

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 special session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

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

There was absent: Alderman Robert Gardner.

There were also present: City Clerk, Jay LaSyone; City Accountant, Debra Moak; City Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr.; City Manager, Bill Murray; Pam Middleton, Executive Secretary to the Mayor; 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 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 on Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The Mayor began by giving the reasons for having a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance adopting the operating budget for the coming fiscal year. He reminded the Board of the requirements of the Louisiana Budget Act and requested a motion to open the public hearing. A motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present. The Mayor then opened the public hearing. Mr. Ray Ainsworth spoke concerning several matters in the budget. He requested a clarification of the amount paid for the site of Project Blue and why the budget only reflected a much smaller amount in the budget than was paid by the new industry. The Mayor explained to him the difference. He had questions about vehicles in the budget; about increases in the Sanitation Departments budget and the manner in which certain repairs would be paid. The Mayor addressed those concerns. There being no further questions, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present.

The Mayor announced that the public hearing was closed.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board consideration of an Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The Mayor began by an explanation of why it was necessary to adopt the Operating Budget at this time and requested a motion be made to adopt the budget so that the matter could be discussed. Alderman Betts made the motion to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 as presented to the Board. No one seconded the motion. There followed a brief discussion between the Mayor and Alderman Probst concerning the Aldermen's concern over the Convention Center operations; over the

operations at the dog pound; and his reasons for not voting on the budget. Following Alderman Probst's comments, the Mayor noting that there were no further agenda items, declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CITY CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR