

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
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, Samuel Hodge and Robert Green, Jr.; absent was Denise Alexander and Raymond Williams. Following Roll Call the Town Clerk verified that a quorum was present.

Also present were other elected officials and/or staff members: Town Clerk Kellie Morris, Deputy Chief Perry Hart 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. PROCLAMATION - NICHOLAS CUNNINGHAM; Principal, North Caddo Elementary-Middle School Mayor Festavan introduced Mr. Cunningham and read aloud into the record a Proclamation commending Mr. Cunningham on his many educational achievements and declaring Monday, November 10, 2025 as "PRINCIPAL NICOLAS CUNNINGHAM APPRECIATION DAY". Following Mayor Festavan's presentation of the Proclamation, Alderman-at-Large, Robert Green, Jr., presented Mr. Cunningham with a plaque on behalf of Colquit Baptist Church.

3. 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 James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the October 13, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 19 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LA DOTD) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VIVIAN AIRPORT. Obstruction Mitigation in the South Side Transition Area.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 19 of 2025 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

6. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 20 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION # 18 OF 2025; A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LA DOTD) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VIVIAN AIRPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 20 of 2025 was made by Samule Hodge, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved.

7. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE/RE-HIRE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE VIVIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT: **1)** Devonta Davis - Part-time Dispatcher - \$12.00 per hour, **2)** Diane Williams - Part-time Police Officer - \$18.00 per hour and **3)** Jerimah Martin - Part-time Police Officer - \$14.00 per hour. Deputy Chief Hart spoke on behalf of the Police Department in Chief Nelson's absence, introducing applicant Martin and speaking on all 3 (three) applicants. Following questions, answers and discussion, motion to approve Chief of Police Nelson's recommendation to hire/re-hire all 3 (three) applicants was made by James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

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

A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOR CONDEMNATION - 1) 308 W. Moore St. - Owner, Robert Kovacs of Bossier City, was present on behalf of this property. Following questions, answers and discussion, which included progress report by Officer Smith, motion to continue at the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

2) 301 -AND- 305 Lowland St. - No one was present on behalf of this property. Following Officer Smith's report on both addresses, questions, answers and discussion followed. It was stated that 301 had been boarded up, and 305 had been burned down. No action taken.

3) 1104 Crow St. - Wayne Gaye of Vivian was present on behalf of the property requesting an extension. Following questions, answers, discussion and comments from Officer Smith, motion was made to continue at the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

B. REVIEW OF CONDEMNATION LIST - Properties reported on were: **1)** 425 S. Pecan St., **2)** 121 Milner St., **3)** 520 E. Georgia Ave., **4)** 304 E. Oklahoma Ave., and **5)** 327 E. Oklahoma Ave. Following discussion on 327 E. Oklahoma Ave, motion to remove from the Condemnation List was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by James Martin; all present approved.

C. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Properties reported on were: **1)** 206 W. Mary St., **2)** 106 Kansas Ave., **3)** 421 E. Texas Ave., **4)** 121 Milner St., **5)** 327 E. Oklahoma Ave., and **6)** 1221 Chickasaw St. During the report the following action(s) were taken of the subsequent address(es): **2)** Officer Smith recommended that this property be placed on the Condemnation List. Following his recommendation motion to place the property on the Condemnation List was made by James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present, and **3)** Officer Smith and Attorney Dominick reported on the property. Following discussion motion to continue this matter at the December 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. *(Same action was previously made at the October 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.)*

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Hough gave the following written and oral report: 16 (sixteen) properties; 6 (six) new cases opened, 9 (nine) cases closed, plus 2 (two) cases would be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, October 19th. He also explained the process and meaning of 'closing cases'.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan reported **1)** that the annual Legislative Audit would be in-house that week, November 12-14, and **2)** about the Thanksgiving Holiday for employees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Robert Green, Jr.; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk
November 25, 2025

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor