# MINUTES OF THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF YENDI MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRECONFERENCE HALL

# **ATTENDANCE**

1.	Hon. Ibrahim Abu Zolge .				Presiding Member
2.	Hon. Alhaji Hammed A. Yussuf	🖔		-	M.C.E
3.	Hon, Mohammed Iddrisu				Nayilifong South E/A
4.	Hon. Nkpirimbi Joseph Ugaja.				Zagbang E/A
-5.	Hon. Abubakari Kassim			-	Government App
6.	Hon, Hussein Abdul- Karim				Kumfong E/A
7.	Hon. Gumpal-Lana Sumani			-	Government App.
8.	Hon. Fusheini Alhassan			-	Kusheigu E/A
9.	Hon. Mohammed Izirideen				Balogu South E/A
10.	Hon Albassan Ayishetu			-	Government App
11.	Hon. Iddrisu Mohammed Alimaci	ie.			Nayilifong North E.A.
12.	Hon. Amos Yaache			-	Government App.
13.	Hon. Baba Gazali			-	Zohe West E/A
14.	Hon. Ubawan Samba Simon			-	Kpanjamba E/A
15.	Hon. Amadu Moole		••	-	Bunbong E/A
16.	Hon. Kombapu Kopiin .			-	Government App.
17.	Hon. Abdulai M. Mutala		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	-	Malzeri E/A
18.	Hon. Imoro Ibrahim			- 4 - 14	Kuga E/A
19.	Hon. Mohammed Abdulai			- 1	Pion E/A
20.	Hon. Adam Abdul-Razak Fombia			_ /	Yendi Secondary E/A
21.	Hon. James Gmanyin	•			Kulkpeni E/A
22.	Hon. Y. Alhassan. Baba Nakoha	ice .			Umrania E/A
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23. Hon. Sulemana Abdul-Rauf	**	**		Government App.
24. Hon. Bindana A. A. Ziblim	8.0	**	~	
25. Hon. Chandow Stephen	3.9	8.9	*	Kunkon E/A
26. Hon. Kassim Yussif	**	**		Guntingli E/A
27. Hon. Alhaji Mohammed Issah	**		-	Government App.
28. Hon, Joshua D. K. Wumbei				Gbungbaliga E/A
29. Hon. Alhassan Inusah	)	.,		Balogu North E/A
30. Hon. Timothy Babayi Buedi			-	Nakpachie E/A
31. Hon. Salifu Nzara				Government App.
32. Hon. Abu Mohammed			-	Gundogu E/A
33. Hon. Bilikpem Johnson			-	Gnani E/A
34. Hon. Kangba Babayi			-	Kuni E/A
35. Hon. Utambab Donko			-	Government App.
36. Hon. Sulemana Illiasu				Tusani F/A
37. Hon. Sayibu Yakubu			-	Zohe East E/A
38. Hon. Yakubu Fusheini			-	Adibo E/A
39. Hon. Wumbei M. Adams			-	Sunson E/A
40. Hon. Amidu Mohammed		••	-	Gagbuni E/A
41. Hon. Alhaji Yahuza Abukari			-	Government App.
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MEMBERS ABSENT WITH PER	MIS	SSION		
42. Hon. Mohammed Habib Tijani			Me	mber of Parliament - Yendi
43. Hon. Mohammed Iddrisu				yilfong South
44. Hon. Mohammed Sham	_			
45. Hon. Abdulai Sabratu				v't Appointees
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		£				Works Department
2.	Edward Okantah			••		Physical Planning Department
3.	Mohammed Saani		••			
4.	Francis Apajo					Ghana Immigration Service
5.	Yahaya M. Donadlson	1				Env. Health & Sanitation
6.	E. K Amwanchimbey					Municipal Budget Analyst
7.	Nimsaw Mary				-	Procurement officer
8.	Imoro Salifu Somed					Dagbon State Senior School
9.	A. M Awal Suhiyini	. 59				Municipal Planning Officer
10.	Alhassan Abu Safiani	1.				NADMO
11.	Abdul A. Abubakari					NBSSI
12.	Atambire Josephine					Human Resource Manager
13.	Abdulai Saani	••				YMA-Internal Auditor
14	Dramani Alhassan	inge Service	••			MFO
15	. Vitalis Cheyuo					Department of Urban Roads
16	. Sompson Tully	••				VRA/NEDCO
17	. Fushieni Abdul-Latif					Youth Parliament.
18	. Nimatu Awudu					Assistant Director IIA
19	. Abdulai Yakubu					MWSTL
20	. Ayuba Alhassan Sum	ani				YEA
21	. Salifu Salamatu					Forestry
22	. DSP Asumpiko M. N	aath	9-65			Prison
23	. Jatoe Anthony					GHS
24	. Mohammed Habib Ib	rahim				GES

25. Alhaji Amadu A. Yakubu					NEFD
26. Alhaji Sulemana Alhassan					NCCE
27. Gaspard K. Dery		<b>.</b>			M.C.D
28. Capt.NT Avu Tamakloe	· Surfred	V. +294 8	1.1		Army
29. Issahaku Hudu					CHRAJ
30. Abdulai Abdallah		5	'	1.	
31. Inusah Abdul- Rahman					
32. Mohammed Shiraz					
33. Mohammed Yussif					
34. Hudu Imoro					
35. Chief A. B. Mohammed					Accountant YMA
36. Seidu Abdulai					PRO
37. Zinanibe Eugene					Accountant YMA
38. Peter Kofi Kwao					
39. Abdul- Razak Yakubu					
40. Edward A. K. Dawuni					GNA
41. Abdul-Rahman Ibrahim					ADI (Recorder)
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ITEM*	ACTIVITY	ACTION
1/2019/1	OPENING PRAYER	BY
	The Hon. Presiding Member called the meeting to order at 10:30am and Alhaji	
	Muniru was called upon to give the opening prayer.	
1/2019/2	ROLL CALL	
	A roll call of Hon. Members indicated that forty one (41) Members were	
	present, while four including Hon. MP were absent with permission.	
1/2019/3	WELCOME ADDRESS BY HON. PRESIDING MEMBER	
	The Hon. Presiding welcomed Hon. Members to the first Ordinary meeting of	
	the Assembly and thanked them for their punctuality. He said the first meeting	
	was delayed because of circumstances beyond the control of the Assembly and	
	which was known to everybody. He thanked H. E President of the Republic of	
	Ghana, the three Eminent Chiefs and all those who contributed in diverse ways	
	towards the performance of the funerals of the two late Kings of Dagbon for	
	Peace to return and reignited the socio-economic status of the people.	
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	He commended the Hon. Municipal Chief Executive for making judicious use	
	of the Internally Generated Funds (IGF) for physical infrastructure and the	
	Procurement of motor bikes for Hon. Assembly members. He hoped that the	
	motor bikes would be used for the purpose for which they were procured. The	
	Hon. PM informed the House that four (4) organizations were invited to brief	
	the General Assembly on issues of public interest. They were; National	
	Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Forestry Commission (FC), Volta	
	River Authority (VRA) and Send – Ghana (SG). According to him, the	
	briefing would be in this order;	
	a. NCCE would highlight the need for public education on revenue	
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- 114	mobilization, the impending District Level Elections and the Referendum.	
	b. Forestry Commission would deal with allegation on extortion of monies	
	from squatters along the forest reserve in Yendi.	
	c. The Volta River Authority would brief the House on the mass disconnection exercise in the Municipality.	
	d. Send – Ghana would also talk about corruption and its impact on National Development.	
	The Hon. Presiding Member expressed concern about the rate at which some	
	of the youth in the Municipality were involved in internet fraud and teenage	
	pregnancy and called on all to nib it in the bud. He also expressed concern	
	about the rate at which armed robbery cases were reported in the Municipality,	1
. P	and called on the security agencies to work hard to cub the menace.	
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	On the issue of Ex-gratia to Hon. Members, he called on the Hon. MCE not to	8
	ignore the request made to him and was hopeful that Hon. Members would	
	receive the package before the impending District Level Elections. The Hon	
# N	Presiding Member made a passionate appeal to Hon. Members to be realistic	Llon
	In their demand for the Ex-gratia, taking into consideration the ability of the	Assembly
	Assembly to pay and also called on his colleagues to support the Assembly	Members
	modifize revenue to meet their demand.	
1/2019/4	CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	Corrections were made on the previous meeting minutes held	
	October 2018. In the absence of any further corrections, Hon. Joshua D. K.	1
	Wumbee moved for the accentance of the	Total State
	Wumbee moved for the acceptance of the previous minutes and the motion was seconded by Hon. Timothy Babayi Buedi.	

ITEM	ACTIVITY
1/2019/5	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
	On the need to provide furniture in the Assembly Hall, the response was that provision had been made in the 2020 Budget to take care of that. In respect of the Care Taker at the Yendi cemetery, it was indicated that he was been supported from time to time to perform his activities. Hon. Members were informed that, Driver Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) had opened an office in Yendi market and render services to the people of Yendi on every Thursday.
1/2019/6	SESSIONAL ADDRESS BY THE HON. MUNICIPAL CHIEF
	EXECUTIVE (MCE)  The Hon. MCE said that in line with section 28(1) of the Local Governance Act, 2016 Act 936 he was before the House to update Hon. Members on the state of the Municipality,  He thanked H.F. the President of Channella and Action 28(1) of the Local Governance Act, 2016 Act 936 he was before the House to update Hon. Members on the state of the Municipality,
	He thanked H.E, the President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo – Addo, on behalf of the Chiefs and people of the Municipality for facilitating the performance of the funerals of the late two kings of Dagbon, which led to the installation and investiture of the current Overlord, Ya-Naa Mahama Abukari II for peace to finally return to Dagbon Kingdom.
	He also expressed his appreciation to the three Eminent Chiefs; the Asantehene, Yagbon-Wura and Nayiri, and all the security agencies and Ministers of State for the significant role they played before and during the funerals. He called on all stakeholders to help consolidate the peace of the area for sustainable development.

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ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION BY
/2019/6.1	DISTRICT PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT TOOL (DPAT)	
	The Hon. MCE informed the House that the Assembly Scored 98% during the	1
	2017 nationwide District Performance Assessment Tool (DPAT) conducted	
	from 29th to 30th August 2019, to enable the Assembly to access the needed	of VMA
	funds to undertake development projects in the Municipality. The Hon. MCE	and Hon
	expressed his sincere gratitude to the staff and Hon. Members for the success	Member
	chalked, and appealed to all to put in the maximum efforts to achieve much	S
Y.	higher results for the 2018 assessment.	
	He used the opportunity to inform the House about the award received by the	
	Assembly at the launch of 7th Open Defecation Free League Table held in	
Te est	Tamale for the achievement of 60% ODF. He further indicated that the	
Te	Municipality target for achieving ODF would be in November 2019 and	
	therefore called on all to support in the attainment of the goal.	
/2019/6.2	PEACE AND SECURITY	
a),	The Hon. MCE said the Municipality was relatively calmed despite some	1
	isolated armed robbery cases reported and which were brought under control	
	by the security agencies. He stated that the security agencies did their best for	
	maintaining law and order and however called on the citizenry to provide	
	valuable information to them for the arrest and further prosecution of the	
	criminals in our Security. The Hon. MCE appealed to all ethnic groups in the	1
	Municipality to treat misunderstanding between two persons as such, and not	
	one ethnic group against or the other.	
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	deretanding nearly resulted into violent conflict	

According to him, such misunderstanding nearly resulted into violent conflict between Dagombas and Konkombas at Bago and Yasheigu, but it was brought under control by the timely intervention of MUSEC. He again said that similar incident happened at Gnani between the Chief and a Konkomba over a piece of farm land, which was also brought under control by the intervention of Ya-Naa and MUSEC. He told them to report such criminal matters to the security agencies for the necessary action to be taken, and also appealed to all ethnic groups to co-exist with each other for sustainable development in the Municipality.

# /2019/6.3 | REVENUE MOBILIZATION

On this, the Hon. MCE said the Assembly would work hard to increase the Internally Generated Fund in the near future because of the significant role it played in the day – to – day administration of the Assembly. He gave the revenue performance break down from 2014 to June, 2019 as below.

NI	Year	Revenue Figure GH¢
No.		813,378.99
<u> </u>	2014	818,991.81
2.	2015	
3.	2016	1,168,489.79
4.	2017	511,498.06
5	2018	521,204.75
6	2019 (June)	344,901.58

He however observed that, the 2017 and 2018 revenue performance went down and therefore required pragmatic approach to increase the revenue of the Assembly for development. The Hon. MCE outlined the following measures to boost revenue of the Assembly.

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landlords on the need to pay their property rate.	
b. Revamp revenue mobilization taskforce to collect residential property rate.	
c. Train other officers to undertake residential property numbering exercise	
for the Assembly to build a revenue data.	
d. Write to sitting tenants of Assembly stores whose Tenancy Agreements	
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	Assembly Members
their electorates.	
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2019/6.4	AGRICULTURE (PLANTING FOR FOOD AND JOBS)	
	On Agriculture, he observed that majority of the communities in the	
	Municipality were rural and Pre-dominantly agrarian in nature, and therefore	
	the need to enhance their livelihood through sustained modern agricultural	
	practice and provision of adequate farm inputs. He assured the Department of	
	Agriculture of support of the Assembly towards its drive to increase food	
	production and food security in the Municipality.	
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	farming season, a total of 34,760 bags of fertilizer, 920 kilos of rice seeds	
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In a related development, he informed the House that the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) selected the Municipality to benefit from Agricultural Mechanization Centre (AMC), by which the Municipality would be provided with; two tractors and their implements, ten (10) power tillers and other machines of which the Assembly would use six quarters to pay from its share of the District Assemblies Common Fund. He urged the youth to take advantage of these good government policies and make a decent living out of that.

#### 2019/6.5

#### **EDUCATION**

On education, he said the current administration considered education as one of its key priorities and would invest much to achieve quality education, despite the significant infrastructure put in place over the years a lot would still be required.

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	He told the House about the donation of 369 duel desks by the Hon. MP to	*
	some needy schools in the Municipal to improve teaching and learning. He	1
	added that the Hon. MP used his share of the Common Fund to rehabilitate	
	the following Schools; Kpaligigbini JHS, Kinyonbanki Primary School,	
	Sakpegu Primary School, Banchini Primary School and Pion Primary School.	
	In a related development, he said the Assembly would procure 120 metal dual	
	desks for Kpanjihi L/A primary School and Yendi R/C Block C.	
	On the Free Senior High School, he hinted that through GETFUND the	,
	government awarded contract for the construction of 1No. 2storey 12 Unit	
	classrooms and another 1No. 2storey 12 Unit dormitory blocks for Yendi	
	Senior High School, with the aim of ending the double track system. He	
	added that additional 1No. 6 Unit classroom block with funding from Ghana	
	National Petroleum Company (GNPC) was almost 80% Complete and that	
	efforts were far advanced to ensure that Dagbon State Senior High School got	
	its fair share of the much needed infrastructure to help solve the double track	
	infrastructural difficulty. He said a 1No. 3 Unit classroom block abandoned	e ·
	since 2015 was also completed and handed over to the people of Kasalni. He	-
	therefore appealed to stakeholders to contribute their quota towards improving	4
	teaching and learning in the schools.	
/2019/6.6	ONE MILLION DOLLAR ONE CONSTITUENCY INITIATIVE	
	Under this initiative, the Hon. MCE said the Assembly submitted a proposal	
	for 19 Projects to be implemented in the Municipality. They were; 10No.	
	3Unit classroom block, office, store, 1No. 4seater KVIP toilet, urinal and	
	furniture would be provided to ten (10) communities across the Municipality.	
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	Rehabilitation and refurbishment of Yendi Hospital with acquisition and installation of Oxygen plant and finally 7No. boreholes would be drilled and mechanized in seven communities. The total cost of the 19 projects was estimated to be Five Million Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 5,000,000.00). These Projects when completed would help improve efficient and effective service delivery in those sectors.	
/2019/6.7	ONE VILLAGE ONE DAM (IVID)	
	The Hon. MCE said that under the above initiative, 10 dams were awarded on contract, out of which one (1) dam at Nakpachei was completed and handed over while work was ongoing for five of them and four were yet to start.	
/2019/6.8		
	On this, Hon. MCE told the House that it was only the soya beans processing factory approved by both the Assembly and the National Secretaria: 10	
	establish POP Diesel Africa Limited to produce Alafei Foods. He nowever stated that another private business man who was yet to report officially and personally was given the permission to establish meat processing factory in the Municipality.	
/2019/6.9	OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS	
	The Hon. MCE informed the House that the Assembly received funds from the District Performance Assessment Tool (DPAT), District Development Facility (DDF) and District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF) to implement the under listed Projects. They included; the construction of 3No. 9Unit classroom block at Kpanjini, Yendi R/C block C and Yendi Sualihiya schools.	
	Construction of 1No. Teacher's quarters at Sunsong, construction of 1No. CHPS Compound at Gbungbalga, Reshaping of 6.2km feeder road from	

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION
	Gbungbalga to Kpalsongni, Reshaping of 6.5km feeder road of Yendi -	BY
	Kushegu - Gbanbaya - Bini - Kpaatogu. Others were; reshaping and spot	
	improvement of 9.7km feeder roads from Kpasanado - Jagando - Nkuuyili.	
	The rest were; drilling of 3No. hand-pump boreholes at Tibibaya, Nalogba and	0
	Bali, drilling of 2 No. mechanized boreholes at Yendi Military barracks and	
	Kunkon CHPS Compound. He told the House that the construction of	
	Business Advisory Centre and Youth Resource Centre at Zang were 90% and	
	50% complete respectively.	
2019/6.10	OTHER ROADS PROJECTS	
	He said the under listed Projects were funded by the Ministry of Special	
	Development Initiative and were completed. They were the construction of a	2
	double 3m x 2m box Culvert and a 5m x 25m span footbridge at two separate	
	locations to link up Gamanzi and Guntinli communities. He was optimistic	
	that, the bridges would improve the socio – economic status of the people when completed.	
2019/6.11	WATER AND SANITATION	
***	He said UNICEF supported the Assembly to drill new boreholes and refurbished existing ones to increase water	
	refurbished existing ones to increase water coverage in the Municipality. The	
	Projects were; Drilling and installation of 5 No. hand pump boreholes at	
	Tusani, Sakpegu, E.P Primary School Yendi, Gnani and Sunson. He indicated	
	that there were other related projects funded under the Ministry of Special	
	Development Initiative which were at various stages of completion as follows;	
	construction of 4No. 10seater toilets with Mechanized boreholes attached for	
Villa I	Yendi Senior High School, Dagbon Senior High school, Yendi Hospital and	
12	Sunson. Again he said communities such as; Kulkpuniduli, Adibo, Chopando	

and Nabugu would benefit from funding from the Ministry of Special Development Initiative for the construction of 4No. Mechanized boreholes powered by solar energy. The Hon. MCE said the following five communities; Oseido, Nashegu, Yimahigu, Gundogu and Jigim were selected to benefit from the construction of 5No. hand pumps boreholes by courtesy of Hon. MP for Yendi Constituency with funding from the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources.

He indicated that, the Assembly received directive from the Administrator of the Common Fund to include in its Supplementary Budget CHPS compounds, Markets and Security facilities and which was prepared to include; construction of 10 lockage stores at Adibo market to be awarded on contract soon. He further added that 1No. 24 Unit lockable stores building at the Central Lorry Park in the Yendi Market was renovated with the Internally Generated Fund (IGF).

#### 2019/6.12

### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME

On Rural Electrification, the Hon. MCE told the House that four communities namely; Takoroyili, Bordo, Sukani and Yashegu were connected to the national grid, while Kpaaduyili was awarded on contract to Hunan Electrical Company to be connected to the national grid.

#### 2019/6.13

#### CONCLUSION

Concluding his address, the Hon. MCE thanked all stakeholders for contributing their quota towards the development of the Municipality and called on all to remain resolute to achieving the common objective of improving the living conditions of the people.

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He thanked Hon. Members for the level of maturity they exhibited on the floor of the House during proceedings and however appealed to them to approach issues with consensus building for unity in diversity.

## DETERMINATION OF EX-GRATIA TO HON. MEMBERS

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The first to catch the eye of Hon. Presiding Member was Hon. Bindana, who observed that the IGF of the Assembly was not encouraging and sought to know the kind of help the Assembly needed from Hon. Members in order to increase the revenue.

On his part, Hon. Baba Gazali stated that since the IGF of the Assembly was not good enough, he proposed an amount between GH¢ 1,500 and GH¢ 2,000.00 as Ex-gratia to Hon. Members. The motion was seconded by Hon. Hussein Abdul-Karim (Wundaba-Naa). As the debate continued, Hon. Izirideen was of the view that, since the IGF situation of the Assembly was not all that encouraging, it was important for Hon. Members to determine the amount that could be paid before the dissolution of the Assembly, and therefore proposed an amount of GH¢ 2,000.00 as Ex-gratia to Hon. Members. The motion was seconded by Hon. Adam Fombia.

Ruling on the matter, the Hon. Presiding Member stated that since they were varying figures in respect of the Ex-gratia, the matter would be put to vote. He however stated that notwithstanding various proposals made by the House, they would still be the need to wait until the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development determine the national figures. When voting was conducted 24 Hon. Members voted, and out of which 23 voted for GH¢ 2,000.00 while I voted for GH¢ 1,500.00.