

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, City Clerk; Debra Moak, City Accountant; City Attorney George C. Murray, Jr.; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; Bill Murray, City Manager; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened by 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 regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes from the regular meeting of April 10, 2018, were approved, with no changes. The motion for approval of the minutes was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried. The typed minutes from the special meeting of April 19, 2018, were approved, with no changes. The motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried. Alderman Dore' then requested that all Town meetings be recorded even if they were not being video taped.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on City Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statements, being a summary of the actual revenues over expenditures as of March 31, 2018. As customary, she reviewed the summary sheets previously given to the Aldermen and advised that they were available for distribution. She then reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and concluded with a summary of the results. Following a short question and answer period, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her report.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The Mayor reported that there were none.

Agenda Item No. 3 was a consideration of outdoor sign applications. The Board then considered an application by Cody McElroy for the erection of signs at the Towne Place Suites at 215 Front Street, Vidalia, LA. There would be two letter signs to be attached to the building and one monument sign which would be lighted. After a short discussion, on motion by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried, the application was approved.

In addressing Agenda Item No. 4, the Mayor announced that it is time to establish the property millage for 2018. He introduced Assessor Jerry Clark, who was attending to answer any questions about establishing the millage rate. After a short question and answer session, a Resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried, to fix the property millage rate for 2018 at 3.39 mills.

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

Agenda Item No. 5 was the opening and approval of bids submitted for new city garbage truck. The Mayor then proceeded to open the only bid which was from Scott Truck, L.L.C., for a total of \$178,385.00. Following a short discussion, on a motion by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, the bid was accepted and the Mayor was authorized to take all action necessary in connection with obtaining the new garbage truck.

Agenda Item No. 6 was a discussion of Memorial Day activities. Alderman Gardner, who had requested that the matter be on the agenda, announced that the Memorial Day parade would take place but that the final details had not been finalized. He also announced that the Grand Marshals would be Josephine Webster, an educator, and David Hendricks, the Chief Deputy Sheriff. At this point, Alderman McCoy requested that a discussion on Project Pencil be held and the Mayor reminded him that it was not on the agenda. Alderman McCoy then made a motion to add that discussion to the agenda, which motion failed by a vote of 2 votes for, 3 votes against.

THEREUPON, on motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Dore', and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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**JAY LASYONE, CITY CLERK**

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**BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy:

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING MILLAGE BEING LEVIED ON THE 2018 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA.

MILLAGE

General Alimony

3.39 mills

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the property administrative officials of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018 and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing Resolution was called for a vote on the adoption thereof, and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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JAY LASYONE, CLERK

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BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR