



SEMAJ DAVIS of Delta Charter battles a Tensas player for the ball Friday in Ferriday. (Sentinel photo by Wes Faulk)



TRACE MILLER of Delta Charter puts up a shot againts Tensas Friday as Thess Baker (21) positions for the rebound. (Sentinel photo by Wes Faulk)

Public Notices

NOTICE

Concordia Council on Aging is accepting applications for USDA Farmers' Market Coupons. Applications for new clients may be picked up at the Council Headquarters Office, 1106 2nd Street in Ferriday or the Vidalia Meal Site, 411 Texas Street in Vidalia. All applications must be submitted to one of these sites. If you received coupons last year your application will be mailed to you. Applicants must be at least 60 years of age. Applications will be accepted until the parish voucher allotment is met. For more information or questions, contact Beatrice Williams at (318) 437-7071.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ferriday Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 for the 2021 Public Housing Agency Plan that is required by the Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Public Hearing will be held at the Ferriday Housing Authority, 27393 Hwy. 15; Ferriday, LA 71334

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Tax Bill CPJBUN1003
THIS BUNDLE CONTAINS 3 PROPERTIES. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:
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LOTS NUMBER SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) OF BLOCK NUMBER SEVEN (7) OF THE PACE ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CLAYTON, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.
9110076800
0 LONG LAND INVESTMENTS, INC C/O MABLE CLARK
LOT 1 IN BLOCK 49 OF FERRIDAY, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF DOYLES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FERRIDAY, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK CC PAGE 309 OF THE RECORDS OF CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID LOT HAVING A FRONT OF 50 FEET ON CAROLINA AVENUE, BY A DEPTH OF 100 FEET ALONG FOURTH STREET, THE SAID FOURTH STREET BEING A PART OF THE GRAVELED HIGHWAY, FROM FERRIDAY TO VIDALIA, LOUISIANA.
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Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. LA

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CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY
ADJUDICATED PROPERTY SALE ADVERTISEMENT

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I WILL SELL, AT CIVICSOURCE.COM, WITHIN THE LEGAL HOURS FOR JUDICIAL SALES BEGINNING AT 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2021 AND CONTINUING UNTIL SAID SALES ARE COMPLETED, TITLE TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES WERE ADJUDICATED TO THE CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY, TO ENFORCE COLLECTION OF TAXES. THE NAMES OF SAID DELINQUENT TAX DEBTORS AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR EACH OF THE PROPERTIES TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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CPJBUN1003

ON THE DAY OF SALE I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE SALE WILL BE WITHOUT APPRAISEMENT, FOR CASH OR OTHER PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, IN LEGAL TENDER MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A NON-WARRANTY CASH SALE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE PURCHASER FOR THE PROPERTY.

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Tax Bill 9110076800
JAMES RILEY, ADELINE RILEY, LONG LAND INVESTMENTS INC., TOWN OF FERRIDAY, CONCORDIA PARISH, SUSAN L PRISOCK, JORDAN ROY RHONE, LINDSAY J ROHNE, NADINE E COUNTY, TINA DENISE FIELDS, REGINA LOUISE FIELDS
LOT 1, BLK. 49; CC-309 2006 PARISH TAX DEED FROM JAMES RILEY ESTATE
Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 0, LA
Tax Bill 9540007600
HEIRS/ESTATE OF REED DANIELS AND MARTHA DANIELS, MARTHA DANIELS, LOUISIANA TAX I, CONCORDIA PARISH, ALTON J OGDEN JR, DON-OVER EUGENE GUYTON, REED DANIELS, ANTHONY WAYNE DANIELS
LOTS 7 & 8, BLK. 7, PACE ADDN.; B3-64 L8-182 (2010 PARISH TAX SALE ADJ. FROM LOUISIANA TAX I)
Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 0, LA
Tax Bill 9540024600
NELLIE HARRIS MCCRANEY, ROBERT MCCRANEY, CONCORDIA PARISH,

Heirs and Estate of Robert McCraney and Nellie McCraney, Cheronda P duncan, ethel mae fields, bobbie jean mccraney, patrick mccraney, leroy daniels, sheryl jones, vera marie mccraney, sheria amess viescas, shirley a. mccraney, rosie banks, LOUIS R. JOHNSON SR., L R JOHNSON, TIFFANY JOHNSON, jerry lee jones, danny kaye mccraney, rafael l mccraney, shaemeka lashaunda white, barbara mccraney, delores mccraney, darlene mccraney, leonard neal mccraney, lewis mccraney, yovonne lynn anderson, wanda faye cockerham, cardiss estelle gardner-gleser, ayshia aiesha alberta gore, joann e gardner, johnnie lea gardner, maurice lee gardner, percy roscoe gardner, lynn jenise roberts, bertha mccraney hollins, melvin mccraney jr, brandon shone mccraney, brandy mccraney, braxton mccraney, wanda marie mccraney, violet jacobs davidson, sharon d garibaldi, bianca marie mccraney, ariel nicole mccraney, brittany marie mccraney, angela shardae mccraney, kiayar nartorshari mccraney, terrell d mccraney, kashandra barra, lakeisha richards, shante nicoli romant, katrina mccraney, kevin raymond mccraney, RUBY R WASHINGTON
LOTS 6, 7, 11 & 12, BLK. 3, GALLOWAY ADDN; J3-7 C4-338 K4-50-51 Y5-130 (ADJUDICATED TO PARISH FOR 2012 TAX SALE)
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PARISH POLICE JURY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Police Jury of Concordia Parish met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President:	Joseph Parker, Sr.
Members:	Maurice Bachus, Willie Yearby, Gary Neal, Scottie Whittington, Adam Probst, Collin Edwards, Brad Adams
Absent:	Genesis Allen
Secretary Treasurer:	Sandi T. Burley
Invocation:	Mr. Yearby
Pledge of Allegiance:	Mr. Probst

A) A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Bachus to open the public

hearing for the 2021 Proposed Budget and the ordinance revision of the building codes. Motion carried unanimously.
B) Under the public comment period, Ms. Burley spoke to the Jurors that no comments have been received during the viewing period of the budget. In addition, no public comments were received regarding the revision of the building codes. No further comments were made during the public comment period.
C) A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Adams to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1) The Pledge, Invocation, and Roll Call were conducted. A quorum was present.

2) Mr. Parker announced that the seats for President and Vice-President were now open. A nomination was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Edwards to nominate Mr. Parker for President. No further nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Parker being named President for a second year.

Mr. Parker asked for nominations for Vice-President. A nomination was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to nominate Mr. Probst for Vice-President. No further nominations were made. A vote was held, motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution 21-01 was presented for adoption. The resolution authorizes the President, Vice-President, and Secretary / Treasurer to sign the appropriate bank cards, grants, and other documents. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Appointment of Jurors to Consolidated Committees. Mr. Parker asked the Jurors to allow the opportunity to review the boards with Ms. Burley for 2021 before moving forward. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to allow the President to review the board assignments before ratifying the committees. Motion carried unanimously.

5) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the December 14, 2020 special meeting minutes and the December 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Yearby to ratify the purchase orders, bank statements, and statutory payments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Ordinance 2021-01 was presented for consideration. The ordinance adopts the proposed operating budget for 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Neal to adopt the ordinance allocating the funds for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Ordinance 2021-02 was presented for consideration. The ordinance adopts revisions to the building codes for the parish. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously.

9) A request for road repairs to D Faircloth Road (behind Vidalia High School) and Kindergarten Road. A hold harmless and agreement to reimburse the parish for material costs were included in the request. A motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Yearby to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

10) A letter was received from the Concordia Fire District #2 to appoint Mr. Tim Houghton to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Judy Pugh. Mr. Parker explained that discussions had been held with Ms. Jan Armstrong, Secretary for the board that the fire district had not reviewed all applications submitted to make a recommendation. The applications received by the parish office were forwarded to the board for review at their next meeting to be held on January 12, 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal seconded by Mr. Bachus to reject the letter of recommendation in which to allow the board to review at their next meeting and submit a revised letter. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Projects of the Parish were next discussed.
Brushy Bayou – Conference calls are being held with FEMA and GOHSEP regarding the revised BCA for the project. DOTD comments have been submitted by Jordan, Kaiser, and Sessions (JKS). USACE has received all necessary information to continue the 404 and 408 permitting.
DR-4462 – All data has been submitted for FEMA review and approval. Awaiting on RFI or approval from FEMA on project status.
HMGP-4462 – Drainage mitigation planning project is being prepared to submit as a formal application.
CWEE/LGAP – Asked the Jurors to consider any projects of the parish for LGAP funding. Water boards have been notified for CWEE application requests. Deadline for submission is February 1st.

12) Ordinance Violations of the Parish were next discussed.
- Mr. Adams brought forward of three residents on Gore Road that had crushed culverts causing drainage issues to the road and neighboring residents. A motion was made by Mr. Yearby seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve sending the appropriate notices. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Under the Secretary / Treasurer's report, Ms. Burley updated the Jurors on open and potential grant projects. Also updated the Jurors on the revised date for the PJAL convention.

14) A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Probst and carried unanimously to approve the following occupational licenses:

84 Nutrition LLC – Tiffany Burley – 4998 Hwy 84 W, Vidalia – Shakes, drinks

15) Under the Superintendent's materials requests, Ms. Burley brought forward six culverts that needed to be replaced. These were on Airport Road, Passman Road, Boggy Bayou Road, and Robert Webber Drive. Two quotes were received. The lowest quote obtained was from Southern Culvert Company in the amount of \$6,671.03. A motion was made by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the new culverts.

16) Superintendent's work order requests were next discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Bachus seconded by Mr. Yearby and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Bachus – Buildup of ditching at Greathouse Road where there is a wash out; clean up lily pads; Harbor Road is flooding – need damage assessment for solution to the issue.
Yearby – road work needed on Freeman; culvert under the road between 565 and 575 Concordia Park is clogged

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Whittington – Need to look at hot mix solutions; discussed whether this could be applied for under LGAP; discussed operators and use of the grade-all.
Adams – the end of Patsy Brown Road is being used as a school bus and garbage truck turn around; the pitrun is not holding; needs white rock to maintain the use of the road
Parker – wash outs on Weccama Road

17) Correspondence / Public Comments – Distributed were: Minutes of the Concordia Waterworks Meeting held 11/17/20; Recreation District 1 – 2021 meeting dates; CFD2 letter

Mr. Bachus brought forward concerns of work orders not getting done and his constituents are complaining. Mr. Adams stated that he had a culvert to be put in since March that still was not installed. Mr. Whittington asked if we had enough or proper training of staff to run all the equipment.

Mr. Neal stated that COVID has had an effect on what work has been able to get done. Mr. Edwards discussed historical drainage projects and staffing that were once created and funded by the state, but has been left to the parish to maintain without additional revenues to cover the expenses of the maintenance.

Mr. Parker discussed his understanding of the situation. He also discussed that projects of the parish were a priority before other requests. Mr. Yearby expressed that the staff has been offered over time opportunities by working on Fridays and weekends, but little to none have volunteered to work.

18) There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Adams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandi T. Burley, Secretary / Treasurer

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner (by telephone), Tommy Probst (by telephone), Brent Smith, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Town Clerk; Debra Moak, Town Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney and Pam Middleton, Executive Secretary to the Mayor, and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation 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.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2020, were approved. The motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2020, was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. No one made any public comments. There being no comments, the Mayor closed the floor for comments.

Addressing Agenda Item No. 1, the Mayor called on the Town Accountant, Debra Moak, who presented the financial statement for the month ending November 30, 2020. She began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. The summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed and she reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through November 30, 2020. Then, after specifically reporting on the amounts in the various fund balances, she reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. There being no questions, the Mayor thanked Mrs. Moak, and before he went any further, Alderman Gardner, who was attending by telephone, stated that he had something to say pertaining to he could not hear when the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and that he does have something to say about the approval of the agenda of the previous meeting in that Agenda Item No. 10, the verbage was not clear to what actually transpired and he asked that the Board go back and review and that the minutes did not exactly say what he had to say. After an extended discussion of that issue between Alderman Gardner, the Mayor and the Town Clerk, the Town Attorney indicated that he would review the minutes and would prepare a correction for the next meeting and Alderman Gardner thanked him. The Mayor resumed with Agenda Item No. 1 and again thanked Mrs. Moak and advised the Aldermen that the Town's auditors have completed the Town's audit and that it has been turned in on time.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The first application was by Jeremy Taylor representing Carter Street Grill, LLC, for "Carter Street Grill" at 106 Carter Street, Vidalia, LA. It was noted that the application included a sign application and a request for a liquor and beer permit. Mr. Taylor spoke on behalf of the application. The only question concerned whether or not the sign applications and the liquor and beer permit application could be combined with the occupational license and the Town Clerk advised that he had done so in the interest of saving time and the Town Attorney advised that he saw no problem. There being no other questions or comments, on motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried, the application for the occupational license, the sign application, and the liquor and beer permits, were approved. The second application was by DC AG, LLC, represented by Mr. Dennis Cooper, for "DC AG, LLC" at 1910 Carter Street. Mr. Cooper spoke in favor of the applications, which again, included a sign application. There being no comments or questions, it was moved by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, that the applications be granted.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to accept an award bid for Palm Street Sewer Main Repair and improvements to Mitchell Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$67,302.00 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents relating to said project. The Mayor explained the need for the Resolution to accept and award the bid on the project and advised the Board that Mr. Ricky Roth was available to answer questions. There being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, to approve the Resolution and accept and award the bid as requested, in accordance with the Resolution previously presented to the Board in the packet. (A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 4 was a report on status of request from Vidalia Cemetery Association for Town-owned re-claimed asphalt material for use on Cemetery roads. The Mayor explained to the Board that the Town Attorney continues to research whether or not the Town may legally comply with the request of the Cemetery Association. Alderman Gardner suggested that an Attorney General's Opinion be requested. There followed a short discussion between members of the Cemetery Association and the Mayor concerning obtaining an Attorney General's Opinion.

Agenda Item No. 5 was discussion related to enforcement and possible revisions of various Ordinances, currently in place in the Municipal Code. The Mayor began by explaining that the initial Ordinance concerning fireworks is a 1942 Ordinance which has not been amended and was placed in the current Municipal Code Revisions. There followed a general discussion between the Board, Mayor and several attendees concerning the need to revise the current revisions in the Vidalia Municipal Code to clarify issues and to bring the Ordinances up to date with current practices. After the somewhat extended discussion, the Mayor suggested that Alderwoman Demby and Alderman Smith form a committee to consider updates to the current Vidalia Municipal Code with reference to a number of items. There being no further questions or comments, the discussion was terminated.

There being no additional agenda items, motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/JayLaSyone /s/BCraft
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, proposals were submitted to the following contractors for Wastewater Improvements on Palm Street, on December 17, 2020:

Jabar Corporation
Mitchell Contracting, Inc.
BLD, LLC
Suncoast Infrastructure

Proposals were received on January 6, 2021, and only one proposal was received, as follows:

Mitchell Contracting, Inc. \$ 67,302.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia awards the project to Mitchell Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$67,302.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents including contracts, estimates and change orders between the Town of Vidalia and Mitchell Contracting, Inc.

This Resolution adopted this 12th day of January, 2021, with the vote recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Gardner, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 12th day of January, 2021.

/s/JayLaSyone /s/BCraft
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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Town of Ferriday Council Meeting December 8, 2020 6 p.m. Minutes

Call to Order at 6 p.m.: Mayor Rydell Turner
Invocation: Pastor Justin Conner
Pledge of Allegiance: All Present
Roll Call: Alderwoman Lloyd, present
Alderman Keys, present
Alderwoman Pryor, present
Alderman Banks, present
Alderwoman Bacon, present

Mayor Turner asked for a motion to approve minutes for November 10, 2020. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Pryor; motion made by Alderwoman Pryor to approve minutes November 16, 2020 (Special Meeting), 2nd by Alderman Keys, so carried.

Mayor asked for a motion to add Sheriff's Department, Blocking of the road (Montgomery Square #2), Extension of city limits and Fuel Trac to the agenda. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Pryor, so carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Pastor Justin Conner spoke concerning the annexation of the city limits and being able to move forward and appointment of police chief; he also commended the Chief and police department for stepping up patrol and protection for the town.

Ordinances

Amendment to Ordinance 17-01: No decision; tabled until further notice.

Ordinance No. 20-10 (Municipal Salaries): Alderman Keys questioned if the town could afford to increase; No decision.

Old Business

Planning and Zoning Committee: Alderwoman Lloyd expressed the need to revitalize the planning and zoning committee. Mayor Turner stated he and Clint Vegas were discussing getting people together for a planning committee. Alderwoman Lloyd stated, normally the Board of Alderman contact and present the names of persons in each district for the committee. Names presented by Board: Charles Bell, Larry McKinney, Elijah Banks and Glenn Henderson. Clint Vegas informed the Mayor and Board there were several members of the community who would be interested in participating in the planning committee such as Justin Conner, Anna Brakenridge, DeBorah Elaine-Jones and possibly a member of the Garden Club.

All Alleyways Cleaned: Alderman Banks explained there are several alleyways that need to be cleaned and Alderwoman Lloyd expressed her concerns for Mercy Seat Alley; Mayor Turner informed he would put Mercy Seat Alley on our high priority list.

Police Jury (Side Boom Tractor) District B only: Alderman Banks stated this was his 3rd attempt to request assistance for the side-boom tractor from the Concordia Parish Police Jury, Alderwoman Lloyd informed Alderman Banks the use of the side-boom truck if allowed should be used for all districts in the town, not only District B.

Auxiliary Police Force Established: Alderman Banks informed the Mayor and Board there was an ordinance coming to establish an auxiliary police force. Alderwoman Lloyd and Alderman Keys questioned the duties, responsibilities and if they would be paid for their services on the auxiliary police force. Interim Chief Curry explained to the Mayor and Board an auxiliary police force performs voluntary services and would not get paid for their services since several board members had concerns.

Extend city limits: Alderman Keys wanted to know if a letter could be sent to Oliver Schulz concerning a meeting to discuss extending the city limits. Attorney Letard stated he would send the letter and research annexation so the town could take the necessary steps to start the process. Interim Chief Curry stated with the discussion of annexation there also needs an incorporate in the program more resources for the fire and police department.

New Business

Appointment of Police Chief: Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Interim Chief Herman Curry. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Bacon. Roll call established: Lloyd, No; Keys, No; Pryor, Yes; Banks, Yes; Bacon, No. Alderwoman Lloyd stated because Alderwoman Bacon had seconded the motion her vote was yes. Alderwoman Bacon explained she was new, did not know and seconded to move the motion forward. Attorney Letard informed even though Alderwoman Bacon seconded the motion in error, her vote meant she approved. After a brief discussion Alderwoman Bacon asked to revisit appointment of Herman Curry as police chief because her vote was no. Attorney Letard stated he has never seen anyone rescind a vote; but thought the Board could entertain another motion. Mayor Turner stated his recommendation for Police Chief was Interim Chief Herman Curry. Attorney Letard advised the Board to revoke to resolve the issue. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Pryor, so carried. Roll call established: Lloyd, No; Keys, No; Pryor, Yes; Banks, Yes; Bacon, No. Motion died for lack of support.

COVID-19 Update: As of December 3, 2020...Concordia Parish 1,036 Total cases reported; 28 COVID-19 related deaths reported; 12,028 tests complete; currently Concordia Parish has almost a 12% positivity rate; currently Louisiana has a 8.2% positivity rate. State of Louisiana 241,335 cases reported; 6,501 deaths reported; 1,288 reported COVID-19 patients in hospitals; 134 of those on ventilators; 3,618,895 tests complete by state and commercial labs; 202,891 presumed recovered as of November 30, 2020. Information provided by Timothy Vanier, Director Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

Police Department Equipment Update: (3) portable statewide 700/800 radios - \$5,266; (4) Portable statewide 700/800 radios - \$5,740; (7) Fitted Ballistic Vests - \$4,153.52; (7) Tactical Flashlights - \$562.94

Fire Department Equipment Update: (4) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with mask, P.A.S.S. device, and spare cylinders - \$22,400

Permit Fees: DeBorah Elaine-Jones presented to the Mayor and Board a list of Building Permit Fees for residential and commercial properties for the town. Ms. Jones expressed the town had been losing money for permit fees because residential and commercial properties were being charged the same amount. After researching and comparing fee schedules for other cities in the area. Mayor asked for a motion to accept permit fees at 8.5%. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Lloyd, so carried.

Rental Deposits (Ferriday Hall & Haney's): DeBorah Elaine-Jones expressed to the Mayor and Board her concerns the refundable \$50 required for the rental of the buildings. She stated because we have someone designated to clean the buildings; she asked if the Board would reinstate the \$100 fee as non-refundable. Mayor suggested leaving the fee as is.

100 Days: Emerson Slain, Administrative Assistant gave an update of accomplishments since the beginning of Mayor Turner's administration: State of Louisiana/Town of Ferriday Water Renovations - \$1.4 million; Letter of Engagement from Affordable Housing and Call Center; Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement Egrants - \$22,450; Chosen Independence (signed MOU); State Representative C. Travis Johnson – Madame CJ Walker hosting Parade for Juneteenth.

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Pastor Larry Andrews, Sr.: Spoke to the Mayor and Board about assisting with maintaining the park and area across from Mt. Beulah B.C. He is going to put signs up stating no horses and four wheelers on the property. Mayor Turner assured Pastor Andrews the town would assist as much as possible.

Garden Club (EE Wallace to Louisiana Ave downtown to First Street): Alderman Banks needed volunteers for the city because those currently are getting older.

Re-Open Ferriday Farmer's Market, Rock-A-Billy Plaza Weekend Music Festival & Ferriday Soul Survivors Fest: Alderman Banks expressed to need to see these re-opened. Alderwoman Lloyd informed Alderman Banks with the pandemic right now, we could not reopen.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve Maurice Johnson mobile home. Motion made by Alderwoman Pryor, 2nd by Alderman Keys and Alderman Banks, so carried.

90-day Notice for Garbage Contract: Alderwoman Pryor wanted to make sure Attorney Letard was aware of the current garbage contract.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve holiday fireworks from December 19 – January 2, 2021 at 1 p.m. Motion made by Alderman Banks, 2nd by Alderwoman Pryor, so carried.

Christmas Decoration Lighting: Alderwoman Pryor expressed her concerns about the light on the Christmas tree on EE Wallace Boulevard.

Sheriff's Department: Alderman Keys suggested with recent shootings and loud music in the town having the Sheriff's Department take over. Alderman Keys also stated he has seen things in the community and at the police department and he is not satisfied. Interim Chief Curry addressed the concerns of Alderman Keys by stating he has done his best ensure things are done correctly. He also stated with the current shootings and other issues he had 9 warrant requests, but it is a process and people do not understand the process. Interim Chief Curry asked Alderman Keys if he has brought any of the issues to his attention prior to the board meeting. Alderwoman Pryor stated there should be appointed commissioners for each department and she will be requesting appointing commissioners on the January agenda. Alderwoman Lloyd questioned the pay rate of the officers and insurance, Interim Chief Curry explained they have none and it is his responsibility to make sure the officers are protected. Mayor Turner responded by stating Interim Chief Curry has gone over and beyond the call of duty and issues could be addressed prior the monthly meeting.

Blocking of the Road (Montgomery Square #2): Alderman Keys was concerned because the road was blocked off and he saw an officer collecting money during a football game. Interim Chief Curry addressed the issue and explained he made the decision to block the area off so the residents of Montgomery Square would be able to park and an ambulance would be able to come through if there was an emergency. Alderman Keys questioned why an officer there collecting money. Interim Chief Curry stated with two games left it was a trial to see if football fans were interested in paying to tailgate; the funds collected were donated to Ferriday High School football team.

Occupational License

Mayor asked for a motion to approve Banks Janitorial Service and Fuel Trac. Motion made by Alderwoman Lloyd, 2nd by Alderman Keys, so carried.

Alcohol License

Mayor asked for a motion to approve Fuel Trac. Motion made by Alderwoman Lloyd, 2nd by Alderman Keys, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Rydell Turner, Mayor Sharon R. Kelly, Town Clerk

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Town of Ferriday Special Council Meeting December 21, 2020 6 p.m. Minutes

Call to order at 6 p.m.: Mayor Rydell Turner
Invocation: Mayor Rydell Turner
Pledge of Allegiance: All Present
Roll Call: Alderwoman Lloyd, present
Alderman Keys, present
Alderwoman Pryor, present
Alderman Banks, present
Alderwoman Bacon, present

Alderman Keys asked to revisit the appointment of Police Chief to the agenda. Alderwoman Lloyd explained by law it could not be added or discussed, the special meeting is only to discuss what is on the agenda. Mayor asked for a motion to revisit or add appointment of Police Chief to agenda. Roll call established: 5 nays

Old Business

Fireworks: The town will authorize the use of fireworks beginning December 15 through January 1, 2021 at 12 a.m. Mayor explained to Chief Curry and the officers are to currently use the ordinance in place and to do the best they can.

Curfew: Chief Herman Curry explained to the Mayor and Board the juvenile curfew has not been update since 1992 and needs amending. He suggested revising and amending to include fines and community service for parents not in compliance. Alderwoman Pryor disagreed with enforcing fines and community service without properly informing the community of any changes being made. Mayor Turner and Pastor Justin Conner both expressed concerns about enforcing the ordinances that are in place; a member of the audience commented that everyone does not have computer access and we needed to go back to the old way such as putting out flyers. Alderwoman Lloyd also suggested newspaper and television advertisement.

Oil & Seed Building (Update): Raven Campbell-Smith, President of Independence Chosen came before the Mayor and Board to get an update on the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Alderman Keys and Alderwoman Lloyd had questions concerning the terms of the agreement. Attorney Letard explained some of the terminology in the MOU had been revised to reflect a 15 year instead of 20. Mrs. Smith inquired as to when the MOU would be available to sign by each party. Attorney Letard responded stating if both parties agreed the MOU would be ready to sign within the next week or 10 days. Mayor asked for a motion to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Motion made by Alderman Keys, 2nd by Alderwoman Bacon, so carried.

New Business

Discharging of Firearms: Chief Herman Curry addressed the Mayor and Board concerning discharging firearms within the city limits is illegal and will be enforced.

Property behind Exxon: Mayor Turner told the Board he spoke with the owner of Exxon on Louisiana Avenue and the owner wants to see if the property right behind to the building could be donated by the town. Alderwoman Lloyd explained the property could not be donated.

Meeting adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Rydell Turner, Mayor Sharon R. Kelly, Town Clerk

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