

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018 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, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 12:00 NOON.

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

There was absent: Alderman Tron McCoy.

There were also present: City Clerk, Jay LaSyone; City Accountant, Debra Moak; City Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr.; City Manager, Bill Murray, 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.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor, prior to opening the public hearing on Ordinance amending Town Budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Mayor advised those present and the Board of the need for the public hearing and that the amendments to the budget only apply to the General Fund and the Revenue Fund and requested a motion to open the public hearing. A motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present. The Mayor then opened the public hearing. Mr. Ray Ainsworth, a Vidalia resident, commented on his perception of the timing on the placing of Project Blue monies in the amendments to this year's budget. He and City Accountant Debra Moak, engaged in an extended question and answer session concerning the use of the monies and the need to amend the budget by State Law. The Mayor also responded to Mr. Ainsworth's questions. Mr. Bill McDonough, a Vidalia resident, made positive comments on the Administration's handling of the budget issues. After the question and answer period terminated, a Motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present. The Mayor announced that the public hearing was closed.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board consideration to adopt ordinance amending Town Budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Mayor then asked for comments or questions concerning the adoption of the Ordinance to Amend the Budget for this fiscal year. Alderman Gardner had questions concerning the accounting principles used in arriving at the amended budget and Mrs. Moak responded to his questions. Alderwoman Dore' had questions concerning the budget as a whole and not just the two specific funds that were subject of the Amendment and the Mayor responded. Following the question and answer session between the Board members and the administration, a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance as presented at the meeting to Amend to Town's Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and the vote thereon was

as follows: Alderman Betts – YES; Alderwoman Dore’ – YES; Alderman Gardner – YES; and Alderman Probst – YES. The Mayor announced that the Ordinance was adopted.

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

Agenda Item No. 3 was the introduction of Ordinance to establish Town Budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Mayor then announced that he was introducing an Ordinance, as presented, and as given to the Aldermen previously, to adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The Mayor announced that the Ordinance was available for public inspection at the Town Hall and that a public hearing will be held at a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 5:00 o’clock P.M. in the Town Hall meeting room; and that thereafter the Mayor and Board would consider the adoption of the Ordinance. There being no further agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present. The Mayor thereupon declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CITY CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

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 12, 2018 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 20th day of June, 2018; and
- 3) A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on the 22nd day of June, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared and ordained that the attached Amendment of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, institutes the following changes:

GENERAL FUND

Salaries in the police department were not correctly stated in the original budget. No additional employees were hired nor were increases given. Salaries in the original budget did not include the retention program payments approved by the Board. However, the increase in salaries was reduced by lower group health insurance cost. The overall net change of \$191,000.00 is due to errors in the original budget regarding salaries.

Total personal services for the fire department were projected higher in the proposed amended budget. The original budget did not include the necessary amount of overtime to cover shifts or the retention program payments approved by the Board. The overall net change of \$170,410.00 is due to the errors in the original budget regarding salaries and overtime.

Capital outlay was higher than the original budget due to the purchase of police units on a lease purchase contract with the intent to purchase the vehicles at the end of the term. The capital lease was approved by the Board.

Other financing sources variances included proceeds from debt, capital lease proceeds and insurance proceeds not included in the original budget.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The sales tax fund expended less for engineering fees and other professional fees than expected by \$51,800.00.

Projected expenditures are higher than expected by \$36,525.00 primarily due to increase in personal services. Retention program payments and overtime paid not included in the original budget are the cause for the variance.

The city court fund projected expenditures are less than the original budget by \$55,450.00. The difference is based on current year activity.

The hotel occupancy fund expenditures of \$5,000.00 are higher due to collection fees assessed by the CPSB which are not included in the original budget.

Capital Outlay for the special revenue funds is higher than originally expected due to the flood preventive measures made in the spring. The cost is due to the installation of the hesco baskets and higher engineering fees in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance to be duly adopted this 22nd day of June, 2018.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR