

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, July 3, 2007 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 Charlotte Venable-Hartwell 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 June 5, 2007, 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 ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH, and carried that the following transfer, on the date, and amount from fund is hereby ratified and approved:

To General Fund:

June 4, 2007	Util Sys	\$50,000.00
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Jean Simon, representing Louisiana Rural Water Association addressed the Governing Authority explaining the water leak testing and smoke testing which he had performed within the target area for the FY'2007 Sewer Rehab Grant.

Motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to open the Public Hearing for the proposed adoption of the Millage Ordinance. There being no opinions voice for or against motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried the Pubic Hearing was closed.

Since Notice has been published in the Town's official journal that a Public Hearing would be held to consider the adoption of the ordinance concerning "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 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 TOWN" and there were no opinions voiced for or against Mayor Charlotte Venable-Hartwell recommended the adoption of said Ordinance.

The following Ordinance was offered by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by JUDE REESE:

ORDINANCE 2007-1

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 TOWN.

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, LOUISIANA, that a public hearing convened on this 3RD day of July, 2007, which hearing was conducted in accordance with the open

meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution, that the following adjusted millage rate(s) be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2007, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony

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SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER RESOLEVED AND ORDAINED, ETC., that this Ordinance be recorded in the Official Records of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, that copies be filed with the Tax Assessor of said Parish, and that same be published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, ETC., that the Assessor of the Parish of Vermilion , shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2007 the taxes herein levied, and the Tax Collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that inasmuch as Notice of proposed adoption of this Ordinance has been published in the Official Journal of the Town of Gueydan, Vermilion Parish, as required by law, on June 21, & June 28, 2007, and no opposition having been filed thereto, 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, ALTHEA WILLIAMS, GALE SMITH
& JUDE REESE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

And the Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 3RD day of July, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to give preliminary approval to the following Ordinance "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN BY ADDING TO ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL A NEW SECTION TO BE DESIGNATED AS 2-7 ENTITLED "AUTHORITY TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY."

The following resolution was introduced for adoption on motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried:

RESOLUTION 9-2007

RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The opportunity for public comment shall be limited to comments that are germane to the items that are listed on the agenda or to any agenda item added during the meeting.

2. In the event there is more than one speaker with regard to any item, then the proponents shall be allowed to speak first and then the opponents shall be allowed to speak. No more than five speakers shall be allowed to make public comment with regard to any one issue or one side of any issues without consent of the Council.
3. The time for each speaker to make comment shall be limited to two (2) minutes. The remarks shall be brief and shall avoid duplication in presentation when more than one speaker is allowed to comment on the same agenda item.
4. The Board of Aldermen, at the discretion of the Mayor, may allow additional time for any speaker's presentation, but no one may require a speaker's comments to be limited to less than the time allotted under these rules.
5. All speakers during the public comment portion of the meeting shall refrain from using discourteous or obscene language, threatening harm to any person, or making any comment which is not relevant to the discussion or the agenda item.
6. The period of public comment shall be placed on the agenda prior to the "Mayor's Business" and all persons complying with the public comment requirements set out herein shall be allowed to speak during this portion of the meeting.

THUS, the above Resolution having been considered was presented for adoption by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

Clerk

Mayor

Mr. Gene Sellers, Engineer with Sellers & Associates informed the Governing Authority of the LCDBG Sewer Rehab Grant was awarded to the Town of Gueydan.

Mr. Sellers spoke on the Amendment to the Lease with Pace Communications and told the Governing Authority that he saw no problem with the contract as long as there was no welding on the water tower and all equipment should be bolted to the ladder and informed the Governing Authority that Utility Service Co should be contacted concerning this matter because the Town has a contract with this company as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2007

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008
LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Community Development has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Louisiana Government Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Government Assistance 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, the Town is eligible for a grant up to \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper for the Town to submit an application to the Office of Community Development under the Local Government Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan that the Honorable Charlotte Venable-Hartwell, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Local Government Assistance Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was approved.

Motion by GALE SMITH seconded by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, and carried to table the Lease Amendment with Pace Communications until the next regular meeting.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury contingent upon agreement with the Police Jury.

Motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to declare as junk one (1) Peavy PZS Multi Zone Mixer/Amplifier.

Police Chief Michael Coleman told the Governing Authority that the training and education of the police department is still ongoing.

Fire Chief Troy Leblanc was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Terry Mouton Dora requested at last month's meeting to be on the agenda however, Ms. Dora was not present at this meeting.

Joseph Smith inquired about his concerns dealing with domestic situations when calling the Gueydan Police Department and how these calls are handled and the lack of response.

Public Comments there were no comments at tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:25 o'clock P.M. on this 3RD day of July, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor