

VINTON, LA  
February 18, 2020

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, with the following members present:

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor  
Diane Conner, Council Member  
Stephanie Hardy, Council Member  
William "BB" Loyd, Mayor Pro Tem  
Paul Patin, Council Member  
Marcus Renfrow, Council Member

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cade R. Cole, Town Attorney

The following Reports were submitted:

Total Payroll for January, 2020	\$ 193,159.86
Total Receipts for January, 2020	\$ 1,285,570.60
Total Disbursements for January, 2020	\$ 1,168,843.04
Total Bills for January, 2020	\$ 529,220.98

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 Patin and carried.

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

Bills for the month of January, 2020, were approved and payment authorized upon a motion by Council Member Hardy seconded by Council Member Renfrow and carried.

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

It was moved by Council Member Patin that the Mayor be authorized to advertise to receive bids for the 2020 Street Paving Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renfrow and carried.

Mayor Stinson discussed the Summer Feeding Program with the governing authority.

It was moved by Council Member Renfrow that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish to host the Summer Feeding Program in Vinton for 2020.

Mark Hebert informed the governing authority of the importance of the 2020 Census.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Renfrow and seconded by Council Member Loyd that the following Resolution be adopted. The vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Conner, Hardy, Loyd, Patin and Renfrow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United State of America requires that a census be taken every 10 years, with the first census having taken place in 1790, and the next census to take place in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vinton is committed to ensuring that every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, local seats and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law.

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Town of Vinton, Louisiana, in Regular Session convened on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, that it does hereby support the goals and ideals of the 2020 Census, pledges support of the U.S. Census Bureau's efforts to disseminate 2020 Census information, and encourage all people in the Town of Vinton to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation among populations.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary O. Vice, City Clerk

Assistant Chief Buffy Vice gave the monthly Police Department report.

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Chief, it was moved by Council Member Loyd that Garrett Trahan be made a regular employee effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renfrow and carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Chief, it was moved by Council Member Loyd that David Dabbs be hired as a part-time patrolman, pending the results of his pre-employment exam. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renfrow and carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Chief, it was moved by Council Member Renfrow that Jason Thorpe be hired as a full-time probationary patrolman, pending the results of his pre-employment exam. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

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

In the absence of Fire Chief Chris Vice a written report was submitted for the Fire and Civil Defense Departments.

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

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Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary O. Vice, City Clerk