

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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 Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 12:00 NOON.

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

There was absent: NONE.

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.

Prior to addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor advised the Board and those present that he wished to recognize several individuals who were in attendance. Some of those recognized were: Donnie Wooley with the USDA; Charles Solieau, an attorney assisting with the closing; Heath Kilibrew and Dan Thompson representing Vidalia Denim. Mr. Wooley told the Board and those present about the USDA's involvement with Project Blue and he spoke at length about his association with the project and some of the challenges in bringing the matter to fruition. Mr. Solieau then spoke about his connection with the project and some of the challenges in bringing the matter to a successful conclusion. Following a short question and answer period, a motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried. The mayor then opened the public hearing on the sale of town-owned industrial property (Fruit of the Loom property).

Mr. Ray Ainsworth first spoke about his concerns pertaining to some portions of the project. During his comments, he advised that he was not against the project. Mrs. Pam Clayton spoke next and asked about what the project would be doing. Mr. Dan Thompson explained the process that the company would use to turn raw cotton into denim. Mrs. Martha Lushute spoke in favor of the project and thanked the Board and the administration for bringing the project to a successful conclusion. Next, Mrs. Destiny Robb discussed the hiring processes for people who are going to work at the plant and Mr. Dan Thompson addressed her issues. Mr. Fred Middleton with the Concordia Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Town for bringing the industry to Vidalia. Sue Granger, with the Concordia Parish Economic Development Authority, spoke in favor of the project and welcomed Project Blue to the area. Finally, Mrs. Heather Malone, Concordia Economic Development Director, advised that there will be official press releases to be handed out.

Thereafter, Alderwoman Dore' moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried. Immediately thereafter, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CITY CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR