

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 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 Craig Hensgens presiding and the following Aldermen present:

Present: CLAUDETTE PRICE, ALTHEA WILLIAMS,
GALE SMITH, & JUDE REESE

Absent: DAVID DUPUIS

Motion was made by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried, that in as much as each member of the Board of Aldermen received a copy of minutes taken at Regular Meeting of March 4, 2008, and Special Meeting of March 11, 2008, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by JUDE REESE, and carried, that the reports of the Bookkeeper and Tax Collector be approved as filed.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

March 4, 2008	Util Sys	\$50,000.00
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Ronnie Lougon, representing the Gueydan Duck Festival Association voiced the Festival's concerns about the water rates. Mr. Lougon requested that he and Mayor Hensgens set up a meeting to discuss the water rates being charged at the Duck Festival Park at a later date. Mr. Lougon also requested that the Town apply for a line appropriation grant through the State of Louisiana for a sewer rehab grant for the Duck Festival Park. No action was taken on Mr. Lougon's request, however, Mayor Hensgens informed Mr. Lougon that he would look into obtaining the necessary funds that may be available for said project.

Todd Vincent, Engineer representing Sellers & Associates addressed the Governing Authority with the update of projects ongoing for the Town of Gueydan. The Sewer Rehab project is due to start within the next month. The lighting of the Girls Softball Field project bid has been awarded and a preconstruction meeting will be held shortly.

Mr. Vincent informed the Governing Authority that he had submitted an application to the State of Louisiana, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks and needs the following resolution to be adopted.

The following resolution was offered by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION 5-2008

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TOWN OF
GUEYDAN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT ADJACENT TO THE WALKING TRAIL NEAR
THE CIVIC CENTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan would like to purchase and install playground equipment in an area adjacent to the walking trail near the Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not have the financial capacity at this time to fund the full balance of \$30,000.00 required to purchase and install the playground equipment, but is committing \$15,000.00 toward this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that the Governing Authority does hereby give permission to Mayor Craig Hensgens to submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks for financial assistance in the amount of \$15,000.00 to fund the balance of this project, as well as to sign all necessary documents in conjunction with this project.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Vincent informed the Governing Authority that the Town has been approved for 2 years by FEMA to be out of the flood zone for two years and presented the provisional accredited letter to be signed by the Mayor and the property owners of the levee.

The following was offered by JUDE REESE seconded by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2008
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Program; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Outlay Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper for the Town to submit an application to the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program for a sanitary sewer extension project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that the Honorable Craig R. Hensgens, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was approved.

The following resolution was offered by JUDE REESE and seconded by ALTHEA WILLIAMS:

RESOLUTION 7-2008

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, to authorize the rededication of the proceeds of the Town's 1% sales and use tax.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the “Town”), on Saturday, March 8, 2008, to authorize the rededication of the proceeds of the Town’s sales and use tax, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procés Verbal. A *Procés Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Vermilion, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

YEAS: CLAUDETTE PRICE, ALTHEA WILLIAMS, JUDE REESE
& GALE SMITH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

Clerk

Mayor

PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at six o’clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Gueydan, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the “Town”), and being the authority ordering the special election held herein on Saturday, March 8, 2008, with the following members present:

Craig R. Hensgens, Mayor, and Aldermen Althea Williams, Jude Reese, Gale Smith and Claudette Price;

There being absent: David Dupuis;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSTION (SALES TAX REDEDICATION)

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO REDEDICATE THE REVENUES HERETOFORE OR HEREAFTER RECEIVED FROM THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE TOWN’S 1% SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1982, SO THAT 50% SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, EXTENDING AND/OR IMPROVING ANY WORK OF PERMANENT PUBLI IMPROVEMENT IN THE TOWN, AND 50% MAY BE USED FOR PAYING THE COST OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, LIABILITY AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF

THE TOWN'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

Shall the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the "Town") , under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental, thereto, be authorized to rededicate the revenues heretofore or hereafter received from the levy and collection of the Town's one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "Tax"), authorized at a special election held in the Town on September 11, 1982, so that 50% of the revenues of the Tax shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing, acquiring, extending and/or improving any work of permanent public improvement in the Town, and 50% of proceeds of he Tax may be used for paying the cost of equipment purchases, liability and health insurance and the repair and maintenance of the Town's infrastructure? (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the Tax for one entire year being \$240,000)

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACES	VOTE TABULATION	
	LOCATION	FOR	AGAINST
1	(part) Jesse Owen Elementary School, 203 Thirteenth Street, Gueydan	1	2
2	(part) Gueydan High School Gym, 901 Main Street, Gueydan	29	4
3	Gueydan High School Gym, 901 Main Street, Gueydan	30	7
	ABSENTEE	4	0
	TOTALS	64	13
	MAJORITY FOR	51	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **64** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 13 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Town on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Gueydan, Louisiana, on this 1st day of April, 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Mayor of the Town of Gueydan, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the Proposition submitted at the special election held in the Town on Saturday, March 8, 2008, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procés Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Gueydan, Louisiana, on this, the 1st day of April, 2008.

Mayor

Motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to declare the 1977 International Fire Truck as surplus to be sold by sealed bid with a minimum price of \$3,150.00 which bids will be received at the next regular meeting of May 8, 2008 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and bids will be received until 4 p.m. on said day.

Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE and carried to declare the XDL33D Xerox copier as junk.

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to change the May 6, 2008 meeting date to Thursday, May 8, 2008, due to the Mayor being at a convention.

Police Chief Blake Hebert informed the Governing Authority that Ms. Shirley Monge has resigned her position with the Gueydan Police Department. Motion by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE and carried to accept the resignation of Shirley Monge with the Gueydan Police Department.

Fire Chief Troy Leblanc informed the Governing Authority that he has requested a portable radio for his department so that the Fire Department and the Police Department will be in contact while the dispatcher is doing necessary maintenance within the Fire/Police Station.

There were no public comments at tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:45 o'clock P.M. on this 1ST day of April, 2008.

Clerk

Mayor