

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**  
**112 W. ALABAMA AVE.**  
**VIVIAN, LOUISIANA**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 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, 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** - There were none.

**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 Michael Guthrie; all approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - for February 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting was made by James Martin, second by Raymond Williams; all approved.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 755 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA** - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA. *There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 755 at the regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.*

**5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 756 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 748 OF

2020, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF VIVIAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COURT FOR ADJUDICATION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY, ABANDONED PROPERTY, AND VIOLATIONS OF SUCH TOWN ORDINANCES ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH; GRASS, WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH; LITTER; HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS; AND JUNK, WRECKED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY INCLUDING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS. This will change the notification times to interested parties from 30 days to 15 days with regards to being notified prior to any administrative hearing. There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 756 at the regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.

**6. GUEST SPEAKER - DAVID GREEN OF REPUBLIC SERVICES -** Mr. Green spoke to the Council regarding the trash/waste service(s) that his company provides at present and will continue to provide in the future to the Town of Vivian's customers.

**7. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 10 OF 2021 -** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A RENEWAL OF THE MUNICIPAL CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITH BFI WASTE SERVICES, LLC DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS. Motion to adopt Resolution # 10 of 2021 was made by Angela Channell, second by Denise Alexander; all approved.

**8. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 11 OF 2021 -** A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HAVE REVIEWED THE INTERNAL "MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORTS" CONCERNING THE TOWN OF VIVIAN'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. Motion to adopt Resolution # 11 of 2021 was made by Angela Channell, second by James Martin; all approved.

**ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT -** Zoning/Condemnation Officer Bobby Smith gave a report on the following: **1)** he has been working on quite a few permits; signs, building & fencing, **2)** 1220 N. Carson St., **3)** a burned home on Lowland St., **4)** 1222 Chickasaw St. and **5)** horses on N. W. Front St. Alderman Alexander asked Officer Smith about **a)** the burned house on Spruce St. behind the Catholic Church, and **b)** the sign at Madie's Treasures on N. Pine St.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT -** The following report was delivered by Alderman Denise Alexander in Code Enforcement Officer Melysa Crowson's absence: a total of 17 written warnings have been issued. 11 have cleaned their

property up, 4 have not but are within their 10-day period, and 2 have been issued summonses.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** the Town's possible purchase of the grocery store at 212 N. Pine St., **2)** an alert call system to notify citizens, **3)** a digital sign for the Town, **4)** missing street signs in Town, **5)** no deficiencies found in the State's inspection of the water system, **6)** Employee raises during the present fiscal year, **7)** the budget process beginning this month, **8)** the American Rescue Plan money estimated for the Town, **9)** the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Spring Fest on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, **10)** a cell tower lease that he will decline after much review and **11)** increase in the SWEPCO franchise agreement revenue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN** - There were none.

**ADJOURN** - Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by James Martin; all present approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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**Ronnie Festavan, Mayor**

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**Kellie Morris, Town Clerk** **April 26, 2021**