

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD.,  
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were absent: Alderman Gardner, Alderman Probst and George C. Murray, Jr., Municipal Attorney.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant; Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager; and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the regular town meeting of May 14, 2024, were approved with no changes. The motion for the approval of the minutes was made by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had comments on current agenda items. Noting that no one had any questions or comments, he advised that he would continue with the formal agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for April, 2024. The Mayor then called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. As customary, she began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds. She then reported which revenues are under budget and which are over budget at this time. Next, she brought them up to date on several items of interest. Those items included: cash in the bank; investments; total assets and liabilities; a summary of where revenues and expenses should be and actually are. That concluded her presentation and the Mayor asked if anyone had any questions of Mrs. Moak. There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of occupational license applications. The application was by Edrena Lyons for Sewing (Sowing) Legacy at 712 Texas Street. A motion to approve the license was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on Vidalia Police Department personnel:

Kristopher Ford (full-time patrolman)

After announcing the agenda item, the Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions or any Board discussion to be had. There being none, a motion to approve Kristopher Ford as full-time patrolman was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and vote on fixing the amount to be maintained in the Hydroreserve Fund, in accordance with Ordinance No. 588. After announcing the agenda item, the Mayor explained the need to do this on an annual basis and explained the requirements for setting the amount. He said that the amount has been traditionally set at \$2.3 million in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 588, and while that is somewhat in excess of the statutory requirement, he requests that the Board pass a resolution maintaining it at the \$2.3 million. The motion to fix and maintain the amount in the Hydroreserve Fund at \$2.3 million was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board discussion on Hydro Royalty investment interest. The Mayor discussed with the Board that the Town has eliminated debt, saving the Town in interest payments and earning investment income. The Mayor advised the Board that the Town should be looking into and considering taking investment income from Hydro Funds and looking into self-insurance.

Agenda Item No. 6 was introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2023-2024. After announcing the agenda item, the Mayor reminded the Board that no action is needed as this is introduction of the Ordinance only.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 7 was Board discussion and vote of approval on a Resolution of the Town of Vidalia approving the application for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL). Loran Scott discussed that the Resolution was part of Phase 1 of what is known as the "Sidewalk Grant", that will be a supplemental funding for the Town. With no further discussion by the Board, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried.

(A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 8 was Public Hearing on an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 700, establishing and adopting electric power, gas, water, sewer and garbage rates for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana and repealing all previously adopted Ordinances dealing with said rates, by Amending the Industrial Rate Structure. The Mayor entertained a motion to enter into Public Hearing which was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried. Being no discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to exit Public Hearing, which was made by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion and vote on an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 700, establishing and adopting electric power, gas, water, sewer and garbage rates for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana and repealing all previously adopted Ordinances dealing with said rates, by Amending the Industrial Rate Structure. The Mayor explained the need for this Ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Smith, Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board discussion and approval to allow the sales and consumption of beer during the Juneteenth Celebration on the Vidalia Riverfront. The Mayor discussed that State Representative Travis Johnson has put on a big celebration for this day throughout the Parish. He mentioned that the Riverfront is not a place to have alcohol and getting Board permission is needed for such special requests to have a waiver for such events. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Demby and unanimously carried. Alderman Betts abstained.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Board discussion regarding emergency 911 calls. The Mayor discussed that the Emergency 911 number bounces off of the nearest cell tower. Calls from citizens are being sent to Natchez or other areas based off of the area code of the number that you have. The Mayor, Fire Chief Johnny Evans and Police Chief Joey Merrill encourages everyone to state that you need Concordia Parish 911. Police Chief Joey Merrill also stated that citizens can call the Vidalia Police Department for emergency assistance.

Agenda Item No. 12 was adjournment. The Mayor noting that there was no further agenda items, asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried.

/s/ Piara Wilson  
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES  
AND EXPENSES FOR THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality, that:

**WHEREAS:**

At this time there is a variance of greater than 5% in the general and special revenue funds and, therefore, pursuant to R.S. 39:1310 and R.S. 39:1311 it is necessary that the current annual budget be amended.

**AND WHEREAS:**

- 1) This proposed ordinance was previously introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen held on June 11, 2024;
- 2) A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on the 18th day of June, 2024;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby declared and ordained that the attached Amendment of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, institutes the following changes:

**GENERAL FUND:** Revenues and Other Financing Sources for the General Fund are expected to be approximately \$1.3 million higher than the original budget. The IT department received \$243k from Facility Planning and Control for the broadband fiber optic project, LWCC paid the town \$394k dividend payment, and interest earnings are higher than expected due to raise in interest rates on investments. Other financing sources included a transfer of \$725k to cover excess of expenditures over revenue. The overall change in fund balance is \$837k more than expected. The fund balance at the end of the fiscal year is expected to increase to \$2.6 million.

Total expenditures and other financing uses are higher than expected primarily due to the increases in general liability insurance, salaries, wages and benefits, increase cost of supplies, petroleum, etc.

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:** Revenues and Other Financing Sources for the Special Revenue Fund are much lower than originally expected by approximately \$10 million primarily due to lower hydro royalties received partially offset by the higher interest earnings on the town's investments. Charges for services were lower due to the hydro power purchases were low than expected, and the timing of the government payments for the construction of the slough project did not happen as expected.

Total expenditures in the special revenue fund are lower than expected due to lower amount spent on other improvements from the Sales Tax Fund and lower than expected cost of power due to low levels of the Mississippi River. Other financing sources were higher by \$715k due to making transfers to help fund utility power costs. The beginning fund balance is being adjusted to the audited fund balance. The change in net position is expected to be lower than expected by \$4.8 million

In addition, the beginning fund balances for the Capital Fund and the Enterprise Fund are being amended as well. The Debt Service Fund is no longer in use since all the debt has been extinguished. The Capital Fund is showing a positive \$117k positive, and the Enterprise Fund is showing a positive \$1.2 million adjustment to the beginning of the year fund balance.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered, section by section, and then on motion by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ was submitted to a vote, as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance to be duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2024

/s/ Piara Wilson  
PIARA B. WILSON, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

TOWN OF VIDALIA  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1  
ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTED JUNE \_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
SALES TAX	3,700,000	221,000	3,921,000
OTHER INTER GOV REVENUE	1,002,600	(945,000)	57,600
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,000,000	(1,050,000)	950,000
FINES & FORFEITS	82,300	-	82,300
OTHER	30,805,150	(8,300,000)	22,505,150
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>37,590,050</b>	<b>(10,074,000)</b>	<b>27,516,050</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALES TAX AMBULANCE FUND	2,311,000	(1,190,000)	1,121,000
HYDRO FUND	1,163,800	(225,500)	938,300
CITY COURT	13,450,000	(3,575,000)	9,875,000
CITY MARSHAL	241,850	-	241,850
HOTEL OCCUPANCY	33,050	-	33,050
	15,000	-	15,000
	<b>17,214,700</b>	<b>(4,990,500)</b>	<b>12,224,200</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>20,375,350</b>	<b>(5,083,500)</b>	<b>15,291,850</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
TRANSFERS IN	175,300	-	175,300
TRANSFERS OUT	9,868,950	715,000	10,583,950
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>10,681,700</b>	<b>(5,798,500)</b>	<b>4,883,200</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>24,798,082</b>	<b>966,705</b>	<b>25,764,787</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>35,479,782</b>	<b>(4,831,795)</b>	<b>30,647,987</b>

TOWN OF VIDALIA  
GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1  
ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTED JUNE \_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TAXES	130,000	-	130,000
LICENSE & PERMITS	245,000	15,000	260,000
FINES & FORFEITS	40,000	-	40,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	514,400	310,000	824,400
CHARGES FOR			
SERVICES	575,000	-	575,000
OTHER	248,000	245,500	493,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,752,400</b>	<b>570,500</b>	<b>2,322,900</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
ADMINISTRATION	1,661,800	39,000	1,700,800
STREET	1,972,300	136,500	2,108,800
SANITATION	900,750	(179,000)	721,750
POLICE	3,368,400	109,000	3,477,400
FIRE	1,932,100	172,500	2,104,600
MECHANIC	372,900	-	372,900
INFORMATION			
TECHNOLOGY	515,400	180,000	695,400
RECREATION	321,000	-	321,000
	11,044,650	458,000	11,502,650
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(9,292,250)</b>	<b>112,500</b>	<b>(9,179,750)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
TRANSFERS IN	9,475,000	725,000	10,200,000
TRANSFERS OUT	175,300	-	175,300
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>837,500</b>	<b>844,950</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,763,192</b>	<b>(1,004,174)</b>	<b>1,759,018</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,770,642</b>	<b>(166,674)</b>	<b>2,603,968</b>

TOWN OF VIDALIA  
ENTERPRISE FUND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1  
ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTED JUNE \_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TAXES		-	
LICENSE & PERMITS		-	
FINES & FORFEITS		-	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,207,200	-	-
CHARGES FOR			
SERVICES	16,120,000	-	-
OTHER	527,750	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>17,854,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
ELECTRIC	8,695,600	-	-
GAS	3,352,150	-	-
WATER	2,873,800	-	-
SEWER	598,050	-	-
CITY HALL	601,300	-	-
CONVENTION CENTER	877,700	-	-
	<b>16,998,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<b>856,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
TRANSFERS IN	9,179,600	-	-
TRANSFERS OUT	9,992,350	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<b>43,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	12,701,149	1,213,339	13,914,488
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	12,744,749	1,213,339	13,914,488



TOWN OF VIDALIA  
CAPITAL FUND  
BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1  
ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTED JUNE \_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TAXES		-	
LICENSE & PERMITS		-	
FINES & FORFEITS	-	-	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR	-	-	-
SERVICES	30,000	-	-
OTHER	300	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>30,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
INDUSTRIAL PARK	272,500	-	-
PORT CONSTRUCTION	971,000	-	-
	<b>1,243,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 (1,213,200)	 -	 -
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
TRANSFERS IN	1,206,700	-	-
TRANSFERS OUT	-	-	-
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 (6,500)	 -	 -
 FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 (238,345)	 116,603	 (121,742)
 FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	 (244,845)	 116,603	 -

RESOLUTION OF THE Town of Vidalia APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219:

WHEREAS, the **US Federal Government** provides funds to the **State of Louisiana** for grants to state, local, and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop, and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the **FRTPL** has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Town of Vidalia** does hereby:

1. Approve the filing of an application with **FRTPL**; and
2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available before the commencement of any work on the project totaling **\$177,163.20** included in this application, sufficient funds to build including a 20% local match of **\$35,432.64** to operate, and maintain the project; and
3. Appoint the **Grant Writer/Dr. Loran Scott** as agent of the **Town of Vidalia** to conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests, and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

Yeas: Aldeman Betts, Alderman Smith, Alderwoman Demby

Nays: NONE

Absent: Alderman Probst, Alderman Gardner

/s/ Buz Craft

Buz Craft

Mayor of the Town of Vidalia

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 700 ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING ELECTRIC POWER, GAS, WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES DEALING WITH SAID RATES, BY AMENDING THE INDUSTRIAL RATE STRUCTURE.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. This proposed Ordinance was previously introduced at the May 14, 2024, regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and
2. Due notice of the introduction of this proposed Ordinance was advertised in the official journal on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024; and
3. A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Board of Alderman of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality that:

**Section 1:**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE” and shall establish and adopt natural gas, electricity, water, sewer and sanitation rates for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, and repeals all previously adopted ordinances dealing with said rates.

**Section 2:**

**NATURAL GAS RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL (PER CCF)**

Availability Charge \$10.50 per month + CPI  
Gas Service (Consumption Charge) (WACOG + \$0.80/ccf) + CPI +  
RSF + LAUF Factor

**COMMERCIAL (PER CCF)**

Availability Charge \$15.00 per month + CPI  
Gas Service (Consumption Charge) (WACOG + 0.775/ccf) + CPI +  
RSF + LAUF Factor

**INDUSTRIAL (PER MCF)**

**For customer whose 12-month gas consumption averages 1,000 MCF or more per month.**

Availability Charge \$150.00 per month  
Gas Service (Consumption Charge) Negotiated at sole discretion of  
Town of Vidalia  
\*\*\*Economic Development  
Incentive can also be applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
CPI – Consumer Price Index  
WACOG – Weighted Average Cost of Gas  
RSF – Rate Stabilization Factor  
LAUF – Lost and Unaccounted F

**Section 3:**

**ELECTRIC RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL (Per KWH)**

Minimum Charge	100	0.1692 =	16.92
Next	200	0.1092 =	21.84
Next	700	0.1002 =	70.14
Excess		0.0924	

**COMMERCIAL (Per KWH)**

**A commercial customer is defined as any electrical customer who is non-residential and whose 12-month electrical load averages less than 300kW.**

	<u>USAGE</u>		<u>CHARGE (Per KWH)</u>
Minimum Charge	100	0.1710 =	17.10
Next	200	0.1112 =	22.24
Next	700	0.1032 =	72.24
Excess		0.0995	

**INDUSTRIAL (Per KWH)**

**For customer whose 12-month electrical load averages 300 KW, but less than 3MW (3,000kW).**

	<u>KWH</u>		
First	50,000	=	0.0834
Next	200,000	=	0.0717
Next	250,000	=	0.0650
Above	500,000	=	0.0490

Demand Charge = \$7.50/kw

**LARGE INDUSTRIAL (Per KWH)**

**For customer whose 12-month electrical load averages 3 MW (3,000 kW) or greater.**

	<u>KWH</u>		
First	250,000	=	0.0650
Next	500,000	=	0.0510
Next	750,000	=	0.0425
Above	1,500,000	=	0.0349

Demand charge = \$7.50/kw

**+: FOR ALL RATE CLASSES:** All KWH's will be charged (or credited) a Power Cost Adjustment equal to the cost of power and energy as billed by the Town's electric service provider, adjusted for system losses, less 5.278 cents per KWH on a monthly basis.

\*Additional Facility Charges may apply to industrial customers.

**Section 4:**

**WATER RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL (W-R)**

First 4,000 gallons	\$0.5000 per 100 gallons
Next 16,000 gallons	\$0.3100 per 100 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$0.2000 per 100 gallons
Minimum charge	\$20.00

**COMMERCIAL (W-C)**

First 4,000 gallons	\$0.5000 per 100 gallons
Next 16,000 gallons	\$0.3100 per 100 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$0.2000 per 100 gallons
Minimum charge	\$20.00

**INDUSTRIAL (W-1)**

First 4,000 gallons	\$0.5000 per 100 gallons
Next 16,000 gallons	\$0.3100 per 100 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$0.2000 per 100 gallons
Minimum charge	\$100.00

**Section 5:**

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES**

C – 100	G – Gallons	USAGE	CHARGE (Per CG)	
Minimum charge		40	0.4910	= 19.64
Next		160	0.0972	= 15.55
Excess			0.1356	

**Section 6:**

**SANITATION RATES**

**COMMERCIAL**

Minimum Charge	\$ 50
4 YARD DUMPSTER	\$120
6 YARD DUMPSTER	\$160
8 YARD DUMPSTER	\$190

All commercial accounts are picked up three (3) times per week. Dumpsters are not furnished by the Town.

**RESIDENTIAL**

\$21.95 Per Month

All residential customers receive pick up two (2) times per week. Canisters are not furnished by the Town.

**Section 7:**

The Town may negotiate an economic development incentive for Large Commercial/Industrial utility Customers (“Qualifying Business”) in order to attract new business that creates substantial additional jobs and greater substantial tax revenues within the corporate limits of the Town. The Incentive Rate allows the Town to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with a Qualifying Business in order to set forth the salient terms of the utility Incentive Rate, which cooperative endeavor agreement may include but not limited to, (1) the length of time the Incentive Rate will be offered to the Qualifying Business; (2) the method of calculating the Incentive Rate; (3) whether the Incentive Rate will be limited to a certain amount; and (4) any other pertinent details that are negotiated between the Town and the Qualifying Business.

**Section 8:**

A committee made up of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Temp, an Alderperson at large to be selected by the Mayor, the Economic Development Director, the Town Accountant, the Town Attorney and the Town Manager shall be established and will have the authority to negotiate a cooperative endeavor agreement with each participating Qualifying Business in order to set forth the salient terms of the Incentive Rate. The final Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will require approval of the Board of Aldermen.

**Section 9:**

Louisiana State Sales Tax is charged on gas, electric, and water bills for non-residential and non-governmental customers as enacted by the State Legislature.

**Section 10:**

The Industrial Renewable Energy Rider Schedule (Schedule) is a voluntary rate rider offered to Large Industrial Customers (LIC) pursuant to the Renewable Energy Assignment and Banking Agreement (Assignment) by and between the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA) and the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana.(Town)

To be eligible for participation in this program, customers taking service under the Town's Industrial Rate Schedule must also meet the criteria outlined in the Agreement by and between LEPA and the Town. Prior to participating in this Schedule, the customer must request, and the Town must submit to LEPA a request to add LIC, which is subject to approval by LEPA.

The total energy available under this Schedule is assigned on a first come, first served basis and is subject to the requirements identified in the Agreement by and between LEPA and the Town.

The LIC must have a peak demand of one thousand (1,000) kW or more and may only request a LIC Renewable Energy Assignment under this Schedule that does not exceed twenty-seven (27) per cent of the LIC's energy use in the calendar year preceding the year in which the Town submits a Request to add LIC on behalf of the LIC.

Approval of the Request to add LIC pursuant to the Assignment by and between LEPA and the Town, shall establish the LIC's Customer Renewable Energy Assignment in kWh.

In addition to all other charges and fees applicable and billed to the customer under the Schedule, the LIC's monthly bill shall include a Schedule charge equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the LIC's Customer Renewable Energy Assignment times \$0.004 per kWh.

Participation in this Schedule shall be month-to-month and shall continue until one of the following events transpires:

1. The end of the billing period in which the customer notifies the Town of its desire to withdraw from the Schedule.
2. The LIC ceases to take service under the Industrial Rate Schedule.
3. The Town ceases to take service from LEPA under the Full-Requirement Service Agreement.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and considered, section by section, and then on motion by Alderman Smith, and seconded by Alderman Betts, was submitted to a vote, as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman Betts, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: NONE

ABSENT: Alderman Gardner and Alderman Probst.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing Ordinance to be duly adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, to be effective June 1, 2024.

/s/ Piara Wilson  
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR