

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in emergency session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft and Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner (by telephone), Brent Smith, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby (by telephone).

There was absent: Alderman Tommy Probst.

There were also present: Town Clerk, Jay LaSyone.

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

Agenda Item No. 1 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town of Vidalia declaring a state of emergency exists due to the damages to the Town's infrastructure from winter storm Uri and due to the potential flooding and wind damage which affects life, health, property and public peace. The Mayor then advised the Board of the reasons for needing the emergency declarations and reminded them that those declarations are needed in order to be able to request emergency funding. There being no comments or discussions, it was moved by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present, to pass the Resolution declaring the emergency, as presented to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town granting Mayor Craft emergency powers for Town operations in responding to potential damages stemming from Winter Storm Uri which have impacted the Town of Vidalia. The Mayor then asked for comments or discussion, and there being none, it was moved by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, to pass the Resolution granting Mayor Craft the emergency powers, in accordance with the presented Resolution.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts and seconded by Alderman Smith:

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the damages to the Town's infrastructure from winter storm Uri and due to the potential flooding and wind damage which which affects life, health, property and public peace, beginning February 17, 2021, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that it does hereby declare that, under the authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana, a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, due to the potential flooding and wind damage which affects life, health, property and public peace.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the February 18, 2021, Emergency Meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 18th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Demby and seconded by Alderman Gardner:

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTERS BY MAYORS

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MAYOR AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding and wind damage from Winter Storm Uri that could impact the Town, beginning February 17, 2021, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that Mayor, BUZ CRAFT, is hereby authorized to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to direct and perform any acts necessary, and sign any and all documents necessary, to deal with the emergency described herein.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the February 18, 2021, Emergency Meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 18th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR