

# City of Ville Platte

## Regular Monthly City Council Meeting

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126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA  
Minutes for May 12, 2020 held at 5:00 PM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte met in a regular session in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 126 E. Main St. Ville Platte, LA on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:00 PM. The Meeting was conducted through Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic and in compliance to the Governor's stay at home orders, the City Council meeting will be held online.

**The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vidrine.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, Councilwoman Faye Lemoine, Councilmen Bryant Riggs, Lionel Anderson and Jerry Joseph, Mike Perron, and City Clerk Shountilez L. Williams, Police Chief Neal Lartigue, Fire Chief Fabian Poullard, Administrative Secretary Hilda Edwards and City Attorney Eric Lafleur      **Absent: Donald Sam**

Following the Invocation and pledge, roll called by Shountilez L. Williams, City Clerk, and announced that a quorum was present. The Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ville Platte were duly convened as the Governing Authority of the City of Ville Platte.

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It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Perron to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried unanimously

### **Monthly Report for April 2020 (Budget to Actual)**

It was moved by Councilman Joseph and seconded by Councilman Anderson to approve the Expense Report for the month of April. Council compared budget to actual as presented, year to date from the monthly report.      **All in favor, motion carried unanimously**

**Mayor Vidrine announced April Sales Tax was down by -9.27 % as expected due to Covid-19. Utilities are not being disconnected until further notice.**

### **Council Comments:**

Councilman Anderson commented on the curfew. Mayor Vidrine announced, because we are in a State of Emergency the City has the authority to keep the curfew in place. Chief Lartigue agrees that it has helped with crimes in the city.

Councilman Riggs mentioned, after speaking with Grant Soileau, Housing Authority Director, he was informed that he is having a difficult time getting officers to do security at the Housing Project. Chief Lartigue said, officers are there Thursday through Sunday, but when the Housing obtains more funding, officers will be there seven days a week. The Housing Authority has a contract with the police department to provide security.

Councilman Riggs asked for an update on other projects and the street sweeper.

Mayor Vidrine said there have been complaints about the booming music. Chief Lartigue said the officers will be issuing tickets. Councilman Riggs asked city engineer Mr. Landreneau about gas meters.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items listed (4 minutes each)—**

No public comments

Agenda Items:

### **Fire Chief Report**

There were 14 calls made to the Ville Platte Fire Department, which includes the Ville Platte Fire District.

### **Abandoned Property/Blighted/Overgrown Properties**

Mayor announced that we will be sending letters out for overgrown grass and blighted property.

Budget: Mayor Vidrine asked the Council to send any budget items they may have.

Resolutions:

### **Ordinance:**

Proclamations

Permits

### **Reports**

#### **Chief of Police's Report-Neal Lartigue**

There were a total of 93 complaints in the month of April-2020 of which 70 required reports.

There were 32 citations issued 20 arrests of which 4 were felony arrest and there were 39 accidents reported.

#### **City Engineer's Report-Ronnie Landreneau-**

**Mayor's Report:**

All employees have been tested, including Fire and Police departments, the City Marshal, as well as the Sheriff department. All employees at City Hall must wear a mask and have their temperature checked daily. All outdoor employees must have gloves, masks, and disinfectants, and are only allowed to have two workers per city truck, with one driver and other employee in the back of the truck. Temperature must be checked every day.

Mayor Vidrine wants the public to know that we are still taking calls for any problems the community may have.

It was moved by Councilman Riggs and seconded by Councilman Anderson to keep City Hall closed until further notice, giving the Mayor time to prepare to reopen.

**All in Favor, motion carried.**

The City's staff is working in City Hall taking calls and providing services as needed.

After some discussion concerning the curfew, it was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Joseph to keep the curfew in effect until further notice due to the Covid-19 for the safety of the public. **All in favor, motion carried**

The City of Ville Platte received a Community Water Enrichment Funds Program in the amount of \$23,834.00 which will be used clean and refurbish city tanks. Mr. Landreneau reminded Mayor Vidrine that Well 11 will be in need of some important repairs.

**Adjournment**

With there being no other business, Mayor Vidrine called for a motion to adjourn. A motion by Councilman Riggs and seconded by Councilman Joseph to adjourn.

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50

**Approved By:**

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**Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor**

**Attest By:**

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**Shountilez L. Williams, City Clerk**