

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, January 14, 2019
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – Alderman Michael Guthrie led the prayer.

PLEDGE – Mayor Festavan led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM – The Town Clerk verified that a quorum was present. Those present were: Ronnie Festavan – Mayor; James Martin, Denise Alexander, Michael Guthrie, Raymond Williams and Angela Channell – Board of Aldermen.

Also present were staff members/other officials: Ryan Nelson - Chief of Police, Douglas Dominick - Town Attorney, Town Clerk - Kellie Morris, Deputy Clerk - David Jones, Jr. and Tara Dupree - Town Bookkeeper.

APPROVE AGENDA – Motion made by Raymond Williams; second by Michael Guthrie; all approved.

1. **School Announcements** – Annie Cherry, North Caddo Magnet High School Principal was in attendance. She gave a positive report on the activities & awards at the school and introduced the Students of the Month.

2. **Public Comments** – The following individuals made public comments:

Brent Lofton – Expressed support for the new administration.

Heather Allen – Spoke on behalf of Cub Scout Troop 88 to inform the public of the Troop's upcoming fundraiser and to request assistance in locating a new meeting place for the Troop's Scout meetings.

3. **Monthly Financial Report** – Financial report was presented.
4. **Approval of Minutes** for December 10, 2018 regular monthly meeting –
5. **Approval of Minutes** for December 26, 2018 special called meeting –
6. **Approval of Minutes** for January 3, 2019 special called meeting –
7. **Approval of Minutes** for January 9, 2019 special called meeting –

Motion was made by Angela Channell; second by Michael Guthrie to approve ALL minutes presented, as stated in agenda items #4 – 7, in globo, as a unit; all approved.

8. HIRING OF POLICE DISPATCHERS – The Chief of Police, Ryan Nelson, recommended hiring the following individuals as part-time dispatchers at the pay rate of \$9 per hour:

Tammy Smith – Motion was made by Raymond Williams; second by James Martin; all approved.

Marc Brock – Motion was made by Denise Alexander; second by Michael Guthrie; Angela Channell recused herself and abstained, from the vote; James Martin, Raymond Williams, Denise Alexander, Michael Guthrie voted in favor. Motion carried; 4 voting in favor; 1 abstention.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #714 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION AND LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS, PCS LLC – Mayor Festavan opened the public hearing for public comments FOR or AGAINST; none were made. Mayor Festavan then declared the public hearing closed.

10. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE #714 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION AND LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS, PCS LLC – Angela Channell questioned Town Attorney Doug Dominick about revenue sharing. He reported that revenue shares will increase. There being no further discussion motion made by Denise Alexander; second by James Martin; all approved. Ordinance adopted.

11. CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING: Code Enforcement Officer, Bobby Smith addressed the Council and gave reports on the following properties:

A. 310 W. Georgia – Owner made improvements by December 1, 2018 as required and property has been brought up to standards. Motion was made by Raymond Williams; second by Michael Guthrie to remove the property located at 310 W. Georgia from the condemnation list; all approved.

B. 610 N. E. Front Street – Owner tore house down and filled the well but “little bit” of debris remains. Demands were made to owner and extensions granted previously. Denise Alexander made the motion to table any action(s) taken on this matter until the debris has been removed and the property cleaned up; second by Raymond Williams; all approved.

12. MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor reported the following: the Sales & Use Tax collections and the positive growth in them, stating that this written report would be placed in the Council Members’ binders at each Council meeting; the minimal increase in water revenues; the cash management sheet received by

