

# Saints rally late to down Falcons

By John DeShazier

Hard to narrow down the heroes in a 27-26, comeback victory on the road when a team erases a 16-point, fourth-quarter deficit on the road.

The New Orleans Saints didn't lack for standout performers in the season-opening win against the Falcons at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. They needed all of them to scratch out a win that was shocking and appeared improbable, based on the first three quarters, but became almost inevitable once they found a total groove in the fourth quarter.

**OFFENSE:** My assessment, my rules. So instead of one player, we go with two and there's no way anyone could debate me off the return stories authored by quarterback Jameis Winston and receiver Michael Thomas. Winston missed the last 10 games last season after tearing his ACL, and Thomas missed all of last season with an ankle surgery and rehab

that actually had roots from the 2020 season. Each was stunningly fabulous in the fourth; Winston, who completed 23 of 34 passes for 269 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions, in the game, completed 13 of 15 passes (one spike) for 213 yards and two touchdowns in the final 12:41. And Thomas caught all five of his passes for 57 yards and two touchdowns in the second half, including both scores in the fourth quarter. New Orleans' offense received a sample of what the two can provide.

The reason that New Orleans is so high on second-year linebacker Pete Werner was clear Sunday: a game-high 13 tackles, including one tackle for loss, and a forced fumble that was recovered by cornerback Bradley Roby. Werner is the complement that the Saints like pairing with Demario Davis, a linebacker who's capable of getting to the ball and making something happen once he

arrives. His forced fumble put New Orleans in position to score; unfortunately, kicker Wil Lutz didn't convert a 44-yard field goal attempt. But, just as much, Werner helped keep the Falcons off the scoreboard.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Speaking of return stories, Lutz came back exactly how you'd expect him to. True, he missed the 44-yard attempt in the first half. But there's no doubting the clutch of Lutz: His 51-yard field goal with 19 seconds left was near-perfect and capped the 17-0 scoring spree to finish out the game. Lutz provides the cool, confidence and accuracy that New Orleans lacked last year, when he missed the season due to a core injury and surgery, and the Saints cycled through four kickers while looking for an adequate stand-in. The game-winner was so impressive that it was easy to overlook his 49-yarder in the third quarter, which pulled the Saints to within 16-10.



**FERRIDAY HIGH'S BOBBY SHEPPARD (5)** takes a quick water break during a timeout in a recent Trojan football game. Ferriday High will be looking for its first win as the Trojans travel to Bastrop Friday. (Sentinel photo by Joey Martin)

## Public Notices

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

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

BANK OF AMERICA NA

VS SUIT NUMBER: 54083

LB BARNES A/K/A LB BARNES SR, VERA LEE MINOR BARNES AND LB BARNES JR.

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

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 ATTACHMENT

#### Exhibit A

A 1.52 acre lot out of the James Franklin Property situated in Section 26, T7W, R9E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the S.E. corner of Lot 9 as shown on map of portion of property of James Franklin by Jordan, Kaiser and Sessions Reg. C.E., as revised 9/16/72, recorded in Conveyance Book 57, Page 80, run South 15 degrees 14 minutes East a distance of 340.0 feet to a point; thence North 85 degrees 27 minutes West a distance of 219.9 feet to a point; thence North 15 degrees 14 minutes West a distance of 246.8 feet to a point being the SE corner of Leon Smith Lot; thence North 69 degrees 26 minutes East along the south line of Leon Smith property a distance of 208.7 feet to the point of beginning.

DATE OF SALE: October 26, 2022

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 September 14, 2022  
Advertise October 19, 2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY WILL SIT AS A BOARD OF REVIEW AT 6:00 P. M. SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT THE PARISH COURTHOUSE, VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PROTESTS FROM TAXPAYERS ON THEIR 2022 ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE ASSESSOR. THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL CONSIDER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PROTESTS OF ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO BE HEARD, THAT HAS FILED WRITTEN PROTESTS SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE FINAL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING. PROTESTS SHALL BE FILED AT THE CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY OFFICE, 4001 CARTER STREET, ROOM #2, CONCORDIA PARISH COURTHOUSE, VIDALIA, LOUISIANA.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO YOUR ASSESSOR BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW. THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RELYING ON THAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTEST YOUR VALUE.

JEANNIE M. ARCHER CONCORDIA PARISH ASSESSOR

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### FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE PROPOSED CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY NORTHERN CONCORDIA PARISH ENHANCED FLOOD REDUCTION THROUGH BRUSHY BAYOU DRAINAGE BASIN IMPROVEMENTS AT FROGMORE AND LUKE MARTIN ROAD IN CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the draft EA is to assess the effects on the human and natural environment from improvements to the capacity of Brushy Bayou in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury (Subrecipient), through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) (Recipient), applied for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to reduce flooding in the upper reaches of the Parish due to restrictions and backwater flooding in primary drainage arteries and tributaries during and after storm events. The HMGP provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. In accordance with the HMGP, the Subrecipient proposes to reduce the impacts of flooding during rain events in the proposed project areas by implementing hazard mitigation measures.

The purpose and need for the project are defined by the reoccurring flooding issues experienced in the Bayou Cocodrie drainage system including the Concordia Park, Belle Grove/Vail Acres, Ridgecrest, Levens Addition, Doty Road, and Washington Heights areas within the communities of Clayton, Ferriday, Ridge-

crest, Vidalia, and other surrounding areas within the Parish. These areas have experienced major flooding due to the restriction of Bayou Cocodrie and backed up stormwater, resulting in a loss of the drainage capacity for the Parish. Adequate drainage capacity is critical to expeditiously move stormwater from flood-prone areas in the drainage basin, its tributaries, and the surrounding floodplain. To address these issues, the Subrecipient proposes to improve existing drainage by diverting the entire flow handled by Brushy Bayou into the Tensas River and by expanding the capacity of the inadequate and ineffective culverts at the intersection of Luke Martin Road and Brushy Bayou to allow better drainage and reduce the negative impacts from stormwater backup. The proposed project is essential to the mitigation of the ongoing flooding of residences and property served by the drainage system. The flood control structure would be engineered and designed to convey during and up to the 25-year storm event.

The purpose of the draft EA is to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Preferred Action. The draft EA evaluates a No Action Alternative and the Preferred Action Alternative, which would divert the entire flow being handled by Brushy Bayou into the Tensas River by installing a box culvert and a weir at Brushy Bayou and the Tensas River and replacing the existing culverts under Luke Martin Road with a new bridge at the intersection of Luke Martin Road and Brushy Bayou and realign the roadway to mitigate the flood damage to residences, businesses, schools, public buildings and facilities, and streets affected by the flooding in the upper reaches of the Parish. The draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the Preferred Action would not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The draft EA and draft FONSI are available for review at the following locations: Concordia Parish Library at 1609 Third St., Ferriday, LA (Ferriday Branch) and 408 Texas St., Vidalia, LA (Vidalia Branch), Mondays through Fridays 8:00am to 5:00pm, and at 31451 Hwy. 15, Clayton, LA (Clayton Branch), Mondays through Thursdays 12:00pm to 5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am to 5:00pm. This public notice will run in the journal of record, the Concordia Sentinel, and in The Advocate and The Shreveport Times. The document can also be downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library>. There will be a 30-day comment period beginning on September 1, 2022, and concluding on September 30, 2022, at 4 p.m. Written comments may be mailed to: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY-FEMA EHP - Concordia Parish Brushy Bayou Drainage Improvements, 1500 MAIN STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, 70802. Comments may be emailed to [fema-lro-ehp-hma@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-lro-ehp-hma@fema.dhs.gov). Verbal comments will be accepted or recorded at 225-267-2962. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA and associated draft FONSI will become final.

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### NIXON WHEREABOUTS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of INTESTATE HEIRS of the JUANITA STONE NIXON, no matter how distant the kinship, please notify Madaline Cross Gibbs, attorney at law at 318-437-0007, or 318-290-0831, in regards to Concordia Bank & Trust Company vs JAMES KEITH WHITTINGTON ET AL, DOCKET # 54184 "A", 7th JDC, Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana. THIS SUIT IS TO DETERMINE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS HELD FOR THE INTESTATE HEIRS OF JUANITA STONE NIXON, DECEASED.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Lake St. John Waterworks District (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner").

The Owner will accept sealed bids for the construction of the project described as follows:

WATER TREATMENT AND PRODUCTION  
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; WATER SECTOR PROGRAM  
SCC Project No. 3284

Bids shall be addressed to Lake St. John Waterworks District, 1185 Highway 569, Ferriday, LA 71334. Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Owner at 1185 Highway 569, Ferriday, LA 71334, not later than 10:00 A.M. on October 13, 2022. All bids shall be plainly marked in the upper left corner of the sealed envelope as follows: "SEALED BID, Bid of (Name of Contractor), Lake St. John Waterworks District, Water Treatment and Production System Improvements; Water Sector Program, to be financed by the State of Louisiana Water Sector Program, to be opened at 10:00 A.M., (C.S.T.), on October 13, 2022, Louisiana Contractor License No. (insert license #)." All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. The Contractor shall display his Contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. The Contractor must have a Louisiana State Contractor's Board license classification of municipal and public works construction. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. (Central Standard Time) on October 13, 2022, at 1185 Highway 569, Ferriday, LA 71334, and submitted to the District's Board at a scheduled meeting.

A resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation/LLC/sole proprietorship to sign the bid must also accompany the bid.

All addendums issued must be acknowledged by the bidder. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Such shall be in accordance with State Bid Law.

All bidders must be registered with the Engineer, Shuler Consulting Company, (318) 249-3030. The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Owner's office. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Shuler Consulting Company, upon payment of \$150.00, which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R. S. 38:2212. Requests for bid documents to be received electronically will incur no fees.

Contractor must provide all required documentation and forms with its bid according to the contract documents. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets

of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. Any requests for bid documents will be accompanied by payment in full.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, and (3) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Such shall be in accordance with State Bid Law.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to the beginning of construction. This project is funded by the State of Louisiana's Water Sector Program. The Contractor is advised that the Owner and Contractor must comply with all requirements of this program. This project is NOT subject to AIS provisions. This project is tax exempt.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order Number 11375 of October 13, 1967, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations under ADA requirements must contact the Owner no later than (7) days prior to bid opening.

IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.

Lake St. John Waterworks District hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

/s/ William Coleman, President

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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, AUGUST 9, 2022 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, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, and Tommy Probst.

There were absent: Alderman Robert Gardner and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant; George C. Murray, Jr., Municipal Attorney; Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager; 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 Probst.

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 special meeting of July 22, 2022, was approved with no changes. The motion for approval of the minutes was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by all present.

The Mayor then announced that before opening the floor for public comments, he would like to add two items to the agenda. The first item would be to add the accompanying beer and liquor license to the Vidalia Shell occupational license application; and the second item would be to add an Agenda Item No. 10 which would be Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to award contract for drainage improvements to Camo Construction Company in the amount of \$756,629.25. He then stated that he would take those additions one at a time, and reminding the Board that it takes a unanimous vote to add items to the agenda, he asked for a motion to add the accompanying beer and liquor license for Vidalia Shell. Alderman Probst made the requested motion which was seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried by those present. The Mayor then stated that the second item would be Item 10 which he had previously read. The Mayor asked for that motion and Alderman Probst made the motion to add Agenda Item No. 10 which was seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried by all present.

The Mayor then noted that those two items have been added to the agenda and he will now proceed with the meeting.

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The Mayor then announced that it was time for public comment on current agenda items and asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments on current agenda items. Noting that there were no comments, the Mayor declared that he would continue with the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for June, 2022. The Mayor called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. As customary, 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 in detail, and she reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through June 30, 2022. She then reminded the Aldermen that those statements were provided to them in their meeting packet. Mrs. Moak concluded by advising the Board which revenues are under budget and which are over budget at this time. The Mayor then asked for questions or comments from the Board and, being none, he told those present that he can't thank Mrs. Moak and her staff enough for the work that they do for the Town preparing the annual budget. He also wanted to recognize the Department heads and Supervisors who play an important part in the Town arriving at their annual budget. He again thanked Mrs. Moak for her presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of occupational license applications. The first application was by Harvinder Singh on behalf of VIDALIA SHELL, LLC, for "VIDALIA SHELL" with the accompanying beer and liquor license permit, at 800 Carter Street, change of ownership. Mr. Singh spoke on behalf of the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion for approval of the occupational license with accompanying beer and liquor permit by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present, the application with the accompanying beer and liquor license permit was approved. The Mayor then noted that the second application on the agenda has been withdrawn. The next application was by Bridget Milliken, O.D. for "MISS-LOU EYE CARE/MILLIKEN PROPERTIES" at 202 Advocate Row. There being no questions or comments, on motion for approval of the occupational license by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present, the application was approved. The final application was by Tom Terry Milliken for "MILLIKEN FAMILY DENTISTRY/MILLIKEN PROPERTIES" at 202 Advocate Row. There being no questions or comments, on motion for approval of the occupational license by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried by those present, the application was approved.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of sign applications. The first application was by Milliken Properties, LLC (Bridget and Tom Terry Milliken, II) for a monument sign at front of the building at 202 Advocate Row, as per attached application for "MISS-LOU EYE CARE and MILLIKEN FAMILY DENTISTRY". There being no questions or comments, upon motion for approval of the application by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by all present, the sign permit was granted. The second application was by Shelby Cannon (HAIR HUT) for a sign on the front of the building at 3000 Carter Street as attached to the application, for "HAIR HUT". There being no comments or questions, on motion for approval of the sign application by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously approved by all present, the application was approved.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and vote to partnership with Home with Heroes Foundation Wreaths Across America. After announcing the agenda item, the Mayor called on Mr. Mark LaFrancis who made a presentation on the activities of the Home with Heroes Foundation Wreaths Across America. He told those present of the Foundation's purpose and activities, one of which is to put wreaths on the graves of military service men in the Miss-Lou area. Mr. LaFrancis also explained other services provided by the Foundation. Following his presentation, the Mayor reminded the Board of the assistance they had given last year, which they had decided to do the same this year. A motion was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Foundation to further their efforts to assist Veterans in the Miss-Lou area, which motion carried unanimously by those present.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to award a contract of roadway improvements to T. L. Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$558,225.75. Following announcing the agenda item, the Mayor explained to the Board that this was the only bid on the project and was opened previously and is for roadway improvements on Lee, Dotson, Dogwood, Dandridge, North Magnolia and Plum Streets. The Mayor also talked some about future projects and, there being no further discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to award the contract. The motion to approve the Resolution to award the contract, as presented at the meeting, and as requested by the Mayor, was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by all present.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Vidalia and Monterey Fire Department to convey the Monterey Fire Department a surplus fire truck. The Mayor made preliminary remarks concerning the transfer of the fire truck and called on Assistant Fire Chief Doug Honeycutt to further explain. Assistant Fire Chief Honeycutt explained that the Town is in the process of acquiring a second newer fire truck to meet the Town's needs and that at that point the truck they never will be surplus. Although the truck is not in great condition, it does work and will satisfy the present requirements of the Monterey Fire Department and because of the fact that this will mean that the Town no longer will have to maintain the truck, keep insurance on the truck and be liable for the truck, he proposes that the Town transfer it to Monterey, as they request. There being no comments or questions, the Mayor asked for a motion and a motion to enter into the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present.

Agenda Item No. 7 was Board discussion and vote on approval for Vidalia Police Department hire: Dale Sindle – Full Time School Resource Officer (SRO). After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion and a motion to approve the new hire of Dale Sindle as a full time School Resource Officer was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present.

Agenda Item No. 8 was Code Enforcement and Blighted Property updates. After announcing the agenda item, the Mayor called on Mr. Frank Duson, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, who gave an update on the status of the blighted property situation as well as explaining his other various tasks. He covered citations for grass that has not been cut properly; for abandoned cars; for property with excessive trash left in the yards; and such other matters. He also gave an explanation of the rather lengthy time it takes to enforce a clearing of blighted property.

Agenda Item No. 9 was Mayor updates on projects and upcoming events. The Mayor then spoke on a number of issues – one of which involved the reapportionment issue. The Mayor asked Mr. LaSyone to speak about that. Mr. LaSyone reported that a specialist has been hired to prepare two or three suggested reapportionment plans at which time he will meet with the Board and engage in discussions with them about what the Board may choose to do. The Mayor then reported that the most recent census shows that Vidalia was somewhere north of 4,000 people. He then addressed the slough drainage project and reminded everyone that this is DOTD funded and so we are working on their schedule. He next addressed several sewer projects – the water plant expansion – the relief water well – and the issue that the river has not been dredged in some time. The Mayor then mentioned the upcoming Hydro meetings on the use of hydro funds; a car show to benefit the Upper Elementary; that American Cruise Line has a new ship to be christened on August 30; the balloon race on October 14-16 and the usual events that will be over the levee; and the BBQ cook-off on the 28th and 29th of October, and the car show that weekend sponsored by the Vidalia Police Department "Back the Blue" at the RV park.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to award contract for drainage improvements to Camo Construction Company in the amount of \$756,629.25. The Mayor explained the drainage improvement program after which he asked for questions and comments, and there were none. Thereupon he asked for a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented at the meeting, to award the contract for the improvements – Phase I Project. He mentioned that the bids had been opened and read aloud on Thursday, July 21, 2022, for the project and that there had been three (3) bidders. Camo Construction was the low bidder and the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion to approve the Resolution as presented at the meeting to award the contract to Camo Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$756,629.25 was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 was adjournment. There being no further business on the agenda, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present. The meeting was declared adjourned.

s/s Piarra Wilson PIARRA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK s/s Buz Craft BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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The following resolution was offered by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, the following Resolution was offered to wit:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the following Bids were opened and read aloud on Thurs-

day, July 21, 2022, for the Town of Vidalia – Drainage Improvements – Phase I project.

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT**

Camo Construction Company, Inc.	\$756,629.25
Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc.	837,364.50
Mitchell Contracting, Inc.	972,870.00

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the contract be awarded to Camo Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$756,629.25.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all contracts, estimates and change orders between the Town of Vidalia and the contractor.

This Resolution adopted this 9th day of August, 2022, with the vote recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, and Smith.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Gardner and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of August, 2022.

s/s Piarra Wilson PIARRA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK s/s Buz Craft BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VIDALIA TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Town Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

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

There was absent: Alderman Tommy Probst.

There were also present: Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager, and George C. Murray, Jr., Municipal Attorney.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, 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 special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

Before addressing the agenda items, the Mayor explained that any actions taken this evening will not impact the utility rebates and continued to explain the procedures for computing the surplus hydro royalties. There followed a Board discussion and the Mayor gave his list of projects. His first project was the completion of Polk Park and he called on Bryant Hammett who gave an update on the Polk Park Project. He used several renderings of the proposed complex to point out the numerous projects to be finished, including: A multi-use trail near softball, baseball and soccer fields; a playground area for adults, children and handicapped; a splash pad with pavilion; expanding the pond and beach area with a pavilion; a pickle ball area by converting a tennis court; several pavilions at the community garden and a centerpiece pavilion; hard stand parking near the tennis court; a skate park; restrooms near the basketball court; a dog park; and a 9 hole disc Frisbee area. Following his presentation he fielded questions from the council and audience.

The Mayor then continued with his suggestions for municipal debt pay-off of the substation, the Town complex and the new firetruck. He also mentioned renovations for the Council on Aging and Masonic Lodge #305 Building; safety nets for recreation areas at softball and baseball parks; and to re-turf the VHS football field.

Alderman Smith then spoke and in addition to eliminating debts of which the Mayor spoke, his list included: new turf on the football field; cleaning and repairing the canal between Eleanor and Viking Street; paving the Relay for Life parking; and netting for the ball fields.

Alderwoman Demby spoke next and stated that she was speaking for District 1 and that Mr. Windell Millicks would be speaking on her behalf.

Next, Alderman Betts reiterated paying off the debt; the Polk Park Project; the ditch between Eleanor and Viking Street; safety nets for the ball park; and the upgrade of the football field.

Next, Alderman Gardner spoke and indicated that he too backs the proposal for Districts 1 and 2 by Mr. Millicks to speak later. He then stated that he supports the following: the summer youth programs which should be increased to \$5,000.00; insurance for the annual Memorial Day Parade; and the Riverside to Alabama and the Alabama to North Spruce Street sidewalks.

Alderman Probst was the final Board speaker whose projects included: necessary tree removals; a playground to be established first with the Polk Park completion; the ditch between Eleanor and Viking Streets; and he ended with his observation that the Town does not need to provide nets at the ball fields, as that should be a Recreation Board responsibility.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board vote to enter into public hearing to receive public input concerning possible alternative uses of surplus hydroelectric royalties. The Mayor called for a motion to enter the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, to enter the public hearing which carried unanimously. The first person to speak was Ricky Knapp who suggested a CEA with the Recreation Board and the School Board.

Next, Ellen Yates, President of the Vidalia Beautification Committee made a presentation to explain what they have been doing and intend to do, which included decorative light poles; decorations at city limits coming into Town; Christmas decorations at River front; and American Flag display at City Hall.

Next, Cindy Galloway, President of the Vidalia Garden Club, suggested botanical art and native birds on meter boxes and in other places throughout the Town; and reminded all of the State Garden Club Convention April 17-20, 2023.

Windell Millicks spoke next concerning Districts 1 and 2 and presented a list of projects including: installing LED street lights; using road asphalt reclaimed from maintenance for a walking trail at Vidalia Junior High School; complete the sidewalks at South Oak Street; an after-school tutorial program and building maintenance of the old water plant facility; installation of playground equipment and completion of pavilion at area adjacent to Vidalia Junior High School; complete the practice football/soccer field at the area adjacent to the Vidalia Junior High School; beautification of Martin Luther King Street and John Dale Drive; additional fire hydrants for Spruce, Magnolia, Walnut and Laurel Streets; establish turn-arounds at dead end streets being North Spruce, North Magnolia, Walnut and Laurel Streets; an after-school learning and resource center, science and community garden, recreation area for children and adults; and a beautification project for Florida and Alabama Streets.

Josephine Webster next spoke on the Save Our Sons and Daughters Project.

Georgianna Berry then spoke and suggested elderly activities between 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. and the Mayor suggested she form a committee.

Cheryl Bowman was the next speaker who proposed movie night at the amphitheater; job fairs and local business support.

Kenny Rushing was next to propose sidewalks around Vidalia High School and a skate board park.

Cassandra Lynch next suggested that Martin Luther King is a major entrance to the Town and should be part of the Beautification Project.

There being no further input from the audience, Alderman Probst moved to exit the public hearing, which was seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was adjournment. The Mayor announced that there was no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

s/s Piarra Wilson PIARRA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK s/s Buz Craft BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VIDALIA TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Town Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, and Robert Gardner.

There were absent: Alderman Tommy Probst and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; George C. Murray, Jr., Municipal Attorney; and Jay LaSyone, Municipal Manager.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, 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 special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

Prior to addressing the formal agenda, the Mayor explained the process for determining the surplus revenue in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance pertaining to the hydro royalties. Following that, he re-counted in detail the proposals which he made and were made by the Aldermen and those present at the August 15, 2022 Special Meeting. The Mayor made a new proposal for a project of having decorative street signs. He then asked the Aldermen present if they had any new projects and they all indicated that they did not. Since there were no further discussions about the proposed projects by the Board, he proceeded to present Item No. 2, which was Board vote to enter into a public hearing to receive public input concerning possible alternative uses of surplus hydroelectric royalties. A motion to enter into a public hearing was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried by those present. Cassandra Lynch was the first to speak and suggested that the town could use community artists and children to decorate utility boxes and other places around Town.

Next, Greg and Jennifer Freeman discussed the situation of the canal between Viking and Eleanor Streets and proposed that it be resolved. The Mayor then interjected that he remembered some of the other projects proposed by the prior meeting which were hard surfacing the track; sound system improvements at the football field and tutoring those playing sports.

Graham Roberts then suggested that the Town work with the Recreation Board.

James Thomas then spoke about Recreation Board projects and the need for soccer fields.

There being no further suggestions, a motion to exit was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried by those present.

Agenda Item No. 4 was adjournment. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried by those present. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Piarra Wilson PIARRA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK /s/ Buz Craft BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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**DAVEY WHEREABOUTS**

"Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Donald Campbell Davey, Jr., please contact Guy R. Lain, Attorney at Law, 100 Lemon Street, Ridgecrest, LA. 71334, 318-719-0932"

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P. O. Box 157  
**Monterey, LA 71354**  
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The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure and requires the disinfection of drinking water to kill disease-causing organisms. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. LDH has set forth enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes and destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet LDH requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

We are required to monitor your water for the residual disinfectant level. This tells us whether we are effectively treating the water supply. During the compliance monitoring periods of (7/1/2022) through (7/31/2022), and (8/1/2022) through (8/31/2022), the MONTEREY RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INC. failed to provide the minimum residual disinfectant level in the treated water supplied to customers. The violation occurred because the treated water chlorine residual was less than 0.5 milligrams per liter in over five percent of the samples collected in the water system in two consecutive months.

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