

Warhawks sweep Arkansas State

ULM outscored Arkansas State, 12-5, over the closing 4 1/2 minutes en route to a 62-55 victory in Fant-Ewing Coliseum Saturday afternoon as the Warhawks completed the series sweep on the opening weekend of Sun Belt Conference play. The Warhawks converted eight-straight free throws in the final 1:20 to ice the game.

It also marked ULM's third consecutive win over Arkansas State, matching the Warhawks' longest streak (1984-85) in series history.

"It definitely was a grind-it-out win," ULM head coach Keith Richard said. "It's difficult to beat any Division I team twice in one season, and we're trying to do it against a conference opponent on back-to-back days. These Saturday games aren't going to be pretty at times because fatigue does become a factor, regardless

of how deep you go into your bench. It's tough physically and mentally. There were times in the second half where the play wasn't pretty.

"The question becomes who can make the big plays at critical moments when neither team has been scoring because the opponent is experiencing the same things. Who can get the big stop when your team needs one? Who can grab the big rebound? Who can make free throws down the stretch? We led for the first 30 minutes of the game, then fall behind midway through the second half. That's our team's first taste of this kind of game, and the way they responded was a good sign for us. They competed against the opponent. They competed against physical and mental fatigue. They competed against me (laughing). But, they found a way to win."

Josh Nicholas sparked an early

11-0 run with his 3-pointer from the right baseline and Russell Harrison's four-point play gave ULM (4-5, 2-0 Sun Belt) its largest lead at 15-4 with 13:59 left in the first half. The Warhawks hit eight of their first 10 shots from the field, including all three from 3-point range, and enjoyed a 20-11 advantage with 12:19 to play in the opening half.

A-State (3-6, 0-2) responded with a 12-3 run of its own and tied the score at 23-all on a layup from Caleb Fields with 6:48 remaining in the first half. The Red Wolves connected on 6-of-8 field-goal attempts during that stretch while ULM experienced a scoring drought that lasted 4:13.

Johnnie Williams' 3-pointer from the right wing in transition fueled a 9-2 spurt as the Warhawks built a seven-point lead at 32-25 on 3 from Koreem Ozier with 3:53 left. A-State

closed out the opening half with a 7-3 run to cut its halftime deficit to 35-32.

Playing in back-to-back games, fatigue became a factor in the second half as neither team scored for nearly the first four minutes. Trailing 42-34 with 14:33 left, Keyon Wesley scored five-straight points to key an 11-0 run for the Red Wolves. Antwon Jackson made the second of two free-throw attempts to give A-State its first lead of the game at 43-42 with 10:14 on the clock. Jackson added two more free throws as the Red Wolves took a 45-42 lead with 9:17 remaining.

ULM went exactly six minutes without a field goal until Thomas Howell's layup, off an assist from Luke Phillips, pulled the Warhawks within 45-44 with 9:02 to play. Markise Davis connected on a 3-pointer.

ULM players meet Bowden

By Paul Letlow,

By virtue of an upbeat virtual meeting with new head coach Terry Bowden, the ULM football team turned the page on a tough chapter in the program's history.

"From what he told us I feel he is going to change the culture, put the best players on the field and win some games," ULM defensive lineman Kevin Pointer said. "I believe in everything he was saying."

ULM announced Bowden's hiring on Dec. 23 with the hope that the 64-year old can put the program back on track after an 0-10 season, which resulted in ULM mutually parting ways Matt Viator on Dec. 7. Bowden shared his message directly to players during a call that same day.

"I hope they will be receptive to the challenge and the opportunity we provide," Bowden said.

A brief recap was probably in order for most of the players who

are too young to remember the formative years of Bowden's career.

Bowden is currently serving as an analyst at Clemson under Dabo Swinney, but he made a difference as Akron's head coach during a seven-year stretch. The son of legendary college football coach Bobby Bowden took Akron to two bowl games and the Mid-American Conference West title. Terry Bowden has a history of winning throughout his career as a head coach, which took him from Salem (West Virginia) to Samford (Alabama) to Auburn and North Alabama.

"I knew of his father's history but not much about his and I looked him up and got to know his history a little bit more," ULM quarterback Jeremy Hunt said. "We are all very excited about him and the new direction he's looking to take this team. We will all miss Coach V and the staff."

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CONCORDIA
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

CONCORDIA BANK & TRUST

VS SUIT NUMBER: 52706

WILLIAM G NEW, II

WRIT OF: WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

"SEE ATTACHED"

Exhibit A

1. One 2015 Kawasaki KRT800CFF bearing VIN Number JKBRTC-C11FB507013; whether any of the foregoing is owned now or acquired later; all accessions, additions, replacements; and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing; all related equipment, all related fixtures, and all related accounts, chattel paper, documents, and general intangibles; all records-of any kind relating to any of the foregoing.

2. All that portion of the following described property lying South and West of a canal running through the following described property and South of the centerline of Highway 907, containing 4 acres, more or less:

10 acres off the North-half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 of SE/4) of Section 1 Township 5 North, Range 6 East, beingpart of Scarborough Plantation situated on Black River, in Concordia Parish, Louisiana said 10 acres being adjacent to Mrs. AnnieTooley's land, being a strip extending from Black River to the rear part of said property, between parallel lines, and of sufficient width to make 10 acres, as shown by map of Frank O. Green, Civil Engineer, January 20, 1919, recorded in Deed Book BB, page 334 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon, all rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages, thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, including, but not limited to permanently situated on property herein by Declaration of Immobilization, recorded in Conveyance Book 407, Page 501, dated June 8, 2004, records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

DATE OF SALE: **January 13, 2021**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR., SHERIFF

BY: Laci Darcey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise December 2, 2020
Advertise January 6, 2021

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STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CONCORDIA
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

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UNITED MISSISSIPPI BANK

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ALI M ABDULLA & ESTISAM M. MOHSEN

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90-04438231

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:
STREET ADDRESS: 287 TERRY CIR
TOWN: VIDALIA
PARISH: CONCORDIA
STATE OF: LOUISIANA

BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

LOT: 29 SUBDIVISION: LITTLE ACRES SUBIVISION, SECOND DEVELOPMENT

SIGNED FOR IDENTIFICATION WITH HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE DATED JANUARY 7, 2015

ALI M ABDULLA

EBTISAM M MOHSEN

DATE OF SALE: **February 17, 2021**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

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LOTS TWENTY-FIVE (25), TWENTY-SIX (26) AND TWENTY-SIX-A (26A) OF BLOCK NO. ONE (I) OF WOODLAND SUBDIVISION OF THE TOWN OF FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA AS SHOW ON A PLAT MADE RECORDED CONVEYANCE BOOK Q-5, PAGE 85 OF THH RECORD OF CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

236 WOODLAND DRIVE, FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CONCORDIA

This instrument was for record on the 5th day of NOV. 2014 at 12:07 o'clock pm and was recorded in the MOB Book 426 Folio 1412 and _____ Book _____ Filo _____ of the records of this office.

Document No. 295280
"A true copy of the original"

s/s D. Magoun
Deputy Clerk of Court
Concordia Parish, Louisiana

Vidalia, Louisiana Oct. 23, 2000

SIGNED FOR IDENTIFICATION WITH MORTGAGE DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ferriday Housing Authority is currently seeking a qualified civil engineer and/or engineering firm (architects/firm) which have five (5) years or more experience in providing civil engineering and/or modernization and construction or equivalent combination of experience /training to be responsible for preparation of construction documents, bidding and bid evaluation, final inspection, and project acceptance. Planning, coordinating, implementing capital improvement programs to include street improvements. Public Housing experience preferred. Knowledge of federal/state regulatory compliance; public housing modernization requirements; and experience working with HUD Capital Fund Programs is a plus.

Mail resume to:
Ferriday Housing Authority
27393 Hwy. 15
Ferriday, LA 71334
ATTN: Netrina England, Executive Director

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**VILLAGE OF CLAYTON
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen conducted the June 2, 2020 meeting through a conference call at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Washington and opened with prayer. Present were Mayor Washington, aldermen Houston Holmes, Wilbert Washington, Willie Evans, Lavon Barber and alderwoman Shannon Madison. Also present were Sally Lewis clerk and Chief Bobby Madison.

Motion was made by Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Washington to accept the minutes of March 3, 2020 with necessary corrections, all voting aye motion carried. Mayor stated she has a gentleman who is interesting in purchasing the tractor for \$2,500.00. Aldermen Washington, Barber and alderwoman Madison said they didn't have any problem with selling the two-wheel tractor. Also Mayor said someone wants to buy the grey truck. Chief Madison stated the truck has to be bidden

before it can be sold. "I will check to see if the truck has been bidden on" said Mayor Washington.

Motion was made by Mr. Washington seconded by Ms. Madison to adopt the millage rate at 3.64 all voting aye motion carried.

Mr. Evans stated we need to put a hold on discussing the budget, didn't have enough time to study. Motion was made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Barber to table the discussion on the budget until they study it, all voting aye motion carried.

It was agreed upon by the board to call a special meeting for June 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget.

Chief Madison reported the police department is doing the same thing the governor is doing as operating back in phase one and going to phase two writing tickets. Chief also stated as for crime rates we have had nothing major and accidents were up from peoples out of town.

There being no further business to come before the board Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting.

MAYOR _____ CLERK _____

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**VILLAGE OF CLAYTON
SPECIAL MEETING
16 June, 2020**

The Mayor and Board of aldermen conducted the June 16, 2020 meeting through a conference call at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Mayor Washington. Present were Mayor Washington, aldermen Willie Evans, Wilbert Washington and Lavon Barber. Absent were alderwoman Shannon Madison and alderman Houston Holmes. Also present was Sally B. Lewis clerk.

Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget. Mayor said the town has carried the police department for two years.

Alderman Washington stated he saw in the newspaper where the town is advertising for a Police Chief. "When is that going to come about" asked Washington? Alderman Washington said looking at salaries we budget last year for a police chief and clerk. "Are we going to keep just the chief and clerk?" asked Washington. Mayor suggested to only keep the chief and clerk.

Alderman Washington asked the board if they believe \$60,000 was reasonable for the police dept. all agreed. "Have we not paid insurance this year on the vehicles" asked alderman Washington. Mayor said she would get with Ms. Jeri Sue Tosspon. Alderman Washington stated as for the proposed budget we need to let the insurance and workman comp. stay the same. "I propose the repairs and maintenance at \$2,500 and the professional fees at \$7,000 for the 2021 budget" said alderman Washington.

Mayor Washington stated she would amend the Mayors' salary and reduce her pay if she is elected. Alderman Washington stated if he is elected for Mayor he would take a reduction in pay.

Alderman Washington suggested to keep the pay roll tax at \$7,704 and don't budget for anything else. Washington questioned the \$2,072 telephone bill. Mayor said the AT&T bills usually runs \$450 to \$470 dollars a month but she will check into it. "We need to budget \$15,000 for an audit" said Mr. Washington. A special meeting was set for June 23, 2020 at 7:00 all agreed.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Washington.

MAYOR _____ CLERK _____

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**Village of Clayton Board Meeting
September 1, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: MICHELLE BETHEA, JOHN MITCHELL, WILLIE EVANS, SALLIE LEWIS, KEVIN MITCHELL, JOE CURTIS (CONCORDIA SENTINAL), CARL THOMPSON, MARSHALL BOBBY MADISON

ABSENT:

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

MEETING START
Meeting Schedule Start: 7:00 pm
Meeting Actual Start: 7:12 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/AGENDA WAS AMMENDED TO REFLECT ITEM A UNDER NEW BUSINESS
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Carl Thompson
Carried: Yes/with addition of Appointment of Town/Village Clerk Notes:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 2, 2020 & SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 16, 2020
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes: Alderman Evans stated we should enter the vehicles and the tractor into the State of Louisiana's Website

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Old Business
a. Review of Monthly Bills & Monthly Financial Reports
Motion:
Second:
Carried: None required Notes:

b. Discuss/Approval of 2020 - 2021 Budget
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Carl Thompson
Carried: Yes
Notes: Marshall Madison noted that the subcategory of OWI's need to be removed from the budget Alderman Bethea requested a break down of the police department's operating expenses.

c. Approval of Ordinance to Execute Act of Governor's Proclamation
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to Re- classify the Town to a Village
Motion: Willie Evans Second: Carl Thompson Carried: Yes
Notes:

d. Discuss/Approval of Alderman Stipend
Motion: Willie Evans Second: Michelle Bethea Carried: Yes
Notes: Alderwoman Bethea and Alderman Evans stated that it is a civic duty to represent the town in board meetings, and if an alderperson cannot fulfill his/her duties by attending meetings via conference call or in person, it is

- 6. New Business
a. Appointment of Sallie B. Lewis be appointed as Town/Village Clerk
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes:
b. Approval of Millage Resolution
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes: Was previously rejected due to a typographical error, but accepted today during meeting

Resolution to add Mayor Wilbert S. Washington to Bank Signature Cards
Motion: Carl Thompson
Second: Michelle Bethea
Carried: Yes
Notes:

Discuss/Elect Mayor Pro Tern/Amended to add Mayor Pro Tern to Bank Signature Cards.
Motion: Carl Thompson
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes: Carl Thompson nominated Michelle Bethea and the board unanimously agreed and amended the motion to add Alderwoman Bethea to the bank signature cards.

Address Gas Operator Position
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Carl Thompson
Carried: Yes
Notes: Mayor explained the process as it pertains to hiring a new gas operator vs a previous employee. The board elected to reinstate Mr. James Griffin (the previous gas operator).

Police Department Report

Notes: Marshall Madison explained that he was looking to use an outside entity that would locate the offender and recoup the unpaid citations at no expense to the village.
Marshall Madison also updated the board on the status of his vehicle stating that the sheriff was in the process of trying to assist him with getting the vehicle running as it is necessary to continue the ticket writing process.

Adjournment
Motion: Willie Evans
Second: Michelle Bethea
Carried: Yes
Notes: Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
Next Meeting: October 6, 2020@7:00 p.m.

/s/ Wilbert S. Washington Mayor /s/Sally B. Lewis Clerk

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Village of Clayton Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present : Mayor Wilbert Washington, Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea, Alderman Kevin Mitchell, Alderman Carl Thompson, Alderman Willie Evans, Clerk Sally Lewis and Chief Bobby Madison

Absent: Alderman John Mitchell

A quorum was established!

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilbert Washington at 7:00 PM.; followed by the invocation and Pledge of All egiance.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Carl R. Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Alderman Kevin M it chell. The motion was carried!

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting minutes (Sept. 1, 2020) and the motion was seconded by Alderman Carl R. Thompson. The motion was carried!

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance on the Town Re-classification & Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Mayor Washington stated that on the conference call meeting on September 1st it he stated and presented printed materials to the board that the Road Tax would project approximately \$7,000; but he wanted to amend that amount because the check we are currently getting from the police jury has increased by \$1,000. We are now projecting \$12,000 annual for Road tax at the end of the year and our net income should have at least \$940.00 left in the Road Tax category after we pay truck expenses, Workerman’s Compensation and salaries. He also stated that his concern with the budget on the general fund is we adjust the fines on DWI Income from what it was last year some \$20,000 up to \$81,000. Mayor Washington stated that he had discussed the proposed budget for the police department with Chief Madison. The reason they came up with that figure was because they were looking at salaries, auto insurance, Workerman’s compensation, conference fees, chief membership association he has to be in that came up to about \$78,000. The Mayor said that he asked the Chief if he could make this budge and the Chief replied “yes”!

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution of Respect (The Barber Family)

Mayor Washington expressed how Mr. Floyd Barber was a very important member to the community by serving it well for years and he would truly be missed. Mayor Washington read the resolution and then presented it to Mr. Barber’s son, who thanked the town for what they had done.

B. Ordinance to Re-classify the Town as a Village

Alderman Kevin Mitchell made a motion to accept the ordinance to Re-classify the Town of Clayton as a Village and it was seconded by Alderman Willie Evans.

The motion carried with a roll call vote: Mayor Wilbert Washington, Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea, Alderman Carl R. Thompson, Alderman Willie Evans and Alderman Kevin Mitchell

The Mayor stated based on the 2010 Census the Town of Clayton sho uld have been classified as a Village but it was not done. Therefore, we do have a Proclamation from the Governors’ office date July 23, 2020.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: A. Adopt 2020-2021 Budget

Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea made a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 budget and it was seconded by Alderman Carl R. Thompson. The motion was carried!

C. Community Development Loan Application (Ms. Scott) - cancelled

B. Review of Monthly Bills & Monthly Financial Reports

The Mayor stated that the town is not so far gone that we cannot get it back, but it’s going to take a commitment and discipline to pay those individuals that we owe. The town went with the suggestion of the Public Serve Commission by mailing letters to its citizens that were 90 days behind. The mayor would give them a change to sign a payment plan with the town to pay their past due bill and to keep the current bill paid. The payment could be set up for 3 to 6 months according to how much they owed. If the agreement is violated, than their utilities would be cut off. Mayor Washington stated that he was not trying to be mean, but the town had bills to pay! He also stated that if anyone needed to talk to him, they could do so by phone or in person. Mayor Washington said that when he first filled the seat of mayor, the town was well over \$400,000 in debt, including the Concordia Bank loan. We have caught up on paying Louisiana Municipal Gas and making payments on the back due bills. In the past few months we have paid some of the debts down.

D. Concordia Bank Loan Payment

Mayor Washington stated that at the advice of the Legislator office he went to Concordia Bank in Vidalia to speak with Mr. Biglane about what type of agreement could be made for the town on paying the bank. Whatever the bank agreed on would not be official until we go to Baton Rouge and meet with the Legislator and Bond Commission and if they say no, we still have to keep paying on the loan. We started out with a \$350,000 loan and we defaulted by not making payments which caused the interest to build up. Since 2019 we have paid the loan down to \$234,805.33. To keep it under \$300,000 and at 2.25 interest, we have to do an 8 year payment plan which would put us at \$2,600.74 per month or a 9 year plan which would put us at \$2,404.00. Mayor Washington said he recommended we go with the 9 year plan, reason being to set up a \$2,500.00 automatic payment out of the bank and if we have an extra \$500.00 we will write the bank a check.

E. Occupational License Application (Mr. Jefferson)

Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea made a motion that the Village of Clayton accepts Mr. Jefferson application for an occupational license for a car wash and it was seconded by Alderman Willie Evans. The motion was carried!

F. Gate for Lagoon Road

Mayor Washington informed the Board that the Police Jury had repaired the road but someone with a 4- wheeler or 4-wheel drive tore it up. Mayor Washington stated this is not a public road and if anyone is caught on the road the State Police will be called to have them arrested and the 4-wheeler or 4-wheel drive will be taken.

G. Gas Operation Inspection (Oct. 13th , 14th & 16 th)

Mayor Washington informed the Board that the town will have a major gas inspection on Oct. 13th, 14th and 16th . There will be 2 days of checking the records and 1 day of in the field.

H. 2021CDBG for Water Meters & Installation

Mayor Washington stated that last year we applied for a digits wat er meters grant for \$758,032. The construction cost could go up to \$800,000 if we are approved. The grant will be awarded by April 2021. The Mayor also stated we needed to focus on applying for 2023 grants.

I. Change the November Meeting Date

Alderman Willie Evans made a motion to change the November Meeting Date to November 10, due to 1 Election Day and it was seconded by Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea. The motion was carried!

Motion to Adjourn

Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Alderman Willie Evans. The motion was carried!

Mayor Wilbert Washington Clerk Sally Lewis

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VILLAGE OF CLAYTON REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Alderpersons met in regular session at the City Hall, Clayton, LA on November 10, 2020 at 7:00PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilbert Washington and opened with a prayer by Alderman Kevin Mitchell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was done by the clerk. Present were, Mayor Wilbert Washington, Aldermen Willie Evans, Carl Ray Thompson, Kevin Mitchell, Abdul Sabir and Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea. Also present were Clerk Sally Lewis and Chief Bobby Madison.

A motion was made by Alderman Bethea and second by Alderman Evans to add two items to the agenda, a resolution of death, out of respect for the former chief of police, the late Clarence “PaPa” Skipper and to discuss OEP (Office of Emergency Preparedness). All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously! A motion was made by Alderman Evans and second Alderwoman Bethea to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously! Public Participation: None

Mayor Washington stated he had received an email from Mr. Stuart Saulters, AP-GA’s Vice President of Government Relations stating the town needs to pass a resolution appointing a director and an alternate director that would be responsible for attending meetings that are held by the LA Municipal Natural Gas Authority. The motion was made by Alderwom an Bethea and second by Alderman Mitchell to nominate Mayor Washington as the director and Alderwoman Bethea as the alternate director. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously! Mayor Washington stated that the Community Development Revitalization Program had been around since the 90s. This program allows the town to make loans to businesses to improve its municipality. Mayor said he didn’t know how to administer the fund and he could not find any guidelines on how to use the funds, so he called the USDA office and they said that we had to return the funds since it had not been used for so long. After discussing the grant it was determine that they had made a mistake on how much the original grant was. Mayor stated he will be meeting with USDA next week and he would get all the information needed to how we can get business started. After a lengthy discussion on the use of the town vehicles, Mayor Washington suggested this item be tabled until our next meeting.

Mayor Washington reported to the board that the attorney that the town was using has gone to a better job. Mayor Washington asked for at least two alderpersons to work together to provide the board with names of attorneys and bring it to the next meeting so we can vote on an attorney. Aldermen Abdul Sabir, Carl R. Thompson and Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea all agreed to seek the names of attorneys. Mayor Washington reported the town sold the land that they leased to a tower company and to his understanding the board voted not to lease anymore land. Mayor said in the towns’ current financial state we need to reconsider in leasing a piece of land.

Mayor Washington reported to the board that hehad gotten a letter from the Office of Community Development for LGAP and CWEP applications to be submitted by February 1, 2021. For the 2021FY the maximum allocated amount available for the parish in the LGAP is \$58,008 and for CWEP is \$64005. The Mayor said we qualified for both grants. Clayton’s well at the water plant is in need of repair and we should try to get funds from the CWEP and also funds from the LGAP to purchase equipment. Mayor Washington stated he had spoken to Emerson Slain, who works for the Town of Ferriday and he said he would help fill out the applications. The Mayor said that he would bring the application back to the board and if the board does not want what’s on the applications we can change it and put in something else. A motion was made by Alderwoman Bethea and second by Alderman Evans that we use the Concordia Sentinel as the town’s official journal. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously!

The Mayor stated that he went to a meeting in Vidalia with the OEP. He stated that he didn’t know about the things the town could claim form damage and be reimbursed. Mayor Washington also said the OEP were asking for a one point contact person. Alderman Abdul Sabir was appointed as the OEP contact person working along with Chief Madison.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Michelle D. Bethea and second by Alderman Kevin Mitchell that the town present a resolution of death to the family of former police chief, for Clarence “PaPa” Skipper at the next town meeting. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously!

Police Chief Madison reported to the board that everything was good. Chief Madison also, stated that he attended a meeting to try and get somethings for the town that would require going through Homeland Security. Chief Madison stated that he had been giving the board a printout but his computer system was not working. Chief Madison gave a breakdown of 6 violations and only 5 people had paid ad that the white police unit was not working and the black unit has no air! Alderwoman Bethea said that she wanted a typed monthly report on what was coming in and what was going out for the police department.

Ms. Tommy Etta Scott appeared before the board stating that for the first time she would be preparing Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens age 65 and older on Nov. 17th at GG’s Diner on Highway 65.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Bethea and second by Alderman Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the motion carried unanimously!

Wilbert S. Washington Mayor Sally B. Lewis Clerk
DATE 11/10/20 DATE 11/10/20

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VILLAGE OF CLAYTON DECEMBER 1, 2020

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: MAYOR WILBERT WASHINGTON , ALDERMEN KEVIN MITCHELL, WILLIE EVANS, CARL THOMPSON, ABDUL SABIR AND ALDERWOMAN MICHELLE BETHEA. SALLY LEWIS, CLERK AND CHIEF BOBBY MADISON

ABSENT:

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 7:00 pm
Meeting Actual Start: 7:05 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR WILBERT WASHINGTON

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER BY MR. CARL R. THOMPSON FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Kevin Mitchell
Carried: Yes
Notes: Approved as is, no changes

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Motion: Carl Thompson
Second: Kevin Mitchell
Carried: Yes
Notes:

4. PUBLIC PARICIPATION

5. Old Business
a..Proclamation for Clarence Skipper from the Mayor and The Village of Clayton Notes: Mr. Skipper’s wife was present to accept the proclamation presented by the Mayor.

b. Community Development Revitalization Grant Program
Notes: Remaining funds must be returned within 90 days for failure to loan funds.

c. Discuss Use of Town Vehicle(s)
Notes: Mayor provided the board with mileage & maintenance log. Will reevaluate in 60 days

d. Committee Report on Town Attorney
Notes: Mr. Sabir provided the board with a list of attorneys. Mayor Washington agreed to contact Anna Brakenridge to discuss taking on the village as a client.

e. Update on CWEP & LGAP Applications
Notes: Mayor spoke with a grant writer that will assist in completing CWEP applications to refurbish well pump. Mayor also provided the board with information that pertains to the purchase of new equipment using LGAP funds.

f. Report on CPA Engagement for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020
Motion : Kevin Mitchell
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes: The Vercher Group (organization out of Jena) has agreed to conduct the audit for 2019/2020. Mayor will send an engagement letter to initiate contract.
g. Surplus Properties
Notes: State of Louisiana charges twenty percent

6. New Business

a..Ordinance Updates (Blighted Property & Police)

Motion: Kevin Mitchell
Second: Willie Evans
Carried: Yes
Notes: Mayor announced that the ordinances were extremely outdated and need to be updated to reflect fines that coincide with modern day.

b. LaMATS

Motion : Kevin Mitchell
Second: Abdul Sabir
Carried: Yes
Notes: The Mayor will set up an account with the collections organization LaMATS to recoup funds for past due fines on municipal debt. This will generate revenue for the town.

c.Police Department Report

d. Announcements

e. Motion to Adjourn
Motion: Michelle Bethea
Second: Kevin Mitchell
Carried: Yes
Notes: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Next Meeting: Tentatively January 5, 2021

MAYOR CLERK

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Town of Ferriday Special Council Meeting November 16, 2020 6 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order at 6:01 p.m.: Mayor Rydell Turner
Invocation: Mayor Rydell Turner
Pledge of Allegiance: All present

Roll Call: Alderwoman Lloyd, absent

Alderman Keys, present at 6:03
Alderwoman Pryor, present
Alderman Banks, present
Alderwoman Bacon, present

New Business

Independence Chosen: The Mayor presented to the Board Independence Chosen Christian Richards, CEO and Raven Campbell-Smith, President. Christian Richards stated he had not been able to address the Board with any questions or concerns they may have had. He described the basis of the program is to provide affordable housing which is the key along with other programs. Raven Campbell-Smith also informed the Board Independence Chosen is a non-profit organization and mainly focusing on helping the Town of Ferriday. Programs including affordable housing, financial literacy, health and wellness, educational and youth development. Mrs. Campbell-Smith also introduced a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) which would partner Town of Ferriday and Independence Chosen. The terms including occupying the former Ferriday Oil and Seed at 401 Industrial Drive; 20 years rent free pending getting the building up to code, up keep of the building, providing insurance and making the town the beneficiary of the policy and 85% of the employees would be from the Ferriday area. Brittany Scott, Secretary for Independence Chosen, read aloud the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

Alderman Banks was in favor of making a motion to accept the MOU between the town and Independence Chosen. Alderman Keys suggested reducing the term years from 20 to 15 and asking the attorney to review the terms of the agreement. Alderwoman Pryor questioned whether the contract had been reviewed by the attorney. Mayor Turner explained they were waiting to see if the Board was willing to move forward with the project. Alderwoman Pryor stated she needed a day to go over the information before she could make a rational decision for herself and the people.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) pending the review and approval of Attorney Philip Letard. Motion made by Alderwoman Pryor, 2nd by Alderman Keys, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Rydell Turner, Mayor Sharon R. Kelly, Town Clerk

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