

City of Ville Platte
Regular Monthly City Council Meeting

126 E. Main Street, Ville Platte, LA
Minutes for November 9, 2021 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, November 9, 2021 5:00 PM. The *The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vidrine.*

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, Councilwoman Faye Lemoine, Councilmen Bryant Riggs, Jerry Joseph and Mike Perron, and City Clerk Shountilez L. Williams, Administrative Secretary, Hilda Edwards and Dirk Deville, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent were: Councilmen Donald Sam and Lionel Anderson, City Attorney, Eric Lafleur and Police Chief Neal Lartigue and Fire Chief Chris Soileau

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.

Added one items to the agenda:

Resolution:

Adding sustainability partners agreement allowing Mayor Vidrine to discuss ideas and creatives solutions for Ville Platte. It was moved by Councilwoman Lemoine and seconded by Councilman Joseph to add one items to the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

1. Correction of August Minutes-

Ronnie's Misstatement of DEQ instead of LDH had compelled the city to renovate 2 lift stations. Mr. Landreneaux appeared before the board to explain the correction; he referred in the August meeting, bids were taken to renovate two lift stations, they were rejected due to over budget, at the recommendation of DEQ instead of LDH.

2. Minutes-Regular Monthly Meeting October 12, 2021

It was moved by Councilman Perron and seconded by Councilman Joseph to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried unanimously

3. Monthly Report for October 2021 (Budget to Actual)

The expenses for the month of September were \$197,634.77 and the expenses for the month of October were \$212,014.56. The expenses were \$14,379.79 more in the month of October then in the month of September. Budget to Actual for all departments included.

It was moved by Councilman Perron and seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the monthly report for the month of October. All in favor motion carried.

The LAMP Report was also presented.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Vidrine introduce Jennifer Manuel to the Council as the new Accountant for the city.

Council Comments: No comments

Public Comments on Agenda Items listed (4 minutes each)—No public comments

Agenda Items:

- 1. Fire Chief Report- Report in December-will report at the December meeting**
- 2. Engineer’s Report-Ronnie Landreneau**

Mr. Landreneau reported that he is working with DEQ to repair and refurbish old equipment at the sewer plant, cleaning the Contact Chamber and removing sludge.

Mr. Landreneau reported that bids were opened, today at 12:00 for the Capital Outlay Project. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was Prairie Contractor, LLC from Opelousas. Prairie Contractor is the ace bid with three alternates; the alternates are additive, the alternates which is required by Facility Planning and Control, this is to secure a bid is within the budget. The budget for the construction project budget is \$3,396,803 dollars. The lowest bid was Prairie Contractor; the base bid is \$2,762,795 dollars. Additive #1 is Demoncherveaux Subdivision 106, 399, 00, Additive #2 is 53,688.00 are Demourelle and Additive #3 is 105,718.00 for St. Marie. These are the streets the Mayor and Council requested a bid on. A bid make award tonight, Facility Planning and Control has a requirement has request that a requirement has to be sent for concurrence before a recommendation is made. Mr. Ronnie will obtain a request for concurrence from Baton Rouge. He will recommend concurrence, which they approve the alternate base pay of #1, # 2 and #3 for a total of three million, twenty eight thousand, and six hundred, that is the amount that will be recommended to the state for approval. Mr. Landreneau will work with the Mayor and Council on how to move forward with the remaining balance of \$368,203.00.

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (Audit Engagement)

It was moved by Councilman Bryant Riggs and seconded by Councilman Mike Perron to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Abandoned Property/Blighted/Overgrown Properties

Hilda reported that three house/mobile homes have been demolished on Lincoln Road, Cotton St. and several lots have been cleaned.

Resolutions

- 1. Resolution regarding 911 and OEP**

It was moved by Councilman Bryant Riggs and seconded by Councilman Jerry Joseph to table the resolution until the December meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Resolution regarding Development of City Zoning Plan-**

On the motion of Councilman Jerry Joseph seconded by Councilwoman Faye Lemoine the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 110921-2

**FOR THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF
VILLE PLATTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA WITH THE
GENERAL PURPOSE OF GUIDING AND ACCOMPLISHING A
COORDINATED, ADJUSTED AND HARMONIOUS
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE STATE OF
LOUISIANA TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN CITY**

GOVERNMENT AND TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY, SAFE, AND PROSPEROUS ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ITS CITIZENS RESIDE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:106, the Planning Commission for the City of Ville Platte desires to make and adopt a Master Plan for the physical development of the City of Ville Platte with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in tire process of development; including, among other things, adequate provision for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, tire promotion of the healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements, and vehicular parking; and

WHEREAS, for the above purpose, the Planning Commission for the City of Ville Platte, consisting of the members of the Ville Platte City Council desires to adopt a Master Plan, on or before May 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission for the City of Ville Platte State of Louisiana, hereby adopts the Master Plan, which is attached hereto and identified herewith as Exhibit A.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Anderson, Lionel			X	
Joseph, Jerry	X			
Lemoine, Faye	X			
Perron, Mike	X			

Board Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Sam, Donald			X	
Riggs, Bryant	X			

THUS ADOPTED in the City of Ville Platte this 9th day of November, 2021.

Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor

Shountilez Lafleur Williams, City Clerk

PARISH OF EVANGELINE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana (the “City”), do hereby certify that the foregoing two (2) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the City on **November 9, 2021**, authorizing the adoption of a Master Plan for the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, on this, the **9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019**.

Shountilez LaFleur-Williams, City Clerk

**3. Louisiana Community Development Authority (LCDA)
RESOLUTION 110921-3**

The following resolution was offered by Bryant Riggs and seconded by Jerry Joseph :

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE THE TWO (2) YEAR APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR JENNIFER VIDRINE AS A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-D OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, previously passed a resolution to become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. Approve the appointment of Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the officers of the Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote their own was as follows:


YEAS: **Councilmen Bryant Riggs, Mike Perron, Jerry Joseph & Councilwoman Faye Lemoine**

NAYS: **0**

ABSENT: **Councilmen Donald Sam & Lionel Anderson**

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of November, 2021.


ATTEST: Dirk Deville
Title: Chief Administrative Officer


NAME: Jennifer Vidrine
Title: Mayor

4. **DOTD Road Signage Project-East Hickory** It was moved by **Councilman Jerry Joseph** and seconded by **Councilman Bryant Riggs** to approve the resolution indicating the intention of the

City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, to Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign and enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to administer and apply certain improvements as outlined in state project number H.013789. **All in favor, motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 110921-4

A resolution indicating the intention of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, to Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign and enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to administer and apply certain improvements as outlined in state project number H.013789.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has provided documentation to the City of Ville Platte concerning entering into contract with said department regarding curve signing and striping of E. Hickory Street within the City of Ville Platte; and

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has indicated it is necessary that the City of Ville Platte adopt this resolution authorizing Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign said documents on behalf of the City of Ville Platte;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Does hereby authorize Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign and enter into the herein described contract with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote being their own was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Bryant Riggs, Mike Perron, Jerry Joseph and Councilwoman Faye Lemoine

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Councilmen Donald Sam and Lionel Anderson

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of November, 2021.

Attest: Dirk Deville
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Name: Jennifer Vidrine
Title: Mayor

Ordinances:

1. Introduction

- **Animal Control-Vicious Dogs**

It was moved by Councilman Joseph and seconded by Councilman Riggs to table the approval of the Animal Control-Vicious Dog ordinance until the December meeting. All in favor motion carried.

2. Adoption

- **Grease Oli Traps and Sand Traps**

After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Riggs and seconded by Councilman Perron to table the approval of the Grease Oil Traps and Sand Traps until the December meeting.

All in favor motion carried.

Resolution added to the Agenda:

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Bryant Riggs and seconded by Councilman Jerry Joseph to approve the resolution indicating the intention of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, to authorize Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign and enter into a master agreement with Sustainability Partners to examine the possibilities of utilizing their services. **All in favor, motion carried**

RESOLUTION 110921-5

the resolution indicating the intention of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, to authorize Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to sign and enter into a master agreement with **Sustainability Partners** to examine the possibilities of utilizing their service.

WHEREAS, the City of Ville Platte’s needs change and progress daily;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, is acting in such capacity:

Dose hereby authorize Mayor Jennifer Vidrine to enter into a master agreement with Sustainability Partners allowing her to enter into negotiations and discussions with same, understanding that the City Council’s approval will be required before the City enters into any contractual obligation with **Sustainability Partners**.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote being their own was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Bryant Riggs, Mike Perron and Jerry Joseph, Councilwoman Faye Lemoine

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Councilmen Donald Sam and Lionel Anderson

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST: Dirk Deville
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

NAME: Jennifer Vidrine
Title: Mayor

Proclamation-None

Permits E & M Corner Store, Inc., 1688 West Main St.

It was moved by Councilman Bryant Riggs and seconded by Councilman Perron to approve the liquor permit, all paperwork has been process and approved. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Reports

Chief of Police’s Report-Neal Lartigue

There were a total of 679 calls for assistance in the month of September 2021---18 citations, 3 arrests of which 2 were felony arrest. Officers responded to 24 automobile accidents.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Vidrine announced that the COVID -19 shot will be administer on November 12, at the Ville Platte Civic Center.

Adjournment

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

All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49

Approved By:

Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor

Attest By:

Shountilez L. Williams, City Clerk