

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - In the absence of Mayor Ronnie Festavan, Alderman-at-Large and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Green, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - Alderman Samuel Hodge opened the meeting in prayer.

PLEDGE - Alderman Raymond Williams 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, Raymond Williams, and Robert Green, Jr. Following Roll Call the Town Clerk verified that a quorum was present.
Also present were other elected officials and/or staff members: Police Chief Ryan Nelson, 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 Samuel Hodge; all approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mr. James LaCaze of Vivian was present and spoke on the following topic: items, debris, and/or litter on public sidewalk(s) within the Town.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the September 9, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

4. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 14 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LA DOTD, DIVISION OF AVIATION, PROVIDE FUNDS UNTO THE TOWN OF VIVIAN TO COMPLETE THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VIVIAN AIRPORT AS DESCRIBED IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DATED JULY 26, 2024.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 14 of 2024 was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by James martin; all approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 15 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN'S APPROVAL OF, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN & EXECUTE THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE. (This questionnaire is a required part of the financial audit of State and Local Government agencies.)

Motion to adopt Resolution # 15 of 2024 was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

6. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 16 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN & EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA. (For the use of the Army tank located at the Vivian Town Armory.)

Motion to adopt Resolution # 16 of 2024 was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all 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

Ms. Sherry Ford of Vivian, daughter of property owner Jessie Heard, spoke on this matter and gave an updated report on the status of the abandoned mobile homes and their continued efforts to have them removed stating that 2 (two) of the 3 (three) have been demolished. Following questions, answers and further discussion, motion to continue this matter at the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY FOR CONDEMNATION: 1) 308 W. Moore St.

Property owner, Robert Kovacs of Bossier City, Louisiana was present on behalf of this property and reported on the work done and progress made. Following questions, answers and discussion, motion to continue this case at the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting was made by Denise Alexander, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

C. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Officer Smith's report to the Council included the following addresses with violations and status of each:

- 1) 616 Magnolia St.; no improvements; motion made to place on this property on the condemnation list by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.
- 2) 421 E. Texas Ave.; working with the Police Department to locate property owner.
- 3) 207 E. Texas Ave.; no improvements; motion made to place this property on the condemnation list by Denise Alexander, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.
- 4) 375 Apache St.

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Hough gave the following written and oral report: 34 (thirty-four) properties; 15 (fifteen) new cases have been opened and 25 (twenty-five) cases have been closed. He also reported that research to enforce the Ordinance to remove trash receptacles from the curb after pickup had been done and that enforcement would begin in the future. Denise Alexander asked that he check on the property located **1)** on the corner of Old Atlanta Rd & W. Moore St. and **2)** on the corner of W. Alabama Ave & N. Walnut St.

MAYOR'S REPORT - There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38, p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

Robert Green, Jr, Mayor Pro-Tem
October 31, 2024