

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**  
**112 W. ALABAMA AVE.**  
**VIVIAN, LOUISIANA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

**INVOCATION** - Alderman Samuel Hodge 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, Samuel Hodge, and Robert Green, Jr.; absent was Raymond Williams. Following Roll Call the Town Clerk verified that a quorum was present.

Also present were other elected officials and/or staff members: Mayor Ronnie Festavan, Police Chief Ryan Nelson, and Town Clerk Kellie Morris.

**APPROVE AGENDA** - Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were none.

**2. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL** - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE VIVIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT: Kavasette Thomas - Part-time Police Officer - \$10.00 per hour.

Police Chief Ryan Nelson spoke to the Council and recommended that Ms. Thomas be hired as a part-time Officer under the conditions that she **1)** complete training academy, **2)** pass the psychological evaluation, and **3)** be placed on a 90-day probation period when put on the street following training academy.

Following his recommendation, motion to approve his recommendation was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

**ZONING & CONDEMNATION -**

**ZONING VARIANCE HEARING** - Case # 620 – 9960 Upper State Line Rd. – Mr. Andy Alexander The Petitioner, Mr. Alexander, was unable to attend, and Officer Bobby Smith spoke on this matter stating that all the business was in good order and recommended that the Variance be granted. Following Officer Smith's recommendation, motion to approve the Variance was made by Samuel Hodge, and seconded by James Martin. The following vote was then taken: Ayes - 3 (Martin, Hodge, & Green); Nays - 0 (zero); Absent - 1 (Williams) and Abstain - 1 (Alexander).

**ADJOURN** - Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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**Kellie Morris, Town Clerk**

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**Ronnie Festavan, Mayor**  
**January 19, 2023**