

VINTON, LA
April 20, 2021

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 20th day of April, 2021, with the following members present:

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor
Diane Conner, Council Member
Stephanie Hardy, Council Member
Paul Patin, Council Member
Marcus Renfrow, Council Member

ABSENT: William "BB" Loyd, Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO PRESENT: Cade R. Cole, Town Attorney

The following Reports were submitted:

Total Payroll for March, 2021	\$ 114,792.98
Total Receipts for March, 2021	\$ 1,098,152.48
Total Disbursements for March, 2021	\$ 1,098,119.58
Total Bills for March, 2021	\$ 399,215.15

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 Renfrow 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 March, 2021, were approved and payment authorized upon a motion by Council Member Renfrow seconded by Council Member Conner and carried.

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

It was moved by Council Member Conner that the following Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renfrow and the vote cast thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Conner, Hardy, Patin and Renfrow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Loyd

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Town of Vinton was severely impacted by Hurricane Laura, which struck the area on August 27, 2020, as a significant Category 4 Hurricane, causing extensive and widespread destruction to residential, commercial and public assets of our community; and

WHEREAS, six weeks later, on October 9, 2020, we were again targeted by Hurricane Delta, a Category 2 storm that brought devastating winds and rainfall to our already distressed community; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, has communicated the unmet needs of the communities in Calcasieu Parish by requesting a supplemental appropriation from Congress to aid our region and state for 3 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address the unmet needs of our community, and was based on data available following the storms; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the CDBG-DR funds, Governor Edwards also requested that disaster supplemental appropriation from Congress also consider Social Services Block Grant funding, Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding, FEMA Cost Share Reduction (this has been granted through FEMA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding and Natural Resource Conservation Service funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 20th day of April, 2021 as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council, on behalf of all citizens of the Town of Vinton, lend our full support to the disaster supplemental appropriations request from Governor Edwards to the administration of President Joseph Biden.
2. We call upon our entire Louisiana Legislative and Congressional Delegations to fully support and lend the full effort and influence of their office to work with the Biden Administration and fellow members of Congress toward a disaster appropriations package for our region that gives every consideration to the data provided by Governor Edwards' Administration towards addressing the significant unmet needs of our region and state.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary O. Vice, City Clerk

It was moved by Council Member Renfrow that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Vinton Harbor & Terminal District for the 10 year lease of the office on the south side of the police department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hardy and carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hardy that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a Mutual Aide Agreement with LEPA for assistance with our electrical system during disasters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

Due to unforeseen emergency circumstances Mayor Pro Tem Loyd was unable to attend the meeting. His agenda item will be discussed at a later meeting.

Chief Ricky Fox gave the monthly Police Department report.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief, it was moved by Council Member Patin to approve the emergency hire of Patricia Patrick as dispatcher. The motion was seconded by Council Member Conner and carried.

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

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

Ms. Denita Steve addressed the Council regarding dilapidated properties and trash sitting on the side of the road. She would like to see an effort to clean up our community.

Mr. Marco Dominquez was not present at the meeting to discuss his request for an exception.

Mr. David Milligen requested exceptions to the Dwelling Size Ordinance and Mobile Home Park Ordinance. He stated that his home was destroyed in the storm and he had purchased a portable building that is less than 600 square feet and set up in Fontenot's Mobile Home Park (902 Center St., Lot 13) for he and his wife to live in.

After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Patin moved to approve the Mr. Milligen's exception requests. The motion died for lack of a second.

It was moved by Council Member Hardy to defer any action of Mr. Milligen's requests until further information could be gathered. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

Tricia Granger requested an exception to the Set Back Ordinance that would allow her to build two single family dwellings on existing slabs on two lots that are not yet sub-divided but meet the 6000 square feet requirement.

After a lengthy discussion, the Council informed Mrs. Granger that she would need to have the property surveyed and sub-divided into the 6000 square foot lots so that an accurate request could be made for the exception to the Set Back Ordinance.

Ms. Mary LeBrun requested an extension to her exception due to her repairs to her house are not yet complete and she is still living in her travel trailer.

Ms. LeBrun was advised that there is an automatic 6 month extension for those still working on repairs and her extension is good until August, 2021.

Ms. Kassie Eastwood requested an exception to the Lot Size Ordinance at 620 ½ Industrial Street to allow her to replace her storm damaged mobile home with a new one. The lot is over an acre of undivided land.

It was moved by Council Member Renfrow to approve Ms. Eastwood's exception and allow her to place a new mobile home at 620 ½ Industrial Street with the stipulations that only family reside in the home and that the home is never used for rental property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Patin and carried.

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

Kenneth O. Stinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary O. Vice, City Clerk