Gueydan Has Closing Law

GUEYDAN — While attorneys for Vermilion Parish towns are gathering this week to draw up a 2 a.m. parishwide bar closing law, Gueydan Mayor Manson Saltzman says his town’s closing ordinance is working just fine.

Earlier news accounts reported that Maurice is the only Vermilion Parish community with a bar closing law.

But Saltzman told The Advertiser Gueydan has had a closing law on the books for some time, although it was not always enforced before he took office three years ago.

Gueydan’s closing law prohibits the sale of liquor between midnight and 6 a.m. and on Sundays, an arrangement Saltzman said has worked well for the city.

“The people here are happy with the law,” the mayor said, “You really need something like this to keep the drunks off the road.”

Saltzman said the law has worked well for Gueydan in particular because the northwestern Vermilion Parish city is so close to the bordering parishes of Acadia, Jeff Davis and Cameron, which all have 2 a.m. closing laws.