

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 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, December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Assistant City Clerk; Debra Moak, City Accountant; City Attorney George C. Murray, Jr.; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; Bill Murray, City Manager; Police Chief, Joey Merrill; Johnny Evans, Fire Chief; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation was given by Alderman Gardner.

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 from the meeting of November 14, 2017, were approved, with the following changes: Alderwoman Dore' advised that agenda Item No. 9 should be corrected to show that she did not propose a new flat rate of 7% for all utility customers but proposed the following: A flat 9 cents per kilowatt hour for residential and a flat 11 cents per kilowatt hour for commercial and removal of the power cost adjustment citywide. The motion for approval, as corrected, was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on City Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement, being a summary of the actual revenues over expenditures as of November 30, 2017. She then reviewed the summary sheets previously given to the Aldermen and advised that they were available for distribution at the meeting. She also reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and concluded with a summary of the results. There were no questions. The Mayor then stated that the Town's position on income versus expenses to date is in balance.

Agenda Item No. 2 was to consider occupational license applications. The Mayor advised that there had been no submittals for occupational licenses as of the posting of the notice of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3, was the consideration of the following outdoor sign applications:

- (1) Jackson Enterprises, Inc. VFJ, d/b/a Comfort Suites and Riverfront Salon and Med Spa for a joint sign at Highway 425 and N. Hickory Street. Mr. Virgil Jackson spoke in favor of the application. After some discussion over the misunderstandings surrounding the failure to approve the application at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board on

November 14, 2017, a motion was made to approve the application by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts, and the vote was as follows: Alderman McCoy, NO; Alderman Betts, FOR; Alderwoman Dore', FOR; Alderman Probst, FOR; and Alderman Gardner, FOR. The Mayor declared that the motion had passed and that the outdoor sign application be approved.

- (2) Rick Simmons for an updated sign for Johnnie Mae's Restaurant (original Sandbar sign) at 106 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. After discussion, on motion by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, the outdoor sign application was approved.

Agenda Item No. 4 was the opening of bids for a new City garbage truck.

- (1) Rivercity Hydrolics for a 36 month lease at \$2,842.58 per month and a balloon payment of \$87,500.00, for a total of \$178,750.00;
- (2) Scott Truck & Tractor for a 36 month lease at \$2,813.64 per month and a balloon payment of \$87,500.00, for a total of \$177,750.00.

After some discussion, during which Alderwoman Dore' suggested that the Town should look into an option of a hybrid truck, on motion by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, the Mayor was authorized to accept the lower bid and attend to signing all necessary documents in connection therewith.

Agenda Item No. 5 was to review and approve the liquor and beer license applications for 2018. The Mayor read the names of the applicants for both liquor and beer and beer only applications, as presented at the meeting and in the Aldermen's packets as follows:

LIQUOR AND BEER

DUNYALI JOSI 605 LLC
McDONOUGH'S LIQUOR
COMFORT SUITES
PAPA T'S
AGAVE CAFÉ MEXICAN RESTAURANT
DANNY'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
TOBACCO MART
HAMMER'S WINE & SPIRITS
HAMMER'S DRIVE-THRU
B-KWIK #7
JOHNNIE MAE'S SEAFOOD & GRILLE
VICTORY MARKETING, LLC – SPRINT MART #72
VICTORY MARKETING, LLC - SPRINT MART #67
RAINBOW QUIK STOP, LLC
WALMART
MURPHY'S OIL USA, INC.
EL RANCHERO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

BEER ONLY

JOHNNY'S PIZZA
VIDALIA MARKET.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried that the foregoing applications be approved.

The Mayor then noting that there were no more agenda items, asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Dore' then advised the Mayor that she wished to introduce an Ordinance to set flat rates for the electric usage to be billed to the Town's consumers. The Mayor then advised that since her request was not on the agenda, there would need to be a motion made and seconded to add her request to the agenda and that the motion would have to pass unanimously. Alderman McCoy made a motion to put the matter on the agenda, seconded by Alderman Probst, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YAYS: Alderman Probst, Alderman McCoy and Alderwoman Dore'

NAYS: Alderman Betts and Alderman Gardner.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor noted that the motion had failed.

There being no further business, on motion by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderwoman Probst, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

JAY LASYONE, ASST. CITY CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR