

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; Town Attorney George C. Murray, Jr.; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; Bill Murray, Town 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 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 June 28, 2018, and the special meeting of July 19, 2018, were both approved, with no changes. The motion for approval of the minutes was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statements, being a summary of the actual revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2018. She also reviewed the summary sheets previously given to the Aldermen and advised that they were available for distribution. She then, as customary, reported on the various positive and negative fund balances in the various funds and showed the net changes in the various funds. She concluded her presentation by advising the Board that the Town is on target with its projections through the end of the year. There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the review of occupational license applications. The mayor advised the Board that there are two applications as follows:

- (1) By The Barr Fitness Center, LLC, by James Tyler Barr, Member/Manager, to be located at 901 Carter Street, Vidalia, Louisiana. There was no sign application at this time. Thereupon, a motion to approve the granting of the occupational license was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present.
- (2) By LaShaye Parker for Parker's Closet Resale at 3002 Carter Street, Vidalia, Louisiana. No sign application was presented. Thereupon, a motion to approve the granting of the occupational license was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 3, the Mayor advised that there were no outdoor sign applications submitted.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 4, the Mayor entered into a discussion with the Board for Board approval to appropriate the necessary funds to pay the full balance of the Town's indebtedness under its \$2,500,000.00 line of credit. Following a brief discussion, on motion by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, by those present, the Board resolved to hereby appropriate the necessary funds to pay the full present balance of the Town's indebtedness under its \$2,500,000.00 line of credit and to authorize the Mayor to take the necessary actions to implement this Resolution.

Agenda Item No. 5 was the introduction of an Ordinance adopting the policies and procedures manual for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana. The Mayor reported to the Board that he is hereby introducing an Ordinance adopting the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, as presented to the Board previously, and which will be available for public inspection beginning August 17, 2018.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 6, the Mayor advised the Board that it is appropriate at this time to pass a resolution approving the filing of application for 2018 Water Grant (CWEF Program) and to authorize the Mayor and/or Town Manager to execute all documents pertaining to adherence and completion of project. The Mayor then called on Mr. Mark Morace, Superintendent of the Town's Utility Department, to briefly explain to the Board the Grant Application. Mr. Morace explained that this is a "No Match" Grant for improvements to the water treatment plant and for purchase of chemicals. Following his presentation, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, by those present, it was resolved to approve the filing of the application for the 2018 Water Grant (CWEF Program) and to authorize the Mayor and/or Town Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the adherence and completion of the project.

(RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Addressing Agenda Item No. 7, the Mayor advised the Board that it is appropriate at this time to pass a resolution approving the filing of the 2018 Public Works Grant (LGAP Program). He further advised the Board that this is a "No Match" Grant to provide upgrades to equipment and to purchase replacement equipment which will preserve and provide efficiency to the services of the Public Works Department. Thereupon, on motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, by those present, it was resolved to approve the filing of the 2018 Public Works Grant (LGAP Program) and to authorize the Mayor and/or Town Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the adherence and completion of the project.

(RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 8 was a status report on the Utility Rates Study by Mr. Rick Nowlin. The Mayor gave a brief statement concerning the need for the study and introduced Mr. Rick Nowlin who addressed the Board. He indicated that this is a preliminary report on the work in progress and went into a detailed explanation of the work which has been accomplished to date and the work which is needed to be done to complete the project. During his presentation, he fielded questions from both the Board and interested citizens. He concluded his presentation by indicating that he hopes to have

additional information by the September Regular Board Meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr. Nowlin for his presentation and stated that there were no more items on the agenda.

Thereupon, on motion by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and Alderman McCoy having joined the meeting, was unanimously carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Probst:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) 2018-2019 GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a 2018-2019 Grant for up to \$35,000.00 is available from the local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for the funding of public works equipment; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Buz Craft and/or Town Manager Bill Murray need to be authorized to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to the local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, are in support of the local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2018-2019 Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Buz Craft and/or Town Manager Bill Murray are hereby authorized to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to the local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2018-2019 Grant.

The above Resolution was called to a vote and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted on this the 16th day of August, 2018.

JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Probst and seconded by Alderman Betts:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the Division of Administration, State of Louisiana, has been delegated the responsibility of the administration of the Community Water Enrichment Fund, authorized by the Louisiana State Legislature, setting up necessary procedures governing the project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Division of Administration require a Resolution certifying the approval of the filing of the application before submission of the application:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that the said Town of Vidalia hereby:

- (1) Approves the filing of an application for funding to the Community Water Enrichment Fund; and
- (2) Appoints Mayor Buz Craft and/or Town Manager Bill Murray as Agents of the Town of Vidalia to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and any other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was called for a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman McCoy.

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted on this the 16th day of August, 2018.

JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR