

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'.

There were absent: Aldermen Robert Gardner and Tron McCoy.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; Town Manager Bill Murray; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2019, and the typed minutes of the Emergency Meeting of February 27, 2019, were approved, without changes. The motion for approval of both of the minutes was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month of January, 2019. She explained the fund balances for each of the funds, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She also reviewed the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, and reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through January 31, 2019. There being no questions, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the application for an occupational license for the Butt Hut at 1100 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA, by Kim A. Kinsey, who spoke on behalf of the application. Following the presentation, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderwoman Dore', and carried unanimously by those present, to grant the application.

Agenda Item No. 3 was the application by Kenieche Williams for a plastic, acrylic cut sign 153 inches wide by 16 inches high to advertise the business "FIRSTFRUITS" at 400 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. Ms. Williams spoke in favor of the application. Following questions from the Board, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, to grant the application.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board consideration of bids submitted for a new utility bucket truck. The Mayor announced that he was going to open the bids for the bucket truck. The bids were as follows: (1) by Versalift Southwest, LLC, \$202,615.00, cash bid; no lease option. (2) Terex Utilities, \$208,324.00 cash bid, with lease option; and (3) ALTEC, INC., \$196,495.00 cash; with lease option. Following discussion by the Board, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by

Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by all present, to accept the low bid from ALTEC, INC. The Mayor was instructed to proceed with the purchase.

Agenda Item No. 5 was a Flood Control Report by Mayor Craft and Mr. Guy Murray. The Mayor began the report by explaining the potential problems of flooding and the need to be prepared. He noted that while there is no present danger of flooding that it is always advisable to be prepared for any eventuality. After further discussion of the cresting of the river and problems of sand boils and sink holes, the Mayor asked the public for patience with the street problems having to do with seepage water. After a short question and answer session, the Mayor again cautioned that there is no need for alarm at this time but that preparation should be taken. Alderwoman Dore' at that point asked the Mayor if the Town could possibly get started on mosquito control.

Agenda Item No. 6 was community prayer by local pastors. The Mayor began by explaining that he had been approached by some of the pastors to have a community prayer at a meeting and thought that would be an excellent idea. There were several pastors present and each one, in turn, said prayers for our community. Following the community prayers, there being no further business, on motion by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by all present, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR