

VINTON, LA
November 17, 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 17th day of November, 2020, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Paul Patin, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Cade R. Cole, Town Attorney

The following Reports were submitted:

Total Payroll for October, 2020	\$ 128,390.98
Total Receipts for October, 2020	\$ 1,124,329.08
Total Disbursements for October, 2020	\$ 1,215,123.09
Total Bills for October, 2020	\$ 2,366,297.36

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 Hardy and carried.

Mary Vice, City Clerk gave the monthly Administration Department report

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

It was moved by Council Member Loyd and seconded by Council Member Renfrow that the agenda be amended to hear an item from Ms. Denise Chandler – 1801 Horridge St., regarding an exception to the Set Back Ordinance. The Mayor opened the floor for public comment, being none the vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Conner, Hardy, Loyd and Renfrow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Patin

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

Mayor Stinson reported that Haley Bellard's term on the Vinton Harbor & Terminal Board is expired and the Council needs to submit two nominations to the Board for their consideration.

It was moved by Council Member Hardy that the following names be submitted to the Vinton Harbor & Terminal Board for their consideration on filling the expired term of Haley Bellard:

Haley Bellard
Rick Watson

The motion was seconded by Council Member Loyd and carried.

Mayor Stinson discussed the 2021 LCDBG Application that would allow the Town the opportunity to make needed repairs to the Wastewater Plant.

It was moved by Council Member Renfrow and seconded by Council Member Hardy that the following Resolution be offered for adoption:

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE
PROPOSED FY 2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Vinton is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2021 LCDBG program for sewer treatment improvements; and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all engineering costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive two bonus points, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Vinton has hired the engineering firm of Meyer & Associates, Inc., to assist in the preparation of said application for a fee of \$1,500.00. An additional fee of \$122,300.00 will be paid to the engineering firm of Meyer & Associates, Inc., for subsequent program implementation of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2021 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Vinton has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other engineering costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2021 LCDBG program.

The above resolution having been read and a vote taken as adopted by unanimous vote on this 17th day of November, 2020.

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

Mary Vice, Clerk

It was moved by Council Member Renfrow and seconded by Council Member Hardy that the following Resolution be offered for adoption:

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE
PROPOSED FY 2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Vinton is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2021 LCDBG program for sewer treatment improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive two bonus points, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Vinton has hired the firms of GNF Management Company, Inc. and Meyer & Associates, Inc., to assist in the preparation of said application for the fees of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively. An additional fee of \$45,000.00 will be paid to the administrative firm of GNF Management Company, Inc., for subsequent program administration of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2021 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Vinton has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other administrative costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2021 LCDBG program.

The above resolution having been read and a vote taken as adopted by unanimous vote on this 17th day of November, 2020.

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

Mary Vice, Clerk

Chief Ricky Fox gave the monthly Police Department report.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief, it was moved by Council Member Loyd that Joey Dalfrey be hired as a probationary dispatcher. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hardy and carried.

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

Chief Chris Vice gave the monthly Fire and Civil Defense reports.

Mr. Cecile White, Jr., requested an extension to his exception to the Travel Trailer Ordinance allowing him to live in a travel trailer at 1007 Hwy 90. He stated that he had some issues with the paperwork and could not get the property surveyed. He has resolved the issue but they will not be able to survey the property until December.

It was moved by Council Member Loyd to allow Mr. White a 90 day extension on his exception request in order to have the survey completed and that he follow up with Council at the February 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hardy and carried.

Ms. Bernadette Hawkins requested an exception to the Mobile Home Ordinance to allow her to move a mobile home over 10 years of age, from 1002 Eddy St. to 1014 Eddy Street for her brother to live in.

It was moved by Council Member Loyd to approve Ms. Hawkins exception request to allow her to move a mobile home over 10 years of age, from 1002 Eddy St. to 1014 Eddy St., pending the mobile home being inspected by the Parish Inspector and passing inspection. In addition, assuming that it passes inspection, that only family be allowed to live in the mobile home and that it not be used for rental property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renfrow and the vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Conner, Loyd and Renfrow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Patin

ABSTAINING: Council Member Hardy

Ms. Denise Chandler requested an exception to the Set Back Ordinance to allow a 5 foot set back rather than a 10 foot set back on the south side of her property, where she will be putting a portable storage building.

It was moved by Council Member Hardy to approve Ms. Chandler's exception to the Set Back Ordinance allowing her a 5 foot set back on the southside of her property for placement of a portable storage building. The motion was seconded by Council Member Conner 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 Renfrow and carried.

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary O. Vice, City Clerk