

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, November 6, 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 Craig Hensgens presiding and the following Aldermen present:

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

Absent: DAVID DUPUIS

Motion was made by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE 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 2, 2007, that the reading of said minutes be dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, 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:

October 16, 2007	Util Sys	\$50,000.00
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Todd Vincent, Engineer with Sellers & Associates presented the Contract for Engineering Services to the Governing Authority. Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by JUDE REESE and carried to authorize Mayor Craig Hensgens to sign the Contract for Engineering Services with Sellers & Associates.

The following resolution was offered by GALE SMITH, seconded by JUDE REESE and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION 18-2007

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 2, 2007
GRANTING THE AUTHORITY
TO CRAIG "BOB" HENSGENS TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
FOR THE FY 2008-2009 LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Gueydan deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for a \$600,000.00 grant for a street improvements project; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2007, the Board of Aldermen adopted a Resolution that, in part, authorized then Mayor Charlotte Venable-Hartwell to sign and submit said application; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town to amend said Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of Town of Gueydan that the Honorable Craig "Bob" Hensgens, Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program application for a \$600,000.00 street improvements grant.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2007

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.

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.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by JUDE REESE that Mayor Craig R. Hensgens be appointed as representative and Councilwoman Althea Williams, be appointed as the alternate member of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority.

RESOLUTION 20-2007

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, that Mayor Craig R. Hensgens be appointed to serve as representative and Councilwoman Althea Williams be appointed to serve as alternate on the Board of the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority is hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 6TH day of November, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor

The following resolution was offered by GALE SMITH, seconded by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, and carried for the acceptance of the following signatures on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit at the Bank of Gueydan, and therefore the following signatures will be honored on all Funds and Certificates of Deposit.

RESOLUTION 21-2007

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, in regular session convened, that the Bank of Gueydan be named as a depository for the Town of Gueydan and they are hereby authorized to honor checks and/or withdrawals of all funds on deposit in the Bank of Gueydan when signed by two (2) of the following signatures Craig Hensgens, Roxanna Hebert, Althea Williams, Gale Smith, Heuetta Benoit.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 6th day of November, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor

Motion by CLAUDETTE PRICE, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to pay the Acadiana Crime Lab \$1,200.00.

The following resolution was offered by JUDE REESE, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE:

RESOLUTION 22-2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND THE GUEYDAN SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LA. R.S. 33:1321, ET SEQ.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of LA. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorizes any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvements of an public project or improvement, or the promotion of maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (LA. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECTS

1. WHEREAS, there is a need to remove trees on the protection levee on Canal Street from approximately Seventh Street to Thirteenth Street of the Town of Gueydan to improve drainage; and
2. WHEREAS, there is a need to remove trees on both sides of the protection levee north of the Town of Gueydan from First Street to the Civic Center of the Town of Gueydan;

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the GUEYDAN SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 does;

RESOLVE THAT, they shall furnish the District's excavator and operator to remove the trees as above set forth on both projects 1 and 2.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the TOWN OF GUEYDAN, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and GUEYDAN SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 and a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

Upon being put to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DAVID DUPUIS

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 6th day of November, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor

Mayor Hensgens informed the Governing Authority he is preparing the budget and the amended budget and is also informing the Governing Authority about the Police Budget being over spent. Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried that all expenses and purchases with the exception of payroll and fuel for the vehicles all purchases must be approved by the Mayor for the remainder of the 2007 fiscal year.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to terminate Shawn Theriot, abandonment of duty (as of August 18, 2007) upon request given to the Governing Authority by Police Chief Michael Coleman.

No action had to be taken upon the removal of Karen Edds, Tyler Potier, and Troy McGee due to the fact that their appointment was temporary and expired at this November Meeting.

Fire Chief Troy Leblanc advised the Governing Authority that he needs equipment to purchase supplies for CPR training and other supplies for the Fire Dept. Mayor Hensgens advised Chief Leblanc that there are funds available in his 2007 budget and authorized him to purchase what is needed.

The following Resolution was offered by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried:

RESOLUTION 23-2007

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
BEING EXTENDED TO MS. CHARLOTTE VENABLE-HARTWELL
FOR ALL HER COUNTLESS HOURS AS A COMMUNITY LEADER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen extend their appreciation to Ms. Charlotte Venable-Hartwell for all the countless hours she has served in the 20 plus years as a Councilwoman and Mayor for the Town of Gueydan; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan do hereby express their deep appreciation for all that you have taken time in your busy schedule to accomplish as a community leader.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Resolution that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan does hereby express their appreciation to Ms. Charlotte Venable-Hartwell for all her countless hours and endless projects she has taken the time to accomplish for the Gueydan Community.

Clerk

Mayor

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by JUDE REESE, seconded by ALTHEA WILLIAMS and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:23 o'clock P.M. on this 6th day of November, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor