

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, November 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: 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 October 5, 2021, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, 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:

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| October 5,2021  | Utility Fund | \$30,000.00 |
| October 19,2021 | Utility Fund | \$30,000.00 |

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept the billing adjustments in the amount of \$293.28 for the month of October,2021.

Larry Cramer, engineer with Sellers & Associates gave an update on the projects currently going on. The Simon Addition Drainage Improvements is currently waiting on the delivery of the pumps and motors which is scheduled to be delivered at the end of November.

Mr. Cramer informed the governing authority on the project of the Drainage Pump Station Site Improvements that GOSEPH/FEMA has requested more information which has been addressed and awaiting Phase II funding approval.

Mr. Cramer informed those in attendance about the Sewer Rehabilitation Project that the final inspection was performed on October 26,2021, which the punch list was prepared, and the contractor is returning this month to complete those items. A recommendation to accept a resolution was given approval from the Louisiana Community Block office.

A motion was made by JASON SUIRE, seconded by SCOTT VALLO, and duly adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE**

A RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE FROM MITCHELL CONTRACTING, INC. PERTAINING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE F.Y. 2020 LCDBG SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION.

*WHEREAS*, Mitchell Contracting, Inc., as Contractor, has completed the F.Y. 2020 LCDBG Sewer Rehabilitation in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

*WHEREAS*, the Councilman of the Town of Gueydan desires to accept the completed work, subject to the completion of the punch list items attached; hereto;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Town of Gueydan that the Mayor of said Town of Gueydan be, and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Notice of Acceptance for and on behalf of the Town of Gueydan, accepting the work as being completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana.

*THEREFORE*, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Cramer also presented the final change order to adjust the contract quantities to reflect as-built quantities. The adjustment will be a decrease of \$119,972.55 and adjust the contract price of \$323,323.45. The LCDBG grant was in the amount of \$350,000.00 and therefore \$26,772.55 of the grant funds will not be used. Mr. Cramer suggested that Change Order #1 pending LCDBG approval along with Council Approval. Motion by SCOTT seconded by JOHN LASETER and carried to accept Change Order #1 pending the approval of LCDBG.

Mr. Cramer informed the governing body of the FY 2021 Capital Outlay and the Act 485 (Water Sector Grant Program) that the application was submitted. Plans are to hear back from the application in mid-December.

Mr. Cramer stated that the 2021-2022 Capital Outlay Street Improvements grant that the construction contracts have been submitted to the Contractor and will be forwarded to the Town for execution. The contractor is planning on starting the project December 2021 or early January 2022.

Mr. Cramer informed the governing authority the 2022-2023 Capital Outlay application was submitted for \$500,000.00 for additional street improvements.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended an amendment to the agenda to remove the introduction of the Ordinance concerning the 2021 Amended Budget.

Mayor Jude Reese recommended to amend the agenda to remove the introduction of the Ordinance concerning the 2022 Proposed Budget.

Motion by JASON SUIRE, second by SCOTT VALLO and carried to accept the recommendations of Mayor Reese to remove the budget items on the agenda.

Mayor Reese informed the governing authority that a Special Meeting will be called and held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Evans Bourque informed those in attendance that is well with the Fire Department and the new rescue truck has arrived and ready to put into service.

Police Chief Shawn Theriot recommended the rehiring of Donte Nickerson as a full-time police officer. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JASON SUIRE and carried to accept Chief Theriot's recommendation to rehire Donte Nickerson as a full-time patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department effective immediately.

Chief Theriot informed the governing authority that the K9 unit the lights are not working properly so that is why he isn't utilizing the K9. Chief Theriot stressed his issues with the budget that his budget was going to be over. Chief Theriot was told that the budget amendment was in progress at this time.

Chief Theriot presented the resignation of Richard Meyer and recommended that his resignation be accepted. Motion by JASON SUIRE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to accept the resignation of Richard Meyer as a patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department.

Chief Theriot presented the letter of resignation of Kipp Lanclos and recommended that his resignation be accepted. Motion by SCOTT VALLO seconded by JOHN LASETER

and carried to accept the resignation of Kipp Lanclos as a patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department.

Ms. Vanessa Maxile requested to speak. Motion by JASON SUIRE seconded by ANITA DUPUIS to amend the agenda for Ms. Vanessa Maxile to speak and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: JASON SUIRE, CLAUDETTE PRICE & ANITA DUPUIS

NAYS: SCOTT VALLO AND JOHN LASETER

Ms. Vanessa Maxile informed the governing body that she is still looking at the paperwork she requested through a public records request and that she will address the board with the questions she has. Ms. Maxile was informed that she will need to fill out an Agenda request to speak at length to the board.

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 6:38 o'clock P.M. on this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of November, 2021.

S/Roxanna Richard  
Clerk

S/Jude D. Reese  
Mayor