

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025
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, 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 - An amendment to the Agenda was needed to add Resolution # 21 of 2025; a Resolution to declare old water meters as surplus to be sold through the bid process and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and convey the surplus property to an individual or entity under such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems fit and in the best interest of the Town.

Motion to amend the Agenda by adding the Resolution was made by Robert Green, Jr., and seconded by Samuel Hodge. Following the motion and second, Mayor Festavan opened a Public Hearing for public comments FOR or AGAINST amending the Agenda as requested; none were made. He then closed the Public Hearing. Following the Public Hearing the vote to amend the Agenda was taken with all approving. Motion was then made to approve the Agenda as amended by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved. *The item would be added as Agenda item # 4a.*

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Ms. Angela Channell of Vivian was present to express thanks to the Town for allowing Marc Brock to serve the Town and for the outpouring of support shown to the family. She also went on to impress upon the Council members the importance for them to support and provide the departments' needs to all of the Town's departments.
2. **PROCLAMATION - OFFICER MARC BROCK** - Ms. Shirley Brock, mother of Officer Marc Brock, was present as a Proclamation honoring his life & service, and declaring Monday, December 8, 2025 as a "DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OFFICER MARC TYLER BROCK" was presented by Mayor Ronnie Festavan and read aloud into the record by Robert Green, Jr.
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 Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all 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 approved.

4a. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 21 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - A RESOLUTION DECLARING OLD WATER METERS TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, WITH A STATED VALUE BY THE TOWN OF VIVIAN; WITH SAID METERS TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND/IF NO BIDS ARE RECEIVED THROUGH THE BID PROCESS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND CONVEY

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THE SURPLUS PROPERTY TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE MAYOR DEEMS FIT AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 21 of 2025 was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

5. 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) Marcus Green - Part-time Patrolman - \$18.00 per hour -AND- 2) Mark Trenor - Part-time Patrolman - \$18.00 per hour.

Police Chief Nelson spoke on behalf of the Police Department and introduced Officer Ashley Ellis who was present to speak in favor of Mark Trenor. Following her comments the following votes were taken on each applicant.

1) Marcus Green - motion to hire as stated above was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge: AYES-3 (three) Martin, Hodge & Green, Jr.; NAYS- 2 (two) Alexander & Williams. Motion passed.

2) Mark Trenor - motion to hire as stated above was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge: AYES-3 (three) Martin, Hodge & Green, Jr.; NAYS- 2 (two) Alexander & Williams. Motion passed.

**Alderwoman Denise Alexander exited the meeting at 6:27 pm.*

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

A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOR CONDEMNATION - 1) 421 E. Texas Ave. - No one was present on behalf of this property. Following Officer Smith's report, questions, answers and discussion, Officer Smith recommended continuing at the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Motion was then made to continue this matter at the January 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as recommended by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved.

B. 2) 106 Kansas Ave. - Mr. Doyle Crye, property owner, was present with his nephew on behalf of this matter to request more time to make improvements to the property, i.e., demolishing the house. Following Officer Smith's report, questions, answers and discussion, motion was made to continue the matter at the February 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all present approved.

C. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Only one property was reported on as follows: 1) 305 E. Texas Ave. - Notice of Violation letter has been sent.

D. REVIEW OF CONDEMNATION LIST - Nothing to report.

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Officer Hough gave the following written and oral report: 12 (twelve) properties; 1 (one) new case opened, 5 (five) cases closed, plus 2 (two) new cases would be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, December 17th.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan reported on the Christmas and New Year Holidays for employees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all present approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk
December 23, 2025

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor