

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; Town Manager Bill Murray; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened with 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 regular meeting of February 11, 2020, and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2020, were both approved. The motion for approval in globo was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month of January, 2020. As customary, she explained the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She 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 January 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. There being no comments or questions, the Mayor commented on the report and thanked Mrs. Moak for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The first application was Rene Remon, Project Manager for Total Urgent Care, LLC, for "Total Urgent Care" at 4014 Carter Street, it being noted that no sign application is being made at this time and there being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The next application was by David Allan Morrow for "SMDB Grocery & Boat Supply, LLC", at 801 Carter Street. It being noted that no sign application is being made at this time, and there being no questions or comments, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted.

Agenda Item No. 3 was the consideration of outdoor sign applications. The first application was by Glenn Wisner, d/b/a Southern Signs, Inc. to replace the signs on the hotel at 100 Front Street, Vidalia, to read "CLARION SUITES", in accordance with the pictures attached to the application. There being no comments or questions, motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present, that the application be granted. The next application was by Southern Signs, Inc. for lighted signs to replace the wall sign and the pylon sign to indicate "Security Finance", in accordance with the sketches and pictures shown attached to the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by all present, the application was granted.

Agenda Item No. 4 was a beer and liquor license application (DOLLAR GENERAL). The application was by DG Louisiana, LLC, (by attorneys) for DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #3191 at 1641 Carter Street, as per the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present, the application was granted.

Agenda Item No. 5 was a presentation by Air Med Care Network on renewal of Town membership for 2020. The Mayor explained that it was time to renew the Town's membership and the need for action by the Board, and turned the floor over to Ms. Patricia Lozon, Membership Sales Manager, who made the presentation. She explained, in some detail, the terms and features of the membership program and the costs thereof. Following several questions from the audience and Board members, she concluded her presentation and the Mayor thanked her.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on renewal of Town membership in Air Med Care Network for 2020. The Mayor briefly explained the program in his words and opened the floor for public comments. There being no public comments, he closed the public comments section and opened the matter for discussion and vote by the Board. Following a brief discussion, a motion to renew the membership in accordance with the documents presented at the meeting was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by all present.

Agenda Item No. 7 was an update on streets/sewer projects & river-related issues. The Mayor then discussed the ongoing street projects singling out several streets to discuss, and reminded everyone that a couple of the sewer projects are almost ready to be concluded but that the water levels are still causing problems. With regard to the streets, he said he has not been happy with the progress, but that FEMA has indicated that they will be paying for some of the projects. He went on to report on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he talked with various members of the Corps of Engineers and the Town is being proactive on the seepage problems and the pumping problems.

It being noted that there were no additional agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present. The meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR