

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT THE VIDALIA TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD.,  
VIDALIA, LA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Town Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Tron McCoy, Brent Smith, and Tommy Probst.

There was absent: Alderman Robert Gardner, Alderman Jon Betts, Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager and Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk, Brad Burget, representative of Smith, Taliaferro and Purvis Law Firm, and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, and the invocation was given by Alderman Probst.

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

Before addressing the agenda items, the Mayor explained that the Board had given their list on Tuesday and would not repeat that list. Being so, Agenda Item number one was skipped and the Mayor moved on to the next Agenda Item.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board vote to enter into public hearing to receive public input concerning possible alternative uses of surplus hydroelectric royalties. The Mayor called for a motion to enter the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, to enter the public hearing which carried unanimously. The first person to speak was Elizabeth Smith. Her project request consisted of converting a field to be a handicap accessible turf field for the Special Needs community.

Next, Patsy Smith, Executive Director for the Concordia Council on Aging, requested a facility to house the executive staff and management of the Concordia Council on Aging.

There being no further input from the audience, the Mayor moved to the next Agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board vote to exit the public hearing. Alderman Probst moved to exit the public hearing, which was seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was adjournment. The Mayor announced that there was no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Piara Wilson  
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR