

**Minutes of February 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Board of Selectmen  
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen met for a Regular Meeting at Plaquemine City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez. Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. arrives at 6:33 p.m.

Absent: Selectman Michael W. Rivet

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Clerk's evidence of proper notice for the calling of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).**

There were no public comments.

**NUISANCE HEARING – 23440 GAUTHIER STREET, OWNER LESTER WIGGINS C/O GERALDINE GOUGISHA.**

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine condemn property located at 23440 Gauthier Street and advertise to receive bids for demolition.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

**NUISANCE HEARING – 58335 LONG STREET, OWNER LESTER WIGGINS C/O GERALDINE GOUGISHA.**

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine condemn property located at 58335 Long Street and advertise to receive bids for demolition.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

**NUISANCE HEARING – 58317 PLAQUEMINE STREET, OWNER J.D. DAIGLE.**

Ms. JoAnn Daigle, representing Brother's Keeper, addressed Mayor and Board of Selectmen, no action taken.

**NUISANCE HEARING – 58312 BELLEVIEW ROAD, OWNER FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #3988.**

City Inspector Lenora Crawford reported she will notify Family Dollar Store #3988 on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 that two 8 cubic yard dumpsters will be sufficient to handle trash, no further action taken.

**TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE DEDICATION OF APPLE STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following ordinance, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER: 363**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE AND SET ASIDE THE DEDICATION OF A STREET AND/OR RIGHT OF WAY IDENTIFIED AS APPLE STREET LOCATED IN SECTION 12, T-9-S, R-12-E AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen has been petitioned by the owners of the property formerly owned by Murray Suffrin and Thomas Allain, to revoke and set aside the dedication of a street, alley and/or right of way identified as Apple Street, on the "Plat Showing Revocation of 20' Right of Way (Apple Street) located in Section 12, T-9-S, R-12-E, Southwestern Land District, West of the Mississippi River, City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, LA for GS & U GM, LLC, 15423 Green Trails Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817," prepared by John G. Dunlap, P.L.S. and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, after reviewing the petition, considering the facts, and determining that the street, alley and/or right of way on the property identified above is abandoned and is no longer needed for public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, pursuant to LSA R.S. 48:701, revoke and set aside the dedication of the street, alley and/or right of way identified above; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, in legal session, that Code of Ordinances of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, pursuant to LSA R.S. 48:701, hereby revoke and set aside the dedication of the street, alley and/or right of way identified as Apple Street recorded in the Clerk's Office, Iberville Parish, Louisiana at Conveyance Book 56, Entry 193, Conveyance Book 90, Entry 1, Conveyance Book 91, Entry 138, Conveyance Book 93, entry 46, Conveyance Book 163, Entry 603, Conveyance Book 165, Entry 499, Conveyance Book 174, Entry 30, Conveyance Book 175, Entry 161, Conveyance Book 226, Entry 170 and Conveyance Book 264, Entry 42 and any other maps, plats, and/or surveys on record with the Iberville Parish Clerk of Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that this ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IBERVILLE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE REGIONAL SEWER PLANT PROJECT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THE "URGENT NEED" NATIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVE IS BEING MET.**

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

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**WHEREAS**, the Iberville Parish Council is submitting an application amendment for a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant to the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit for the City of Plaquemine Regional Sewer Plant under the national objective of "Urgent Need"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Iberville Parish Council must submit its CDBG-DR application amendment package in compliance with HUD Program Regulations; and,

**WHEREAS**, such regulations require that the City of Plaquemine, as sub-recipient of the grant funds, certify that the activity for which CDBG funds are being requested is designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare to the citizens of the City of Plaquemine, which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent during and immediately following Hurricanes Gustav/Ike, and that the City of Plaquemine is unable to finance the activity on its own, and that no other funds are available.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the submission of the CDBG-DR application amendment is hereby authorized, with the proceeds from such grant to be used to finance the City of Plaquemine Regional Sewer Plant; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parish President is the authorized representative for the project and as such is authorized to file an Application Amendment on behalf of the City, for the CDBG-Disaster Recovery Grant; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City hereby obligates and commits to pay for engineering and a portion of construction estimated to be **\$5,376,359.75** out of the total estimated project cost of **\$11,936,950.12** and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves Jr., hereby certifies that the City of Plaquemine Regional Sewer Plant project for which CDBG funds are being requested is designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the citizens of the City of Plaquemine; is of recent origin or which recently became urgent during and immediately following Hurricane Ike and that the City of Plaquemine is unable to completely finance the activity on its own and there are no other funds in the City budget available for the project.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE SUBDIVISION IDENTIFIED AS CYPRESS LANDING AT THE ISLAND AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine **not** accept the Final Plat for the subdivision identified as Cypress Landing at the Island, have PEC to provide a detailed list of potential damages for corrections including bayou bank and place item on regular meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet

**ADOPT A MOTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE PERSONNEL MANUAL SECTION 4.11 TRAVEL EXPENSE/REIMBURSEMENTS.**

No action taken, item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.**

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plaquemine, owns the following movable property which is no longer needed for a public purpose:

YEAR	DEPT	UNIT #	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	VALUE
1995	Fire	Squad 1	GMC	SUBURBAN-FIRE	1GKEC16K1SJ747913	Salvage
1991	FIRE	ENGINE 2	GMC	TOPKICK FIRE TRUCK	1GDP7H1J0MJ520016	Salvage
1999	Police	PD 22	FORD/GRAY	SEDAN	2FAFP71W7XX178135	Salvage
	CL&W			HP LASERJET 4250 PRINTER	S/N CNBXC24892	Salvage
	CL&W			HP LASERJET 4250 PRINTER	S/N USBXN09710	Salvage
	CL&W			HP LASERJET 4250 PRINTER	S/N CNGZH40052	Salvage
	CL&W			HP LASERJET 2420 PRINTER	S/N CNGKM00391	Salvage

**WHEREAS**, such property has no value or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars, therefore the City of Plaquemine hereby proposes to dispose of such property in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Plaquemine have hereby declared the above mentioned movable property which is no longer needed for public purpose as surplus

with either no value and/or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars as set forth in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

##### a) UPDATE FROM PEC.

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

##### b) UPDATE FROM UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT.

Utility Director Frank Mott provided status of ongoing projects.

##### c) UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN.

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of ongoing projects.

##### d) UPDATE FROM FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ.

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

##### e) UPDATE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE.

Chief of Police Kenneth Payne briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. requested placing a three-way stop sign at McDuffie Street and Orange Drive, and a stop sign at Laville and Nadler Streets, on the Tuesday, March 14, 2017 agenda.

#### ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2017.

So acknowledged.

#### APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR JANUARY 2017.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for January 2017.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

Nays: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet.

#### APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the reading of the minutes of January 10, 2017 (regular meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Michael W. Rivet

#### CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/ Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_

Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., Mayor

/s/ Shelia H. Migliacio \_\_\_\_\_

Shelia H. Migliacio, MMC