

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 special session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 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 absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay Lasyone, Town Clerk; and George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney.

The meeting was opened with 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 regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

Agenda Item No. 1 was Board discussion and vote on political candidates being required to strictly adhere to existing Ordinance relating to political signage within the city limits of Vidalia. The Mayor began by explaining the reasons for the special meeting and opened the floor for public comments. There followed an extended discussion, with questions from the audience and various comments from the audience concerning the fact that there are numerous signs within the city limits which do not adhere to the size requirements as set forth in the Ordinance on political signage. Following those comments and questions and general discussion, the Mayor closed the public comment section and asked for the Board’s discussion and vote. During the Board’s discussion, there were numerous questions and comments from the audience and, following the foregoing discussion, a motion was made by Alderman McCoy that all political signs which are not in compliance with the strict provisions of the political signage ordinance be removed by Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Probst. There followed a discussion by the Board over what the penalty should be and whether or not the Town would be responsible for removing signs which were still out of compliance after the March 4, deadline. The consensus of the Board was that there are penalty provisions in the Town’s Ordinance concerning political signage and that there is no need to re-state those penalties in this motion and, accordingly, anyone out of compliance after Wednesday, March 4, 2020, will be subject to the penalties as provided in the Ordinance, aforesaid. The matter was then called to a vote and the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman McCoy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
**JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK**

/s/ Buz Craft  
**BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR**