

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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 following the Posting of the Colors by North Caddo Magnet High School Color Guard.

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, Town Clerk Kellie Morris and Town Attorney Douglas Dominick.

APPROVE AGENDA - Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mr. James LaCaze of Vivian was present and spoke on the following topic: garbage; items, debris, and/or litter within the Town.

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 Robert Green, Jr., seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the October 14, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 802 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

Motion to introduce Ordinance # 802 of 2024 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. *There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 802 at the Regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.*

Motion to introduce Ordinance # 802 of 2024 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 17 OF 2024 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE FESTAVAN TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND CADDO WARD II INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 17 of 2024 was made by James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

6. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL FOR THE VIVIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT: Jeremiah Carroll - PART-time to FULL-time Officer - \$18.00 per hour. Motion to approve Chief Nelson's recommendation to change Officer Carroll's status to FULL-time was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

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

A. ZONING VARIANCE HEARING - Case # 631 – 310 E. Tennessee Ave. – James Nelson, Jr. Mr. Nelson was present for this hearing. Following questions, answers, discovery and discussion, no action was taken on this item.

B. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Officer Smith's written and oral report to the Council included the following addresses - **1)** 616 Magnolia St., **2)** 421 E. Texas Ave., **3)** 207 E. Texas Ave., and **4)** 308 W. Moore St.

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Hough gave the following written and oral report: 38 (thirty-eight) properties; 16 (sixteen) new cases have been opened; 12 (twelve) cases have been closed; and 3 (three) cases would be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, November 20th.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** follow-up to the sidewalk debris issue, **2)** report on the condemnation demolition bid awards, **3)** the ongoing street repair project, and **4)** property tax notices going out later than usual this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - Robert Green Jr. announced that there would be a Revival on Tuesday, November 12 at 1st Baptist Vivian at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by James Martin; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14, p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor
November 18, 2024