

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - the special called council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Ronnie Festavan.

INVOCATION - Alderman James Martin led the prayer.

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

ROLL CALL - VERIFICATION OF QUORUM - Mayor Ronnie Festavan requested that the Town Attorney perform a roll call as the Town Clerk was out of the office attending a Clerk's seminar/training provided by the LMA. The following council members were present; Raymond Williams, Angela Channel, James Martin and Michael Guthrie. Absent was Denise Alexander.

Staff Present – Town Attorney, Doug Dominick and Police Chief, Ryan Nelson.

APPROVE AGENDA - The Chief of Police requested that Nicholas Harvin's hire be removed from the agenda at this time. A motion was made by Alderman Williams and seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the agenda with the removal of Nicholas Harvin as a part-time hire police officer. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereon.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none

2. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL - The Chief of Police introduced Aaron Swangsri and Marc Brock. Alderman Guthrie wanted to make sure that the new hires were properly trained regarding the use of body cams. The Chief of Police indicated that he was in need of new body cams. The previous ones were donated to the Police Department. He was requesting that new body cams be purchased for the Police Department. The Mayor

indicated that this was an extremely important issue. He further requested that the Chief of Police provide a list of how many body cams would be needed and the possible cost and the Town would move forward with trying to consider this request prior to the end the year.

A motion was then made by Alderman Martin and seconded by Alderman Williams to hire and commission Aaron Swangsri and Marc Brock as a part-time police officer for \$11.00 per hour on a probationary period which shall be brought back to the Board of Aldermen for approval at the January 2022 regular town meeting. This motion passed with Aldermen Martin, Guthrie and Williams voting in favor; Nays - None; Abstain - Angela Channel abstained from voting.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Martin to adjourn with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor
October 25, 2021