

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 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, July 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There was absent: Alderwoman Sabrina Dore'.

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

Also in attendance were Alderwoman-elect Rose I. Demby and Alderman-elect Brent Smith.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation given by Alderman Gardner.

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 special meeting of May 28, 2020, the regular meeting of June 9, 2020, and the special meeting of June 16, 2020, were approved. The motion for approval for all three sets of minutes was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2020. As customary, she explained the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She also reviewed the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, and reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through May 31, 2020. She then specifically reported on the amounts in the various fund balances, and reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. Upon the conclusion of Mrs. Moak's presentation, he thanked her for her usual thorough presentation and then thanked all Department heads for their hard work during the budget process. Alderman Probst then had questions about the use of resources at the Convention Center.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The first application was by Jawanna Johnson for "Liyahs Unikue Creations, LLC" at 113 Davis Street. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The second application was by Kenneth W. DeWitt for "Kenny D's" at Vidalia, Louisiana, it being an application for a peddler's license. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and passed unanimously by those present, that the application be granted. The third application was by Anthony L. Garrison for "All About You Adult and Youth Services, LLC" at 1810 Carter Street. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried by all those present, that the application be granted.

Agenda Item No. 3 was the consideration of outdoor sign applications. The only application submitted was by Total Urgent Care for a lighted sign and wall sign for Total Urgent Care as shown on the materials submitted with the application. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously by those present, that the application be granted. There being no further business on the agenda, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, but Alderman Probst asked to make comments. First, he asked about the status of the business with the portable buildings at the old Billups Station. There followed a discussion between he and the Mayor concerning the status of that person's application for an occupational

license. Alderman Probst next then expressed his disappointment at the numerous political signs that appeared on public rights-of-way toward the end of the campaign. He questioned why those persons were not being prosecuted because of the Town's prior policy of strict enforcement of the placement of political signage. Following Alderman Probst's comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR