

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
6:00 PM

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

PLEDGE & INVOCATION - Mayor Festavan led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Alderman Raymond Williams opened the meeting in prayer during the Posting of the Colors by North Caddo Magnet High School's ROTC Color Guard.

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, Douglas Dominick - Town Attorney, and Bobby Smith - Zoning/Condemnation & Code Enforcement Officer.

APPROVE AGENDA - Chief Nelson requested that Agenda item # 7, Hiring of Police Personnel, be removed from the Agenda. Motion to remove # 7 from the Agenda was made by Denise Alexander, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED - Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by James Martin; all approved.

1. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mr. Cunningham, North Caddo Elementary-Middle School Principal, made the following announcements concerning the Students-of-the-Month: **1)** Elementary Student-of-the-Month is 4th grader Sean Hunt-Washington, and **2)** Middle School Student-of-the-Month is 6th grader Zander Coleman. There were no announcements from the High School.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

3. 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, seconded by James Martin; all approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the February 14th Regular Council Meeting and the March 4th Special Called Meeting together in globo, as a unit, was made by James Martin, seconded by Angela Channell; all approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION - TO RENEW AND SIGN THE AVIATION FUELS CONTRACT WITH EASTERN AVIATION FUELS, INC dba TITAN AVIATION FUELS - This contract shall begin on the 1st day of April 2022 and remain in force for a period of five (5) years.

Motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to renew the aviation fuel contract was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Denise Alexander; all approved.

6. REVIEW OF POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRE'S PROBATIONARY STATUS -

- 1) George Dewayne James - Part-time Officer - Hire date, November 22, 2021
- 2) William Sawangsri - Part-time Officer - Hire date, November 22, 2021

Police Chief Ryan Nelson made the following recommendations concerning the probationary statuses:

- 1) George Dewayne James - Chief Nelson's recommendation was to end the probationary status and to continue his Part-time employment as he has been doing good. Motion to approve the Chief's recommendation was made by James Martin, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.
- 2) William Sawangsri - Chief Nelson's recommendation was to terminate his employment due to his resignation and failure to complete the probation period. Motion to approve the Chief's recommendation was made by Denise Alexander, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

7. REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA -

8. ZONING, CONDEMNATION and/or CODE ENFORCEMENT MATTERS -

A. FULL ZONING/CONDEMNATION & CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT -

Zoning/Condemnation & Code Enforcement Officer Bobby Smith provided the Council Members and other elected officials and/or staff members with a written report of properties that he is working on, then followed up with discussion on the addresses and violations included in the report: **1)** 210 Edward Dr., **2)** 216 E. Tennessee Ave., **3)** 325 W. Arkansas Ave. and **4)** 1012 Lillie St. Mr. Smith also discussed **a)** Cedars Apartments on Spruce St., **b)** 920 N. Pine St., and **c)** 250 E. Texas Ave. The Council then asked Mr. Smith to check on the following properties: **1)** a home at the corner of Rocky Ln. & W. Georgia Ave., and **2)** 317 W. Atlanta St.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** the burned home and possible purchase of 317 W. Atlanta St., **2)** the home at 211 W. Mississippi Ave. has been demolished and the property cleaned, **3)** a meeting with DEQ employees and new information they provided on the abatement process, **4)** Redbud week and the Fishing Tournament, **5)** Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation Department's Concert at the baseball field, **6)** upcoming Soccer Clinic to be held at Legion Hills, **7)** Utili-Serve water valve and line locate and GPS service, **8)** 811 service and **9)** an app for the Town is being developed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by James Martin; all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk
March 28, 2022

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor