

Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gueydan, Louisiana, taken at regular meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 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,
DAVID DUPUIS, GALE SMITH & JUDE REESE

Absent: NONE

Motion was made by DAVID DUPUIS, 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 August 7, 2007, and Special Meeting of August 14, 2007, that the reading of said minutes by dispensed with and same be adopted as written.

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

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, 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:

August 7, 2007	Util Sys	\$50,000.00
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David Suire, representing Sellers & Associates suggested that the Town authorize Sellers & Associates to begin advertising for bids for the Sewer Rehab project contingent upon approval from LCDBG. Motion by DAVID DUPUIS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to authorize Sellers & Associates to begin advertising for bids concerning the LCDBG Sewer Rehab Grant contingent upon approval of the plans and specifications from LCDBG.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by DAVID DUPUIS and carried to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement:

BETWEEN: MICHAEL COUVILLON, SHERIFF OF VERMILION PARISH
AND: TOWN OF GUEYDAN

THIS AGREEMENT executed in duplicate originals and effective as of the 6th day of August, 2007, shall memorialize the covenants and understandings by and among:

MICHAEL COUVILLON, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Vermilion Parish, being a person of the full age and majority and domiciled in the Parish of Vermilion, having a present permanent mailing address of Post Office Box 307, Abbeville, LA 70511-0307, hereinafter referred to as "SHERIFF."

THE TOWN OF GUEYDAN, organized and existing by virtue of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Louisiana, domiciled in the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, represented herein by its Mayor, Charlotte Venable-Hartwell, she being duly authorized by Resolution of the Board of Aldermen dated September 4, 2007, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "CITY;"

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, as chief law enforcement officer in and for the Parish of Vermilion, has an interest in creating a seamless communication system between, and among his office, the various municipalities, their police and fire departments, the various ward and community voluntary fire departments, the Office of Emergency Preparedness, and the Vermilion Parish Communications District;

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF has obtained funding from the following sources to acquire such a communication system:

1. Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department general fund;
2. A Federal Homeland Security grant through our local Office of Emergency Preparedness; and
3. A donation from Devon Corporation.

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF and each of the afore described municipalities, departments, offices, and districts has an equal corresponding obligation to serve and protect the public, especially in critical times of need created either by acts of nature or by hostile actions of man;

WHEREAS, the best interests of the public will be served by the creation of such a communication system;

IT IS THEREFORE agreed by the Appearers that they do enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for their mutual benefit and the greater good of the citizens of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana for the acquisition of the necessary hardware to create and implement the afore described Parish wide communications system, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The SHERIFF agrees to:
 - A. Utilize the above mentioned funding sources to acquire the communication equipment described on the exhibit (s) attached hereto and made a part hereof;
 - B. Grant unto the CITY, the right to use the said equipment for the purpose as described herein.
2. The CITY agrees to:
 - A. Accept the communications equipment and develop its own policy and procedure for issuing and managing the use thereof;
 - B. Maintain and support the said equipment from the date of its actual delivery for the life of said equipment; and
 - C. Replace any equipment, which is either lost, destroyed or becomes inoperable for so long as this system is utilized by the Sheriff.
3. Authorship: The parties do hereby specifically agree that for the purposes of interpretation, the authorship of this document shall not be construed against either the SHERIFF or the CITY, notwithstanding the provisions of LSA-C.C. Art. 2045, et Sequa;
4. Entire Agreement: This agreement as written constitutes the entire agreement between the SHERIFF and the CITY, and no arguments, unless reduced to writing or adopted as an executed amendment hereto shall be binding upon the parties;
5. Notices: All notices required under this agreement shall be delivered by U. S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to:

SHERIFF: Sheriff Michael Couvillon
P.O. Box 307
Abbeville, LA 70511-0307;

TOWN OF GUEYDAN: Mayor Charlotte Venable-Hartwell
600 Main Street
Gueydan, LA 70542

This Intergovernmental Agreement between the Vermilion Parish Sheriff and the Town of Gueydan having been submitted to a vote the vote thereon resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Clerk

Mayor

Police Chief Michael Coleman informed the Governing Authority of the resignation of Robert Thibodeaux. Motion by DAVID DUPUIS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried to accept the resignation of Robert Thibodeaux as a Patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department as of August 28, 2007.

Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by DAVID DUPUIS and carried to extend the temporary appointment of Karen Edds, Tyler Potier, and Troy McGee until the October Regular Meeting so that the Governing Authority can be allowed adequate time to review the individual records of the above mentioned reserves.

Police Chief Michael Coleman recommended the termination of Patrolman Blake Hebert as a patrolman with the Gueydan Police Department. Motion by ALTHEA WILLIAMS, seconded by CLAUDETTE PRICE and carried to table the Chief's recommendation of termination for Blake Hebert until Patrolman Hebert can be notified in writing of a special meeting which is called for September 11, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Fire Chief Troy Leblanc had nothing to present at tonight's meeting.

Dexter Duhon Candidate for Vermilion Parish Tax Assessor presented his campaign platform for the upcoming election to this office.

There were no public comments at tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by DAVID DUPUIS, seconded by GALE SMITH and carried the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:35 o'clock P.M. on this 4th day of September, 2007.

Clerk

Mayor

