

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**  
**112 W. ALABAMA AVE.**  
**VIVIAN, LOUISIANA**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**INVOCATION** - Alderman Michael Guthrie 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 Denise Alexander, Michael Guthrie, Raymond Williams, and Angela Channell; absent was James Martin. 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.

**AMEND AGENDA** - Agenda item # 5, hiring of a part-time Police Officer, needed to be removed from the Agenda at the request of Police Chief Ryan Nelson. Motion to amend the Agenda as requested was made by Denise Alexander, second by Angela Channell; all approved.

**APPROVE AGENDA** - Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Michael Guthrie, second by Denise Alexander; all approved.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Mr. Sidney Falgout of 614 W. Nevada Ave. came to speak about the speeding on W. Virginia Ave. & W. Nevada Ave. and requested that stop signs be put in place.

**2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT** - Financial report including budget-to-actual comparisons was presented by Mayor Festavan. Following the report and discussion, motion to accept as presented was made by Raymond Williams, second by Angela Channell; all approved.

**3 & 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting (Agenda item #3) AND the September 29<sup>th</sup> Special Called meeting (Agenda item #4) in globo, together as a unit, was made by Raymond Williams, second by Denise Alexander; all approved.

**ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT** - Zoning/Condemnation Officer Bobby Smith presented reports on the following properties: **1)** 202 W. Mississippi Ave., **2)** 329 W. Kentucky Ave., **3)** 507 N. Hickory St., **4)** 415 W. Kentucky Ave., **5)** 203 Doolittle St., **6)** 209 McArthur Dr., and **7)** 225 N. Pardue St.. Town Attorney Doug Dominick reported that the condemnation process has been started on the property located at 317 W. Atlanta St. and that a Curator should be appointed soon.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT** - Code Enforcement Officer Adrian Hopkins gave a report on the following properties that he has visited: **1)** property located on the north side of Benzer Drugs and **2)** 100 block of Atlanta St. Officer Hopkins also reported that the biggest problem he has is that he will make a visit, talk with the owner/resident(s) who will begin to make the necessary improvements and often times they will slack off and fail to follow through with requirements.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following topics: **1)** the complete remodel and improvements of the Monterey Hill apartment complex, **2)** the O'Reilly Auto Parts store work beginning at the corner of Highway 1 South & Rebel Rd., **3)** Police Dept., Fire Dept., first responders, ambulance personnel and the Town Council will be served lunch on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, **4)** another food distribution held in conjunction with the Food Bank of NW Louisiana on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, **5)** EPIC boat plant and the final stages of negotiations with Allen's Electric concerning lease/purchase and the clean-up of the grounds, and **6)** the drive-through being closed for several weeks at lunch from 12:30 to 1:30. The old EPIC/Louisiana Economic Development agreement was also discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN** - **1)** Alderman Raymond Williams announced that there would be another food distribution at the Armory on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and **2)** Alderman Michael Guthrie told Mayor Festavan that the cemetery "looked real good".

**ADJOURN** - Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Guthrie, seconded by Denise Alexander; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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**Ronnie Festavan, Mayor**

**October 20, 2020**

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**Kellie Morris, Town Clerk**