

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Samuel Hodge, Raymond Williams, and Robert Green, Jr.; absent was Denise Alexander. 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 Raymond Williams, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Ms. Melba Collins of Vivian was present and spoke on the following topics: **1)** pick-up or lack of pick-up of green waste debris in town and **2)** mobile homes overgrown with grass, etc.

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 August 12, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting and the August 20, 2024 Special Called Town Council Meeting in globo, as a unit, was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

4. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 12 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY WITH A VALUE, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC USE AND TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO; Bleachers.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 12 of 2024 was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #13 OF 2024 FOR THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, SETTING A MINIMUM VALUE TO BE SOLD THROUGH THE "LOCAL SERVICE LAW", AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO; Backhoe.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 13 of 2024 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

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

A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:
Trailer Park @ 402 Memory Lane - Jessie Heard, owner

ZONING & CONDEMNATION MATTERS - A. cont'd.

Ms. Sherry Ford, daughter of Jessie Heard, owner of the property, spoke on this matter and gave an updated report on the status of the property, the abandoned mobile homes and their efforts to have them removed. Following questions, answers and discussion, motion to continue this matter at the October 14 Regular Council Meeting was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY FOR CONDEMANATION:

1) 308 W. Moore St. - Property owner, Robert Kovacs of Bossier City, Louisiana was present on behalf of this property with his report and photos on the work done and progress made on this property. Following questions, answers and much discussion, motion to continue this case at the October 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

C. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL HOLD A HEARING AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY FOR FINAL CONDEMANATION: **1) 0.52 ACRE-N, 225 FEET of East, 100 FEET OF WEST, 858 FEET OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 16, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA GEO# 221625-2-58** with a municipal address of 250 Texas St., Vivian, LA 71082.

Report by Curator, Sam Goodwin, was read aloud by Attorney Dominick. Following the Curator's report and discussion, motion to proceed with condemnation was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

D. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Officer Smith's written report to the Council also included the following addresses with violations and status of each in the report: **1) 421 E. Texas Ave., 2) 207 E. Texas Ave., and 3) 616 Magnolia St.** Raymond Williams also questioned Officer Smith about an address on Apache St. that would be reported on at the October 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Hough gave the following written and oral report: 47 (forty-seven) properties; 24 (twenty-four) new cases have been opened, 9 (nine) cases have been closed, plus 4 (four) new cases and 5 (five) cases for review were on the docket to be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Additional addresses discussed by those present were **1) 421 E. Texas Ave., 2)**

UPDATE BY TOWN ATTORNEY ON THE FOLLOWING: KRISTY MARIE SAVELL VS TOWN OF VIVIAN, NO. 648202-B, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA. (It will be recommended that this matter be discussed in an Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S. 42: 17).

Motion to go into Executive Session, with Council Members, Mayor, Clerk and Attorney, for update on the legal matter, 'Kristy Marie Savell vs Town Of Vivian' was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved. The room was then cleared of all others present.

Following update and discussion on this matter in Executive Session, motion was made to return to Regular Session by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1) the street paving and drainage project and 2) large tree debris on the corner of E. Louisiana Ave. and Huckaby St.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13, p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk
September 16, 2024

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor