

**Minutes of March 13, 2018 – 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, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr. Selectman Oscar S. Mellion arrives at 6:34 p.m.

Absent: Selectman Timothy L. Martinez

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).

Mr. Kendric Pierre addressed Mayor and Board concerning a barbeque cook off that will be held on Saturday March 24, 2018 in the parking lot of Club Secret with all proceeds going to an Easter Egg Hunt to be held at City Park on Sunday, April 1, 2018.

RATIFY THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR ROXANE M. RICHARD.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine ratify the Mayor's appointment of City Clerk/Tax Collector Roxane M. Richard.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Oscar S. Mellion.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

TO APPROVE A 2018 CLASS T ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. (SPRING FEST) TO BE HELD AT THE MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU WATERFRONT PARK, 57845 FOUNDRY STREET, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24, 2018, PRESIDENT RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2018 Class T Alcohol Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. (Spring Fest) to be held at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Waterfront Park, 57845 Foundry Street, scheduled for March 24, 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

TO APPROVE A 2018 CLASS T ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. (WESTSIDE FARMERS MARKET) TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL, 23640 RAILROAD AVENUE, SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY'S OF THE MONTH FROM APRIL 7, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 16, 2018.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2018 Class T. Alcohol Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. (Westside Farmers Market) to be held at City Hall, 23640 Railroad Avenue, scheduled for the first and third Saturday's of the month from April 7, 2018 through June 16, 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER J'S JOINT AT 58710 BELLEVIEW ROAD WITH OWNER JASON R. CREIGHTON, PROPERTY OWNER CAREY BENNETT, AND RELATED MATTERS.

No action taken, item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 57800 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNER IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL (ADJ).

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceeding on property located at 57800 Government Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 23415 GAUTHIER STREET, OWNER LEOTHY C. HARRIS, C/O RODERICK HARRIS.

No motion made, Selectman Oscar Mellion granted owners of 23415 Gauthier Street an additional 30 days to continue progress with reports given by City Inspector Lenora Crawford.

NUISANCE HEARING – 23735 CALLAIS STREET, OWNER LATOYA BOSLEY.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23735 Callais Street 90 days to comply with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

NUISANCE HEARING – 23810 LEVY STREET, OWNER C & C PROPERTY GROUP LLC.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 23810 Levy Street 30 days to have substantial improvements to property.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

DISCUSSION – SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND RELATED MATTERS WITH LEVEL HOMES.

Mayor Reeves pulled item off of agenda and provided update.

MOTION TO RESCIND AND VACATE THE CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM TULLIER SERVICES, L.L.C. FOR CITY HALL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,891.35 WITH THE EXPECTED MAXIMUM OF \$75,000.00 THAT WAS ADOPTED ON AUGUST 8, 2017.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine rescind and vacate the city's acceptance of bid from Tullier Services, L.L.C. for city hall maintenance improvements in the amount of \$61,891.35 with the expected maximum of \$75,000.00 that was adopted on August 8, 2017.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

DISCUSSION – SHOPPING CARTS LEFT AROUND CITY AND RELATED MATTERS.

Mayor and Board of Selectmen requested letters to be sent to Butcher Boy and Rouses Market #68 expressing the city's concern on shopping carts left around the city with item to be placed back on agenda.

DISCUSSION – PHONE SYSTEM AND RELATED MATTERS.

Chief of Police Kenneth Payne addressed issues related to the phone system and requested assistance in resolving those issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT

Utility Director Frank Mott provided status of ongoing projects.

c) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of ongoing projects.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

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

e) CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE

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

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot provided status of city finances.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR FEBRUARY 2018.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for February 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of February 6, 2018 (special 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., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Timothy L. Martinez

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk