

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 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, April 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Debra Moak, Town Accountant; Bill Murray, Town Manager; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; and Pam Middleton, Executive Secretary to the Mayor; 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 of the regular meeting of March 12, 2019, and the typed minutes of the Special Meeting of March 19, 2019, were approved, without changes. The motion for approval of both of the minutes was made by Alderman Gardner, 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 statement for the month of February, 2019. As customary, she explained the fund balances for each of the funds, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She also 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 February 28, 2019. Following her presentation, there being no questions, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak for her usual thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the applications for occupational licenses as follows:

- (1) For Easy Living Home Care, LLC, d/b/a Easy Living Behavioral Health at 806 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA, by Jody Nichols and Lisa Nichols. Lisa Nichols spoke on behalf of the application and briefly explained the nature of the business. Following her presentation, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and carried unanimously to grant the application;
- (2) For A.S. KLEEN T'S Customized Auto Detailing at 900 Texas Street, Vidalia, LA, by Anthony Smith, who spoke on behalf of his application. Following questions by Alderwoman Dore' and Alderman Probst, it was moved by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and carried unanimously to grant the application.

Agenda Item No. 3 was the application for an outdoor sign to be placed on the front of the building for Easy Living Behavioral Health at 806 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA, in accordance with the submitted specifications. After reviewing the application, it was moved by Alderwoman Dore', seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, to grant the application.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board consideration of a proposed resolution to change the name of FRUIT OF THE LOOM DRIVE to KING TIMAHOE DRIVE and to request the Concordia Parish Communications District to make and implement that change. The Mayor explained the circumstances which led to the consideration of the resolution and asked for the Board's discussion. There followed a discussion which contained comments from the audience; questions from the audience; and comments from various board members. Following that discussion, a motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Betts, and a roll call vote was requested. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen McCoy, Betts and Probst.

NAYS: Alderman Gardner and Alderwoman Dore'.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

and, therefore, the Resolution was adopted to be effective immediately.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board consideration to renew the Town contract with Air Med Care Network for 2019-2020. The Mayor again explained the requirement for renewing the Town's contract and called on Ms. Patricia Lozon with Air Med Care, to explain the renewal proposal. During her presentation, there were several questions from both the Board and the audience. After the question and answer session and her explanations, a motion to renew the contract as presented was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board approval to revise the Employee Handbook. The Mayor explained the need to revise the Town's employee handbook to add a harassment policy. The policy would include discriminatory harassment and sexual harassment as contained in the written policy as distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Alderman Dore', seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried, to adopt the harassment policy as presented and amend the Town's Employee Handbook to include said policy.

Agenda Item No. 7 was a discussion of the existing Ordinance pertaining to political signage. The Mayor announced that Alderwoman Dore' had requested that the discussion of the Town's existing Ordinance pertaining to political signage be placed on the agenda for discussion. He then turned the meeting over to Alderwoman Dore' who proceeded to explain that this was not a discussion of changing the Ordinance but was a discussion of the terms of the Ordinance so that the public, and all candidates, would be aware of the terms of the Ordinance. There followed a discussion at which members of the audience and the Board had questions and obtained answers concerning the application of the Ordinance. Following that discussion and question and answer period, there being no further business, on motion of Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Dore', and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FRUIT OF THE LOOM DRIVE TO KING TIMAHOE DRIVE AND TO REQUEST THE CONCORDIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT TO MAKE AND IMPLEMENT THAT CHANGE

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the initial Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town of Vidalia (THE TOWN) and Vidalia Industrial Facilities, LLC (VIF), THE TOWN is obligated to have the name of the street now named "FRUIT OF THE LOOM DRIVE" changed to "KING TIMAHOE DRIVE", and to attend to all matters and requirements in connection therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, VIF has requested that THE TOWN now proceed to have the change of name implemented;

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that the name of the street now known as "Fruit of the Loom Drive" is hereby changed to "King Timahoe Drive" and the Board of the Concordia Parish Communications District is hereby requested to make and implement the aforesaid change of name and take all actions, and make all notifications necessary and requisite in connection therewith; said Resolution to become effective immediately.

The above RESOLUTION was presented for adoption at the April 9, 2019, regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Jon Betts, Tron McCoy and Tommy Probst.

NAYS: Alderwoman Sabrina Dore' and Alderman Robert Gardner.

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINING: NONE

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted on this the 9th day of April, 2019, to be effective immediately.

  
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JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

  
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BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR