

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - Alderman Raymond Williams opened the meeting in prayer.

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

ROLL CALL - VERIFICATION OF QUORUM - Board of Aldermen present for Roll Call were James Martin, Denise Alexander, Michael Guthrie, Raymond Williams, and Angela Channell. Following Roll Call the Town Clerk verified that a quorum was present. Also present were other elected officials and/or staff members: Ronnie Festavan - Mayor, Kellie Morris - Town Clerk, and Douglas Dominick - Town Attorney.

APPROVE AGENDA - Motion to approve Agenda as presented was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Angela Channell; all approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

2. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 10 OF 2020 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING MAYOR FESTAVAN TO SIGN FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN IN THE CLOSING AND SALE OF THE 'OLD VIVIAN FIRE STATION' TO LOU ANN DODGE. Motion to adopt Resolution # 10 of 2020 of the Town of Vivian, Louisiana was made by Raymond Williams, second by Denise Alexander; all approved.

3. DISCUSSION/UP-DATE ON EPIC BOAT PLANT - Mayor Festavan informed the Council that he had recently been contacted by a company expressing an interest in the vacant boat plant/facilities. Following initial contact Mayor Festavan took the company executives on a tour of the plant/facilities. After the initial tour he was then contacted again by the company executive and asked to pay the plant/facilities a second visit with outside consultants, meaning that there is potential for a new business to locate at the plant/facilities. After much discussion involving Mayor Festavan, Town attorney Doug Dominick and each Council Member the Mayor was given permission to consult with the company in an effort to entice the company to locate there, which would mean no vacant plant/facilities, jobs provided to area residents and additional benefits as well. The Mayor assured the Council that he would bring information and/or any arrangement(s) that were being discussed with the company back to the Council for their approval before any official action would be made. Council Members then gave Mayor Festavan their approval for him to proceed in talks and/or negotiations with the company concerning the plant/facilities.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Angela Channell; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

August 31, 2020