

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - Alderman James Martin 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: Mayor Ronnie Festavan, Town Clerk Kellie Morris 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 approved.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

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 Raymond Williams, seconded by James Martin; all approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion to approve the Minutes for the February 10, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 803 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA - AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF VIVIAN, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 10 LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX; TO INCLUDE SECTION 10-34 SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO OBTAIN AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE. *There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of Ordinance # 803 at the Regular Town Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2024 at the Vivian Town Hall, located at 112 W. Alabama Ave. in Vivian, Louisiana.*

Motion to introduce Ordinance # 803 of 2025 was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

5. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT - FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS; Revenues & Expenses.
Motion to open a new checking account was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

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

A. ZONING VARIANCE HEARING(s) -

Case # 631 – 310 E. Tennessee Ave. – James Nelson, Jr.

Property owner, James Nelson, Jr., was present for this Agenda item. Following questions, answers, discussion, and recommendation by Officer Smith, motion to approve the variance and allow the placement of a mobile home at this address was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond; all approved.

Case # 634 – 1036 S. Pine St. – Krystal Humphries

Property owner, Krystal Humphries, was present for this Agenda item. Following questions, answers, discussion, and recommendation by Officer Smith, motion to approve the variance and allow the placement of a travel trailer at this address, for 120 (one-hundred twenty) days while construction is being done at same address, was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved.

B. ZONING/CONDEMNATION REPORT - Officer Smith provided a written and oral report to the Council and all present which also included a request for rezoning at 124 Finley St.

C. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDING UNTO THE ZONING COMMISSION TO MAKE A CHANGES TO THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE - TO AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO LIVE AND RESIDE IN B-1 BUFFER DISTRICT, B-2 NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT, AND THE B-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND/OR TO LIVE AND RESIDE IN A BUSINESS LOCATED IN A B-1 BUFFER DISTRICT, B-2 NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT, AND THE B-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE AND SPECIAL PERMIT.

Town Attorney Dominck presented all present with written option(s) on this zoning matter which he went over orally. Questions, answers and much discussion followed with no action taken by the Council,

D. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDING UNTO THE ZONING COMMISSION CHANGES TO THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE - TO AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, R-3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICTS, B-1 BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, B-2 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND B-3 CENTRAL COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE AND SPECIAL PERMIT.

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

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Debra Ramage, Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant, gave the following written and oral report: 39 (thirty-nine) properties, 12 (twelve) new cases opened, 9 (nine) cases closed, and 3 (three) new cases and 1 (one) case for review would be heard in Environmental Court on Wednesday, March 19th. Discussion was also held on the property at 325 Arkansas Ave.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Festavan gave a report on the following: **1)** the Louisiana Redbud Festival that would be taking place that week, **2)** the repaving of the downtown alleys, and **3)** the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting of the new Community Rx to be held on Saturday, the 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN - There were none.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Green, Jr., seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07, p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor
March 24, 2025