

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Ryan Nelson - Chief of Police, Kellie Morris - Town Clerk and Douglas Dominick - Town Attorney.

APPROVE AGENDA - Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Raymond Williams, second by James Martin; all approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following individuals made public comments: **1)** Mr. Sidney Falgout of Vivian presented the Council with a verbal and written request for three-way stop sign(s) to be placed on W. Nevada Ave., and **2)** John Auzenne of Bossier City, Louisiana was present to introduce himself as the new owner of the property located at 901 S. Pine St. Mr. Auzeene also stated that he would be making application to Zoning for a drive-through at that location.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - for January 11, 2021 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting was made by James Martin, second by Michael Guthrie; all approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - for January 27, 2021 special called meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 special called meeting was made by Michael Guthrie, second by Raymond Williams; all approved.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 753 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #742 OF 2020, AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. (To amend the Police Budget for the purpose of buying a new vehicle.) There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 753 at the regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 754 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE III STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING OF CHAPTER 17 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES TO INCLUDE SECTION 17-49, PARKING OF TRUCKS, TRAILERS, ETC., IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS (TO BE PROHIBITED). There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 754 at the regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.

7. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 7 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SETTLE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD PROGRAM LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FURTHER, TO MAKE SAID PAYMENTS AND SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO SETTLE THIS MATTER AS HE DEEMS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN. Motion to adopt Resolution # 7 of 2021 of the Town of Vivian, Louisiana was made by Denise Alexander, second by Michael Guthrie; all approved.

8. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE VIVIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT: **1)** DeWayne Jones, Part-time Dispatcher at \$9.00 per hour, and **2)** Edwina Lewis, Part-time Dispatcher/Housekeeper at \$9.00 per hour. **1)** Motion to hire DeWayne Jones pending his drug test results and for a probationary period until the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting was made by Denise Alexander, second by Angela Channell; all approved. **2)** Edwina Lewis was removed from consideration at the request of Chief Nelson.

9. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ZONING/CONDEMNATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE AN EXISTING MOBILE HOME WITH A NEW ONE - Zoning/Condemnation Case # 513; 203 Doolittle St. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Raymond Williams, second by Angela Channell; all approved.

10. ZONING VARIANCE HEARING - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER ISSUING A PROPERTY VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY OWNER A 10' SERVITUDE IN PLACE OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRED 30' SERVITUDE - Zoning/Condemnation Case # 514; 512 S. Pine St. Mr. Ricky Wood with Polaris Services - Engineering & Surveying of Shreveport, Louisiana was present to speak on behalf of landowner Mr. Sam Curry. Mr. Wood also provided a surveyor's diagram of the subject property. Following his presentation, question and answer, motion to approve the variance was made by Michael Guthrie, second by Raymond Williams; all approved.

ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - No report was given.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - No report was given.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** the property located at 224 E. Arkansas Ave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Michael Guthrie; all present approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

February 10, 2021