

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VIVIAN TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
112 W. ALABAMA AVE.
VIVIAN, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Festavan called the meeting to order at 4:30 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: Mayor Ronnie Festavan, Police Chief Ryan Nelson, and Town Clerk Kellie Morris.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

2. HIRING OF POLICE PERSONNEL - THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE VIVIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1) Joshua Tems - Part-time Dispatcher - \$10.00 per hour. Chief Nelson called on Dispatch Supervisor Vera Laster to speak about Mr. Tems prior to him making the recommendation to hire Mr. Tems on a 60-day probationary period. Motion to approve Chief Nelson's recommendation was then made by Raymond Williams, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

2) Kenneth Thompson - Full-time Officer - \$18.00 per hour. Chief Nelson spoke highly of Mr. Thompson, his experience and resume', prior to making the recommendation to hire Mr. Thompson on a 60-day probationary period. Motion to approve Chief Nelson's recommendation was then made by James Martin, seconded by Samuel Hodge; all approved.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP - REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FY 2024-25 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF VIVIAN; ANY/ALL.

Police Chief Nelson answered questions about the Police Department's proposed budget with discussion following. Mayor Festavan then spoke about the over-all budget for the Town and asked that Council Members look over the proposed budget prior to meeting again for more consideration & review before the final vote to adopt.

ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn was made by Samuel Hodge, seconded by Raymond Williams; all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Kellie Morris, Town Clerk

Ronnie Festavan, Mayor
June 5, 2024