

VINTON, LA
January 15, 2019

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana, met in regular session at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Council, in the Town Hall, Vinton, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of January, 2019, with the following members present:

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor
William "BB" Loyd, Mayor Pro Tem
Paul Patin, Council Member
Patrick Vice, Council Member

ABSENT: Stephanie Hardy, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Cade R. Cole, Town Attorney

The following Reports were submitted:

Total Payroll for December, 2018	\$ 123,155.05
Total Receipts for December, 2018	\$ 1,155,154.54
Total Disbursements for December, 2018	\$ 1,214,291.68
Total Bills for December, 2018	\$ 330,656.97

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor called the meeting to order and Pastor Rick Watson led in prayer, and then followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Council Member Loyd that the minutes of prior meetings, copies of which were mailed to each council member prior to the meeting, be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vice and carried.

Mary Vice, City Clerk gave the monthly Administration Department report.

Bills for the month of December, 2018, were approved and payment authorized upon a motion by Council Member Patin, seconded by Council Member Vice and carried.

Attorney Cole reported that upon the resignation of Council Member Bujard a vacancy needed to be declared on the Council and a Special Election called for along with an appointment for the vacated seat.

It was moved by Council Member Vice that the Resolution calling for a Special Election be amended to reflect the appointment of Marcus Renfrow to fill the vacancy on the council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loyd and the vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Loyd and Vice

NAYS: Council Member Patin

ABSENT: Council Member Hardy

It was moved by Council Member Loyd that the following Resolution with Amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vice and the vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Loyd, Patin and Vice

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hardy

Resolution and Proclamation

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF VINTON, CALCASIEU PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, considering his election to the Calcasieu Parish School Board, Councilman Bliss Bujard has submitted his resignation as Vinton Town Council Member for the 2017-2021 term, effective as of December 31, 2018.

WHEREAS, his resignation has caused a vacancy in the office and an election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term of office exceeding eighteen months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council as governing authority of the Town of Vinton, Calcasieu Parish, State of Louisiana, is given the authority and responsibility under the provisions of La. R.S. 18:602 to fill the vacancy with any person who meets the qualifications for the office, and to call a special election to fill the vacancy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DULY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, as governing authority of the Town of Vinton, that it does hereby appoint MARCUS RENFROW to fill the aforesaid vacancy, said appointee possessing all legal qualifications for said office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DULY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, as governing authority of the Town of Vinton, that it does hereby call a Special Election for the office of Council Member of the Town of Vinton to fill the aforesaid vacancy. The qualifying period for this position shall be August 6, 2019 to August 8, 2019. The special primary election shall be held October 12, 2019. The special general election shall be held November 16, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DULY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, as governing authority of the Town of Vinton, that the Town of Vinton does hereby request the Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the Parish of Calcasieu to exercise every lawful function and do every act necessary to conduct the aforesaid election, cause the returns to be made, and in general to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof; and that certified copies of this Resolution and Proclamation be transmitted forthwith to the Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana and to the Clerk of Court of the Parish of Calcasieu.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 15TH day of January, 2018 at Vinton Louisiana in the regularly called meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Vinton, with the following roll call:

 3 YEAS (COUNCIL MEMBERS: LLOYD, PATIN, VICE)

 0 NAYS

 1 ABSENT (COUNCIL MEMBER HARDY)

CERTIFICATION

I MARY VICE, CLERK OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is an exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town of Vinton at their meeting held on January 15, 2019, duly noticed, and at which a quorum was present and acting.

Mary O. Vice, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor of the Town of Vinton on this 15th day of January, 2019.

KENNETH O. STINSON
MAYOR

Mayor Stinson updated the governing authority on pending grants and projects.

Chief Ricky Fox gave the monthly Police Department report.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, it was moved by Council Member Loyd to ratify the hiring of Joseph Burnett as a probationary patrolman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

Terry Vice, Public Works Director gave the monthly Public Works and Electrical Department reports.

In the absence of Chris Vice, Fire Chief written reports were submitted for the Fire Department and Civil Defense.

Ms. Carol Kubon requested an exception to the Travel Trailer Ordinance to allow her parents to reside in a travel trailer on her property from February to the end of April, 2019.

It was moved by Council Member Loyd that Ms. Kubon be granted an exception to the Travel Trailer Ordinance to all her parents to reside in a travel trailer at 406 B East Street from February to April 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

Mr. Tony Mancuso was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Stinson called forward Ms. Marva Guidry to continue her "Show Cause" hearing as to why the structure located on her property at 806 Fancher Street should not be condemned.

Ms. Guidry stated that she is now in agreement that the structure needs to be demolished but due to weather conditions and labor issues she asked to have until February 28th to have it demolished.

After discussion it was moved by Council Member Loyd that the structure located at 806 Fancher Street be condemned and that Ms. Guidry be given until February 28th to have the structure demolished. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vice and carried.

There being no further business to come before the governing authority, it was moved by Council Member Loyd that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vice and carried.

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary O. Vice, City Clerk