

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 8:00 A.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 Friday, June 11, 2021, at 8:00 A.M.

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

There was absent: Alderman Robert Gardner.

There were also present: Jay Lasyone, Town Clerk; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; and Town Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA.

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 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.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. There being no comments, the Mayor closed the floor for comments.

Agenda Item No. 1 was public hearing on an Ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2020-2021. A motion to enter into the public hearing was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried. There being no discussion or comments, the motion to exit the public hearing was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on an ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2020-2021. There being no discussion or questions, the Mayor called for the vote and Alderman Betts made a motion to approve the operating budget as presented, which motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. The roll call vote was as follows: FOR: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. AGAINST: NONE. ABSENT: Alderman Gardner. The Clerk announced that the vote was 4 votes FOR and NO votes AGAINST and Alderman Gardner absent and the motion to approve the budget as presented was approved.

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

Agenda Item No. 3 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 Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES
AND EXPENSES FOR THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

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 the June 8, 2021, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen;
- 2) A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day June, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared and ordained that the attached Amendment of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, institutes the following changes:

GENERAL FUND: Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) for the General Fund are expected to be approximately \$763,500 higher than the original budget. The beginning fund balance is being amended to the actual fund balance at year end. A negative adjustment is being made in the amount of \$2,521 for this difference. Total expenditures are higher than the previous budget due to expenses related to the winter storm of 2021, unused leave time paid to long time, retired firefighters, and additional expenses in the police department. Revenues are higher due to proceeds received from the Cares Act due to the COVID19 pandemic.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND: Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) for the Special Revenue Fund are lower than originally expected by approximately \$1,756,100 primarily due to lower than expected hydro royalties. However, expenditures in the Sales Tax Fund and Hydro Fund are lower than expected by \$2,910,520 creating a total net increase of \$1,091,420 over the original budget amount. The beginning fund balance is higher from the proposed budget by \$1,790,758. Capital outlay and hydro production did not happen as predicted in the original budget.

In addition, the beginning fund balance for the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Fund, and the Enterprise Fund are being amended as well. The Debt Service Fund is showing a \$8,157 positive adjustment. The Capital Fund is showing a positive \$7,488 adjustment and the Enterprise Fund is showing a negative \$1,681,471 adjustment to the beginning fund balance.

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

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Alderman Gardner

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance to be duly adopted this 11th day of June, 2021.

s/ Jay LaSyone

s/Buz Craft

JAY LASYONE, CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR