

Tech baseball players honored by Conference USA

Collegiate Baseball named five Diamond Dogs to its Conference USA Top Players to Watch list – seniors Taylor Young, Steele Netterville, Tyler Follis and Kyle Griffen and redshirt junior Jonathan Fincher.

Netterville and Young both batted over .300 in the 2020 COVID-19 shortened season. Netterville ranked second in the C-USA with six home runs, 22 RBI and a .797 slugging percentage. Young started all 17 games for the Bulldogs and led the team with 21 runs after being named to the 2020 Conference USA Preseason Team just a month before the season

began.

On the mound, Fincher, Follis and Griffen all posted 19 or more strikeouts in the abbreviated 2020 campaign. Fincher paced the Bulldogs with 26 strikeouts, posting a 2.66 ERA and holding opposing batters to a .174 batting average. The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association placed the left-hander on its Stopper of the Year watch list before the start of the 2020 season.

Follis anchored LA Tech's Saturday starter spot and sported a 3.79 ERA through four starts and 19.0 innings pitched. Follis recorded 20 strikeouts and

ended the season with 9.47 strikeouts per nine innings.

Griffen continued to be the Bulldogs' Swiss-Army knife in the bullpen, pitching 20.1 innings and tying for a team-high with eight appearances. The left-hander nailed down one of the team's three saves and punched out 19 batters in 2020.

The five Diamond Dogs named to the Top Players to Watch list join senior Parker Bates with preseason honors from Collegiate Baseball. Bates earned third-team Preseason All-American honors in December before being named Conference

USA's Preseason Player of the Year earlier on Thursday.

Bates adds yet another accolade to his stellar career as a Diamond Dog after posting a .422/.531/.891 (AVG/OBP/SLG) triple-slash line during the shortened 2020 season. Bates led Conference USA in hits (27), RBI (28), home runs (eight) and slugging percentage (.891) this past season.

He also paced the Bulldogs in batting average (.422), OBP (.531), OPS (1.422) and total bases (57).

Public Notices

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ATTN: Netrina England, Executive Director

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SPECIAL ELECTION – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 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, December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner (by telephone), Tommy Probst, 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 from the regular meeting of November 10, 2020, were approved. The motion for approval of the minutes of that regular meeting of November 10 was made by Alderman Betts, 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 October 31, 2020. She first explained the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. She then reviewed the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, and reported on the various positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds through October 31, 2020. Next, 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 for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was the consideration of occupational license applications. The only application was by Shannon Cooley for "Coolinary, LLC", at 406 Carter Street. Ms. Cooley spoke on behalf of the application. There being no comments or questions, on motion by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried, the application was granted. There was no application for a sign at this time.

Agenda Item No. 3 was consideration of outdoor sign applications for existing business. The first application was by Brenda Floyd for "BB's Fish Fry" at 1100 Carter Street for a 78" by 16" multicolor LED sign (lighted) in front of the building in accordance with the "Quote, with specifications attached". Ms. Floyd spoke on behalf of the application and answered questions from the Aldermen. She advised that the sign was capable of streaming and that she would follow all of the Town's requirements for lighted signs such as the one she proposes. There being no comments or questions, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried, that the application be granted, contingent on a review of the sign specifications to determine that it met the Town Ordinance. The second application was also by Brenda Floyd for "BB's Fish Fry" at 1100 Carter Street, being an Alumilite sign, 4' x 8', on a post in front of the building, lighted and double sided as per the application. Ms. Floyd spoke again on behalf of the application. Alderwoman Demby commented that the Town needs to enforce the ordinance that it is effect at the time of the application. There being no further comments or questions, it was moved by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, that the application be granted.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and vote on appointing two (2) Board members to form a committee to revise the Town's existing Ordinance relating to outdoor signage. The Mayor explained the need for the committee and for the revision of the Town's existing Ordinance and indicated that both Alderman Probst and Alderman Betts had approached him indicating the need and offering to be on the Committee. Alderman Betts commented that the Town does need to get the signs which are presently located in the Town into compliance and that we need to remember we ought to be business friendly. There being no further comments, questions or discussion, the Mayor appointed Alderman Probst and Alderman Betts as the two Board members to form the committee to revise the Town's existing Ordinance relating to signage.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board discussion and vote on approval of beer & liquor permits for 2021. The Mayor reminded the Board that the list of applications was in their packet and the Board members reviewed those applications. During that time, the Town Clerk advised the Aldermen that all applications have been paid. There being no further discussion, it was moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, and unanimously carried, that all beer & liquor license applications for 2021, as presented at the meeting, be approved. (The Beer & Liquor license applications for 2021 are attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Agenda Item No. 6 was request from Representatives on behalf of Vidalia Cemetery Association. The Mayor advised the Board that representatives of the Vidalia Cemetery Association have requested that they be allowed to use some of the re-claimed asphalt in order to re-surface the roads in the Vidalia Cemetery so that they would be usable in all weather conditions. The Mayor then called on Mrs. Catherine Cartwright, Secretary of the Vidalia Cemetery Association, who spoke to the Board. She explained the need to make the roads within the cemetery all weather and the re-claimed asphalt would be perfect for that job. She answered questions from the Board and at the conclusion of her presentation, a motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, to allow the Cemetery Association to use some of the re-claimed asphalt as long as that would not violate Louisiana law. The voice vote was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. The Clerk announced that the motion passed 5 YEAS – Zero NAYS. The Mayor then told the Cemetery Association representatives that he would have to have the issue of whether or not it was legal to allow the association to use some of the re-claimed asphalt researched.

Agenda Item No. 7 was a report on costs associated with necessary repairs to Water Well #1. The Mayor explained to the Board the situation which necessitated repairs to Water Well #1 and turned the floor over to Mr. Ricky Roth who made a report to the Board on the need to make repairs to that Water Well and what the situation is to date. There being no questions or comments, a motion to approve the expenditures as presented to the Board was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 8 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to accept that the contract as noted between Womack & Sons and Town of Vidalia for construction at Vidalia Port has been successfully completed. The Mayor explained the need for the Resolution to accept the work as completed and turned the floor over to Mr. Wjly Gilfoil who spoke to the Board and explained the situation to them. He advised that the work on the Conveyor Belt System has been completed and much of the surface work has been done for the 8.7 million dollar project and that the 45 days has passed. He further stated that upon completion of a punch list, then the entire project will be complete. He then noted for the Board that the proposed Resolution was in the packet and asked for approval of the Resolution, as presented. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderwoman Demby and unanimously carried, to approve the Resolution accepting the contract as being successfully completed, the proposed Resolution having been presented to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion and vote on approval of replacement hires for VPD: Delmarcus Johnson, Full-time patrol officer; and Angelina Johnson, part-time dispatcher, call in as needed. The Mayor then advised the Board of the Police Chief's request and the need to hire the replacements and turned the floor over to the Chief for comments and discussion. He advised that the part-time dispatcher has been in training and would only be used as needed. He told the Board that he is still 3 officers short even with the hire of Delmarcus Johnson. Alderman Gardner commented that there must be something wrong if the Town has to hire someone every week. There being no further comments or requirements, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, to approve the two hires. The roll call vote was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. NAYS: Aldermen Gardner and Probst. The Clerk announced that the motion passed by a vote of 3 YEAS to 2 NAYS.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board discussion and vote on approval of purchase of new equipment for VPD not included in current budget. The Mayor advised the Board of the opportunity to purchase through Red River Delta a camera system for flashing the speed of oncoming vehicles and having a camera to identify the license tag of cars passing, which information would be transmitted by satellite to a program which would help identify missing persons and Amber Alerts. The pictures of the license tags would not be used for issuing tickets. There are two camera systems available at a cost of \$6,600.00 each and the cost of the use of the satellite system will be included for several years. Alderman Gardner commented that he is not for this as it is outside the budget and we could just hire police officers to do the same job. There being no further discussion, a motion to approve the purchase was made by Alderwoman Demby, seconded by Alderman Betts, and the voice vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. NAYS: Alderman Gardner, commenting that it is not in the budget. The Clerk announced that the motion passed by a vote of 4 YEAS and 1 NAY.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Resolution to accept and award bid for 3 protective relay panels (Substation Project) to Keystone Electrical in the amount of \$48,841.53 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents related to said project. The Mayor then spoke to the Board with reasons for the need to approve the Resolution accepting and awarding the bids as presented. There being no discussion or comments, a motion to approve the Resolution to accept and award the bids, as presented, was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 was Mayor's status report on LEPA Unit No. 1. The Mayor reported to the Board on the continuing problems with the LEPA Unit No. 1 and indicated that the Town is still paying for the construction of that unit and at present the turbines are down again and no income is being produced. He stated that the entities who own that unit are in constant contact and are attempting to remedy the problems or somehow divest their ownerships so that they will not have to continue paying for the project. There were no questions or comments on the Mayor's report.

There being no additional agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Probst, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

/s/Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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The following resolution was offered by Alderman Probst, duly seconded by Alderwoman Demby:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia contracted with Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc. to complete SPN 50-MU2-12-01 in accordance with the current bid laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to R.S. 38:2211 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Town of Vidalia and Womack & Son Construction Group, Inc. has been successfully completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Vidalia in Regular session assembled on this 8th day of December, 2020, that the contract is hereby accepted by the Town of Vidalia, with the vote of the Board being as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Gardner, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 8th day of December, 2020.

/s/Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, bids were received and read aloud on November 17, 2020, for Electrical Upgrades, Procurement of Relay Panels for Vidalia Substation, Transformer & Breaker Addition. Bids received were as follows:

Keystone Electrical Manufacturing Co. \$ 48,841.53

Schweitzer Engineering Labs. 49,070.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Vidalia award the project to Keystone Electrical Manufacturing Company, in the amount of \$48,841.53.

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 Keystone Electrical Manufacturing Co.

This Resolution adopted this 8th day of December, 2020, 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 8th day of December, 2020.

/s/Jay LaSyone
JAY LASYONE, TOWN CLERK

/s/Buz Craft
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

**TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA
LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR 2021**

LIQUOR & BEER
D. K. FOOD MART
MCDONOUGH'S LIQUOR
CLARION SUITES
PAPA T'S
LA PARRILLA
DANNY'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
TOBACCO MART
HAMMER'S DRIVE-THRU
B-KWIK #7
VICTORY MARKETING LLC – SPRINT MART #72
VICTORY MARKETING LLC – SPRINT MART #67
RAINBOW QUICK STOP LLC
WALMART
MURPHY'S OIL USA, INC.
EL RANCHERO MEXICAN RESTAURANT
CLAWS, CRAWLS & TAILS
DOLLAR GENERAL

BEER ONLY
JOHNNY'S PIZZA
VIDALIA MARKET
BB'S FISH FRY

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**Public Notice deadline
Noon on Friday.**

WHEREAS, due to the tragic and untimely death of Luke Joshua Letlow on December 29, 2020, a vacancy exists in the office of United States Representative, 5th Congressional District of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Const., Art. I, §2 and La. R.S. 18:1279 require the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of a member of the United States House of Representatives and to determine the dates on which the election will be held and the dates of the qualifying period for the election.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout Louisiana's Fifth Congressional District, for the purpose of electing a member of the United States House of Representatives to fill the vacancy in this office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 et seq., during the period commencing Wednesday, January 20, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021.

SECTION 3: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 et seq.

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Boards of Election Supervisors, Clerks of Court, Registrars of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdictions encompassed by the Fifth Congressional District of the State of Louisiana, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of January, 2021.

s/s John B. Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

s/s R. Kyle Ardoin
SECRETARY OF STATE

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Town of Ferriday
1116 Second Street
Ferriday, LA 71334

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of **Renovation to Ferriday Community Center** will be received by the Town of Ferriday at the office of Waycaster & Associates Architect, 112 Main St., Suite A, Natchez, MS 39120, until 2:00 p.m., (Local Time) February 23, 2021, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined and obtained from the Architect, Waycaster & Associates Architect, 112 Main Street, Suite A, Natchez, MS 39120, or requested by mail at PO Box 824, Natchez, MS 39121, email at Johnny@WaycasterArch.com or requested by telephone: 601-442-3649 voice, upon deposit of \$100.00 per set. Sets remain the property of the Architect with deposit(s) refundable to general contractors submitting bona fide bids, one half of deposit amount is refundable to all others, provided documents are returned in good condition within 10 working days of bid date. Official bid documents can be downloaded at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions regarding the electronic bidding process, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or support@centralbidding.com.

3id preparation and submittal will be in accordance with Section 00 21 13 Instructions to Bidders bound in the Project Manual. **Bid Bond Security/Guarantee in the amount of 5% of total bid will be required in Contracts exceeding \$25,000. 100% Performance and Payment Bond will be required, unless a single payment will be made when ALL work is FINAL complete and Contractor gives full release of liens and ALL Closeout Documents are submitted.** Licensing and other certification of qualifications will be required as specified in the contract documents. Where applicable, the foregoing certificate number must be indicated on the exterior of the sealed bid envelope before it will be opened.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of **Building Construction**. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement bids and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

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(Guide 19) (Attachment 1) (Page 2)

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment, and any non-bidder upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded \$50.00.

Waycaster & Associates Architect

Publish Dates:
January 13, 20, 27, 2021

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.

Vail resume to:
Ferriday Housing Authority
27393 Hwy. 15
Ferriday, LA 71334