

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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 Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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 invocation given by Alderman Gardner, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 November 13, 2018, and the Special Meeting of November 27, 2018, were approved, with no changes. The motion for approval of both sets of minutes was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statements for the month of October, 2018, being a summary of the actual revenues and expenditures as of October 31, 2018. She advised the Board that, since the budget had been passed at the special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on December 4, 2018, her summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses as had been done in the past. 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 October 31. She also advised the Board that the various Department heads have taken proactive measures and are presently re-coding expenses in order to better reflect the actual expenses. At this point, the Mayor reminded that, to date, the Town is under budget. There being no questions or comments on Mrs. Moak's report, the Mayor thanked her for her report.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 2, the Mayor reported that there were two (2) occupational license applications. The first application was by Mr. Barry Richardson for Craws-Claws & Tails, LLC, at 304 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. Mr. Richardson appeared before the Board to speak in favor of his application. He stated that it would be a seafood type restaurant with a seafood market. Following a few questions from the Board, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dore' to approve the application which was seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried. The second application was by Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. for Dollar Tree Store #07623 at 1608 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. The Mayor then asked Town Clerk LaSyone to speak about the application and Mr. LaSyone advised the Board that the application in their packet looks different from the usual Town application and is the online application approved by the State. It contains the basic information as does the Town application. After a short discussion, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried, to approve the application.

In addressing Agenda Item No. 3, the Mayor advised that there were no sign applications made for the December meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board consideration for approval of liquor and beer license applications for 2019. The Mayor reminded the Board that the list of the applications was in their packet and the Board members took a short period to review the applications. During that time, Alderman McCoy asked about the two applications marked "PENDING" and was advised by the Mayor that that meant that they had not yet paid their fees but that one of them had already paid. Following a short discussion, it was moved by Alderman Dore', seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried, to approve all the liquor and beer and beer only applications pending payment of all necessary fees.

(LIST OF LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE AND BEER ONLY LICENSE APPLICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board consideration for approval of proposed new hire for Vidalia Police Department (Thomas Tarver – Full Time Dispatcher).

The Mayor advised the Board that the Vidalia Police Department is in need of hiring an additional full time dispatcher and turned the floor over to Police Officer Frankie Carroll who explained that they only have three (3) dispatchers and that they need four (4) for a complete rotation. Following a short discussion, on motion by Alderman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, the hire of Thomas Tarver as Full Time Dispatcher was approved.

Agenda Item No. 6 was the discussion of funds transferred from Delta Region Community Foundation to Point Man International Ministries/Miss-Lou. The Mayor opened the discussion by telling the Board members of the chain of events which led up to Point Man International Ministries/Miss-Lou (the entity who is proposing the permanent Vietnam Memorial Wall for Vidalia) to be in possession of funds from Delta Region Community Foundation. After briefing the Board on that chain of events, he introduced Mr. Doug McAllister, with Point Man International Ministries/Miss-Lou, who told the Board and those present of its plans to oversee the placement of a permanent Vietnam Memorial Wall for Vidalia. There were questions of him by the Board and by members of the audience, and following the discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman McCoy, to accept the funds back from Point Man International Ministries/Miss-Lou and then to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement be prepared and presented at the next regular meeting to authorize the Town to make a \$5,000.00 grant to Point Man International Ministries/Miss-Lou to aid in the construction and placement of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Vidalia. The motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderwoman Dore' requested that the Mayor have the Utility Rate Ordinance ready for the next meeting and the Mayor indicated that he would. The Mayor then advised that there were no further agenda items and asked for a motion to adjourn. Thereupon, on motion by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

**TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA
LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR
2019**

LIQUOR & BEER

605 LLC DUNYAVI JOSHI (CONTINENTAL)
MCDONOUGH'S LIQUOR
COMFORT SUITES
PAPA T'S
AGAVE CAFÉ' MEXICAN RESTAURANT - Pending
DANNY'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
TOBACCO MART
HAMMER'S WINE & SPIRITS
HAMMER'S DRIVE-THRU
B-KWIK #7
JOHNNIE MAE'S SEAFOOD & GRILLE
VICTORY MARKETING LLC – SPRINT MART #72
VICTORY MARKETING LLC – SPRINT MART #67
RAINBOW QUICK STOP LLC
WALMART
MURPHY'S OIL USA, INC.
EL RANCHERO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

BEER ONLY

JOHNNY'S PIZZA
VIDALIA MARKET
CRAWS, CLAWS & TAILS