00 |
| Warehouses | 35.00 |
| Lumber Yards | 35.00 |
| Hardware Stores | 35.00 |
| Appliance Stores | 35.00 |
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| Auto Repair Shops | 45.00 |
| Bars & Lounges | 45.00 |
| Banks | 45.00 |
| Dry Cleaners | 45.00 |
| Medical Clinics | 45.00 |
| Hospitals | 100.00 |
| Restaurants | 45.00 |
| Pool Halls | 45.00 |
| Drive-Inns | 45.00 |
| Laundromats | 100.00 |
| Service Stations | 80.00 |
| Car Wash | 120.00 |
| Automatic Car Washer-Unit | 120.00 |
| Churches | -0- |
| Drug Stores | 45.00 |
| Ice Vending Machine | 100.00 |
| <u>SPECIAL</u> | |
| Gueydan High School | 200.00 |
| Jesse Owens School | 200.00 |
| St. Peter’s School | 80.00 |
| Housing Project – North | N/A |
| Housing Project – South | N/A |
| Unsprinkled Dryers | 35.00 |
| Sprinkled Dryers | 35.00 |
| Assembly Halls | 35.00 |
| Hospital Service District No. 3, d/b/a Gueydan Memorial Guest Home | 400.00 |
| Gueydan Duck Festival RV Park | 80.00 |
| Plus, August Yearly. Billing | 160.00 |
| For the Existing Building and 54 RV Slots | |
| Any Extra Building | 18.50 |
| For every ten (10) new hookups per hookup | 7.50 |
| Privately Owned RV Park | 80.00 |
| Residential Users of Water System located outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana | 35.00 |

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ANITA DUPUIS & JASON SUIRE

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ABSENT: NONE

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S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

Fire Chief Evans Bourque was not in attendance.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot had nothing to report.

Mayor's comments:

Mayor Jude Reese informed those present that the Town has received the first payment of the American Rescue Plan Act monies in the amount of \$249,248.50 to be used for Sewer, Water and Broadband. Mayor Reese stated the first monies will be used for Sewer Plant repairs.

Mayor Reese also informed those present that the town was awarded a 2020-2021 LGAP grant for a sport utility vehicle (side by side).

Mayor Reese told those present those volunteers are bringing supplies to those affected by Hurricane Ida.

Mayor Reese requested a motion and second to adjourn. Motion by SCOTT VALLO, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to adjourn. Citizens of the town spoke up and asked that the agenda be amended, therefore, Mayor Reese reopened the meeting. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to amend the agenda to include Ms. Vanessa Maxile to speak.

Ms. Maxile speaking on behalf of other citizens present spoke to the governing authority on the issue of the power charge on the utility bills. Ms. Maxile requested information and filled out a public records request at the meeting. Ms. Maxile requested that a CLECO representative be present at the next regular meeting. Ms. Maxile was informed that a representative will be contacted to be in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the meeting thereupon motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by JOHN LASETER, and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 7:03 o'clock P.M. on this 7TH day of September, 2021.

S/Roxanna Richard
Clerk

S/Jude Reese
Mayor

