

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Town Hall Meeting Room, on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 12:00 P.M. (NOON).

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner (by phone), Tron McCoy (by phone), Tommy Probst and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'.

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; and George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; and Pam Middleton, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Town Clerk LaSyone noted that due to the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent orders, Board members are allowed to be present by phone.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

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.

Agenda Item No. 1 was a public hearing regarding an Ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The Mayor began by giving the reasons for having the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance and reminded the Board that State law requires interim amendments of the budget. He then requested a motion to open the public hearing. The motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried. The Mayor declared the hearing to be open. There being no questions or comments concerning the proposed Ordinance, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried. The Mayor announced that the public hearing was closed.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on adopting an Ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The Mayor then asked the Board for comments or questions and, there being none, requested a motion be made to adopt the Ordinance adopting the operating budget, as presented. Alderman Betts made the motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented to the Board. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. The Mayor then called for a vote on the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, McCoy, Probst and Alderwoman Dore'.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

The Mayor then declared that the motion to amend the budget, as presented, passes and that the Ordinance, previously introduced at the June 9, 2020, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, amending the Operating budget of revenues and expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to be duly adopted.

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

There being no further items of the agenda, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN 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 2019-2020

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, in special 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 the June 9, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen;
- 2) Due notice of the introduction of this proposed Ordinance was advertised in the official journal on the 10th day of June, 2020; and
- 3) A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on the 16th day June, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared and ordained that the attached Amendment of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, institutes the following changes:

GENERAL FUND: Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) for the General Fund are expected to be approximately \$407,770 higher than the original budget. The beginning fund balance is also higher than the proposed budget going from \$1,215 to \$695,952. Revenues are higher due to higher workers comp dividends, insurance proceeds, and other miscellaneous revenues not included in the original budget.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND: Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) for the Special Revenue Fund are lower than originally expected by approximately \$998,575. However, expenditures in the Sales Tax Fund and Hydro Fund and Other Financing Sources (Uses) are lower than expected \$1,647,377 creating a total net increase of \$648,802 over the original budget amount. The beginning fund balance is higher from the proposed budget by \$981,020. The adjustments were made because the street improvements did not get completed due to high water on Mississippi River, and the hydro production did not happen as predicted in the original budget.

In addition, the beginning fund balance for the Debt Service Fund, Capital Fund and Enterprise Fund are being amended as well. The Debt Service Fund is showing a \$2,338 positive adjustment. The Capital Fund is showing a negative \$462,958 adjustment and the Enterprise Fund is showing a positive \$582,945 adjustment.

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

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, McCoy, Probst and Alderwoman Dore'.
NAYS: NONE.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance to be duly adopted this 16th day of June, 2020.

s/ Jay LaSyone _____
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

s/Buz Craft _____
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR