

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.

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

INVOCATION - Alderman Robert Green, Jr. 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, Town Clerk Kellie Morris, and Town Attorney Douglas Dominick.

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. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - Financial report including budget-to-actual comparisons was presented by Mayor Festavan. Following the report and discussion, a motion to accept as presented was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and the May 30, 2024, June 4, 2024, and June 6, 2024 Special Called Council Meetings in globo, as a unit, was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 797 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT DIVISION 5 OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SECTION 2-113 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN; Compensation of the Town Clerk. There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 797 at the Special Called Town Council Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.

Motion to introduce Ordinance # 797 of 2024 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

❖ **ZONING & CONDEMNATION MATTERS - Officer Bobby Smith**

Memory Lane Trailer Park - Sherry Ford of Vivian, LA was present on behalf of her father, the property owner, to explain the reason(s) for the condition of the property and to present a plan of action for property improvements. Following questions, answers and discussion, motion to continue this matter until the August 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting was made by Denise Alexander, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOR CONDEMANATION:

1) 1220 N. Carson St. and 2) 308 W. Moore St. - No one was present on behalf of either of these properties.

Following some discussion with Officer Smith on both properties, Denise Alexander made a motion to have Attorney Doug Dominick send a letter to both property owners to appear at the July 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was then seconded by Robert Green, Jr. and approved by all present.

B. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Officer Bobby Smith provided a written and oral report to the Council and all present, then followed up with discussion on the addresses and violations included in the report: **1)** 602 N. Pine St., **2)** 606 N. Pine St., **3)** 215 Vassar St., **4)** 224 W. Virginia Ave., and **5)** 314 W. Tennessee Ave. and the status of the demolition process on this property.

❖ **CODE ENFORCEMENT MATTERS - Officer Johnnie Hough**

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Johnnie Hough gave the following written and oral report: 39 (thirty-nine) properties; 8 (eight) new cases have been opened, 16 (sixteen) cases have been closed, and 2 (two) new cases and 4 (four) cases for review were on the docket to be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** the work on the walking trail at Legion Hills has begun, **2)** the new water meter installation project would begin on Monday, June 17, and **3)** the Juneteenth Holiday for employees would be Friday, June 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - Alderman-at-Large Robert Green, Jr. announced that there would be a balloon release on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in honor of renaming Chickasaw Ave. to Dr. Jimmy L. Carrol Ave. and extended an invitation to all.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42, p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor
June 13, 2024